



Newsletter 28th April 2023

To all our families and friends

I am delighted to inform you that the final Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection on 13th and 14th March accompanies this newsletter. The report will also be accessible via the school website from today and published on the official Ofsted report website in a few days' time. The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in July 2017.

It gives me great pleasure to share that Her Majesty's Inspector judged Watton at Stone Primary school as a Good school.

I am delighted that the hard work undertaken by the staff and Governors has been recognised, including the comments regarding our high expectations for behaviour and learning, the support offered to pupils with SEND, safeguarding, the provision for the children in the early years, how the school deals effectively with bullying, the wider range of extra curricular clubs offered and the progress that we have made in the last 3 years to develop a strong curriculum (even though we are still currently on this journey). The report itself highlights the many elements of effective provision at our school as well as 2 next steps needed to take the school forward. What is very satisfying is that the next steps identified were already within our development plan prior to this inspection and the associated adaptations are already being implemented. I am passionate about not only Watton being a good school but one that continuously strives to improve and excel.



Message from the School Governors

The Governors are delighted that Ofsted have judged that our school continues to be a good school. The report recognises the impact of the hard work and dedication we see from all members of staff and the positive impact this has had on the school's pupils. We remain extremely grateful for Mrs Etienne's leadership and drive to improve the school, and that all members of staff work together so that the children can achieve their potential. It is important to note however that the hard work doesn't stop here. The staff and Governors will continue to strive to improve the school - the areas for improvement identified by the Inspector are matters that the school had already begun working on. We remain grateful for the support the school receives from parents and carers, and hope that we can all continue to work together for the benefit of the children.

Liz Aston and Jessica Bentley

Sponsored Bounce Fundraiser

Before the Easter holiday, all of the children took part in our annual sponsored bounce fundraiser. This is a major fundraiser that we organise annually and the money raised is used to enhance the curriculum even further during the year with special events and visits from external companies which we wouldn't normally be able to afford. This year we are hoping to organise music and science workshops as well as bringing in an amazing pantomime company nearer Christmas. Please can we ask that all promised sponsorship money now be brought into school and handed to the class teacher or paid directly to the school via the Gateway. Like last year, we will be awarding prizes to the child in each phase across the school who individually raises the most money and a certificate for all of the children who bring in their sponsorship money, no matter how much this may be - every £ will make a big difference. We would really appreciate all the sponsorship money being sent in by the end of this month so that we are able to start to plan at least one of the enrichment opportunities before the end of the school year.



This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	96.4%
Macintosh Class(1)	98.1%
Antonelli class (2)	97.7%
Anning Class (3)	99.1%
Goodall Class (4)	90.9%
Galileo Class (5)	98.3%
Wallace Class (6)	98.4%

Whole school attendance this week is: 97.25%

Whole school attendance this term is: 97.05%

Well done Anning class for having the best attendance in school this week.

Our Attendance target each week is 97%

This year, we are due to be open for 189 days which equates to 378 sessions with registration in the morning at 08:50 and after lunch in the afternoon. Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration. The class with the best attendance each week will win the Attendance trophy to keep in class until the following Friday.

Cupcake Competition

Does your child enjoy baking or decorating cakes? Would they like to enter our Coronation Day cupcake competition next Friday (5th May)? We would love lots of children to decorate cupcakes in a style that reflects the forthcoming Coronation and bring them into the school hall next Friday (via the gates in the staff car park). They don't need to even bake the cupcakes, just decorate them in a creative way. During the day, the cakes will be judged, prizes awarded and then the cakes distributed across the school so that hopefully everyone gets a cake (or part of a cake) to enjoy before home time. We hope that lots of children will want to enter this event.

Please ensure that all entries are clearly named with the class that your child is in too so that we judge similar year groups together. Thank you



Absence from School

We recognise that children do get ill and there are certainly plenty of bugs and viruses around at the moment. However, if your child is only slightly under the weather or has a cold, please do send them into school unless they are really unwell and unfit for school.

When a child is absent from school, they miss out on their learning and shared experiences with friends which means that when they return to school they may feel left out and will not have the 'background learning' for tasks. Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absence per school year see negative results throughout their education journey- resulting in a whole GCSE deficit by the time they leave secondary education. Obviously, we are not advocating sending poorly children into school, but we are asking you to be mindful about whether your child really does need to stay at home and the impact on their learning and social well-being in doing so. If your child is not well enough to attend school, please contact the school office with an explanation for the absence before 9.30am for each day of absence (unless your child has diarrhea and vomiting which requires children to be off school for 48 hours). Thank you.

Free Fire Safety Visits



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service in partnership with Public Health

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue would like to offer you a

FREE Safe & Well Visit

Incorporating **HOME FIRE SAFETY**

You may be eligible for a **FREE** smoke detector. The visit includes advice covering general aspects of health and wellbeing to help keep you safe and well.

Firefighters will be in your area over the next few days. This service is open to all Hertfordshire residents, but if you do not wish to take advantage of this service please leave this card on your doorstep. All Fire Service personnel will be in uniform and show ID cards.

Hertfordshire County Council: Providing the opportunity to be healthy and safe.



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If you would like a **FREE** Safe and Well Visit incorporating **HOME FIRE SAFETY** but are not available over the next few days, please call:

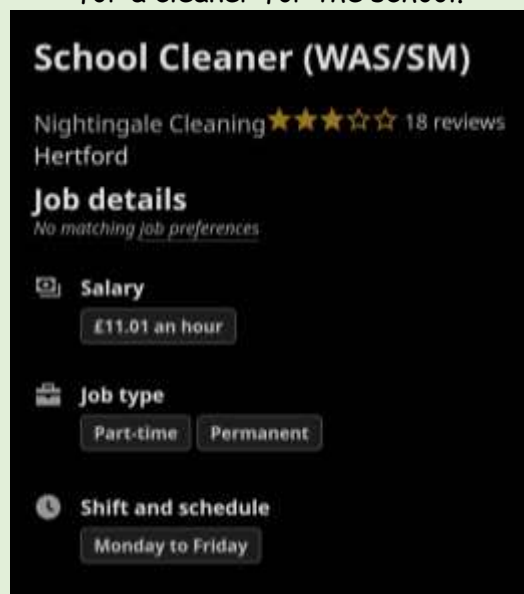
0300 123 4046

to book your appointment. Alternatively visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

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Vacancy

To apply, please contact Indeed. The position is for a cleaner for the school.



School Cleaner (WAS/SM)

Nightingale Cleaning ★★★★★ 18 reviews
Hertford

Job details
No matching job preferences

Salary
£11.01 an hour

Job type
Part-time Permanent

Shift and schedule
Monday to Friday

School Uniform

Please can we remind parents that school uniform is expected to be worn unless your child is participating in PE, when the correct school PE kit should be worn (green t shirt, green fleece, black shorts or black jogging bottoms, plimsolls or trainers). We completely appreciate that school uniforms are expensive and may be an added expense to already stretched finances. We do have some second-hand items in school and encourage parents to email the office if you are struggling with school uniforms. We will try our very best to help you out if we are able to.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p>Phoenix P for achieving a big personal goal this week, we are SO proud of you.</p> <p>Eva M for being an amazing friend, she has been so kind and caring this week.</p>	<p>Louis G for having a brilliant week, he has been confident and happy at Preschool.</p>
Nur	<p>Lucia D - for being super brave this week and staying all day! Great work Lucia!</p> <p>Leon E - for trying really hard this week with his learning and following instructions, excellent Leon, keep it up!</p>	<p>Grace M - for being a lovely friend this week and playing really nicely with other children in the class. Fantastic Grace!</p>
Rec	<p>Gianni M - for listening to us and improving his handwriting. He always wants to do his best and always shows a love of learning.</p>	<p>George P - For wow-ing with his reading this week and for helping me in the garden tidying leaves so willingly.</p>
Year 1	<p>Beatrice and Francis - for their love of learning. Both children have made excellent progress and are working so hard.</p>	<p>Charlie - for having a positive change in his behaviour.</p> <p>Jacob - for being respectful to all adults in the room. He is an excellent role model</p>
Year 2	<p>Lily H - for making sensible choices and being an outstanding role model.</p>	<p>Mayci T - for always working to the best of her ability.</p> <p>Logan T - for showing a love for learning.</p>
Year 3	<p>Sam A and Liam V - fabulous teamwork in orienteering on Wednesday afternoon. They were outstanding role models in the activity and showed a great love of learning.</p>	<p>Gracie D - making fabulous sticky knowledge links between fair trade in her Geography and PSHE lesson. She showed a real love of learning.</p>
Year 4	<p>Monty K - for his love of learning and trying to the best of his ability, especially in maths this week where he has found some of the work challenging.</p>	<p>Rose H - for her love of learning and the enthusiasm she brings to the classroom. Rose is always willing to participate in every lesson</p>
Year 5	<p>Harley DS- for being an outstanding role model and consistently meeting all our gold values.</p> <p>Theo C- for constantly making the right choices.</p>	<p>Esmee T- for showing a love of learning in maths this week.</p>
Year 6	<p>Jasmine L - always working to the best of her ability even when she finds it hard.</p> <p>Oscar W - always being well mannered and being an outstanding role model.</p>	<p>Lucas B - showing good behaviour in class and trying his best in his lessons this week.</p>

King Charles III Coronation Day

With King Charles III Coronation fast approaching, we have been thinking about how we would like the children in school to mark this occasion. Most of our celebrations will take place on Friday 5th May but the class art projects may possibly take place throughout the whole week. Please take a look below at the planned activities for this day. We are hoping that lots of children will enter the Coronation cupcake competition for an opportunity to showcase their baking and decorating skills.

Our planned activities for the day

Coronation Cupcake competition

On Friday 5th May, come to school with a cupcake or cupcakes decorated with a Coronation themed design. During the day we will judge the cupcakes and choose a winner for the early years, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. Once the cakes have been judged, they will be distributed amongst the classes so that all the children get to sample the delicious cakes. Please bring your cupcake entries to the hall in the morning. Prizes will be awarded for the winning cupcakes in all the phases. Please remember we are a nut free school.

A Coronation Day assembly

A chance for the children to find out more about the Coronation and sing the Coronation Day song which they have been learning.

Coronation Parade

Come to school on 5th May dressed in your best crown or come dressed ready for a Royal occasion. If children would prefer, then they could also come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothes (please no football kits or superhero costumes to be worn). There will be a parade during the day so that children get to see everyone's outfits.

Coronation patchwork wall hangings

Children in KS2 will create as a class, a large scale patchwork hanging depicting images of King Charles III which will be displayed around the school

King Charles III Portraits

Children in the Early Years and KS1 will create as a class, large scale pieces of art containing images iconic British and royal images which will be displayed in large frames around the school.

Coronation lunch

There will be a special Coronation Day lunch available on Friday 5th May. Details of this lunch will be sent home in a separate message nearer the time of the event.

Headteacher's Awards



Each week, staff are constantly looking for children in the school who are showing awareness of one or more than one of our school learning values. These values will help children to become better learners as well as developing their relationships with others around them. Children are recognised for their achievements with being awarded Headteacher's Awards.

Reception:

Kennedy T - for his creative painting and labelling in Science this week
Eoin P - for his thoughtful painting and independent learning.

Year 1:

Amelia and Elliot for having high aspirations and working hard on their handwriting presentation.

Year 2:

Danny - for showing empathy and kindness.
Bella - for having high aspirations.

Year 3:

Joshua - having pride in his handwriting and written English work.

Year 4:

Eve - for developing her resilience, especially in maths.

Year 5:

Cornelius D- for consistently showing all of our learning values. He is always respectful and is curious in all lessons.

Year 6:

Blake - writing an outstanding poem

Safeguarding at Watton at Stone

If you have a safeguarding concern about a pupil at the school, then we would like you to get in touch with one of designated safeguarding leads at the school to share your concerns. The safeguarding leads are Nikki Etienne, Sukhi Gill and Elise Chatman. Please either speak to one of these members of staff directly about your concerns or ask the admin team to help you arrange a meeting with one of them. We take the safeguarding of all our children extremely seriously.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Isabelle G - 25th April
Thomas O - 25th April
Jethro B - 26th April
Jacob S - 27th April
Isabella L - 28th April

House Points

This Week:

First place - Red House - 332
Second place - Blue House - 267
Third place - Green House - 247
Fourth place - Yellow House - 176

Overall this half term

First place - Green House - 1,267
Second place - Red House - 1,309
Third place - Blue House - 1,194
Fourth place - Yellow House - 1,121

Family Centre Update

Sign up with your local Family Centre TODAY - it's free and easy to do!
Did you know that we require all families to [sign up to access our free service?](#)

Why not come along to try our Physical Fun session on a Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 pm at Beane Valley Family Centre. The session is suitable for children from 18 months. There is no charge for the session.

If your child has special educational needs and disabilities or you have concerns around their development that are undiagnosed but you would like to talk to our friendly staff about, come along to our SEND Drop-In at Beane Valley on Thursday 4 May, 1 June and 6 July between 12.30 and 2 pm.

RSPB Wild Challenge Bronze Award




Science club successfully completed and achieved the Bronze award for the RSPB Wild Challenge! Congratulations to the children who attended Science club during the Spring term.

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

**Broxbourne
Starting
May 2023**

**A FREE course for Mums, Dads,
Step-Parents and Carers of
children 5-19yrs**



**Thursday mornings
9.30am—11.30am
4, 11, 18, 25 May, 8, 15, 22 & 29 June 2023**
At
Wormley School Community Room
Cozens Lane East,
Broxbourne, EN10 6QA

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

Places are for families with children 5-19 years old
For eligibility and to book your FREE place please contact:
Tel: 01992 303331 Opt. 5



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Healthy/well balanced Packed Lunches

Children need to eat well as it will give them energy and nutrients to grow and develop, be healthy and active. A healthy, enjoyable lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school. It is generally considered to be a good idea to involve your child in preparing their own lunchbox or make suggestions as to what they would like to eat. They are more likely to enjoy food they have made themselves.

As a school we promote the children eat a well balanced packed lunch or school dinner. Please do not put the following items in their lunch boxes:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate bars or sweets (this doesn't include small chocolate covered biscuits e.g. a 2 fingered Kit Kat, Penguin bar etc which could be their 'treat' item.
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- Energy drinks

NO NUT products - we have children in school with nut allergies (including Nutella or equivalent spreads)

For suggestions of different packed lunch ideas, there are many websites that offer advice. Here are a couple of suggested websites.

[Search | Tesco Real Food](#)

[Healthy lunches for... kids | BBC Good Food](#)

SUPER STAR SPORT

MAY SPORTS CAMP

30th MAY - 2nd JUNE

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Boys & Girls Welcome

RECEPTION - YEAR 7

DAY	ACTIVITIES
TUESDAY: SUMMER SPORTS DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team EventsOlympic GamesSuper TennisBaseballRoundersAmerica Football Fun
WEDNESDAY: INFLATABLE DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bouncy Castle Fun!GymnasticsFantastic FootballBeat the goalieWacky RacesBrilliant Basketball
THURSDAY: NINJA WARRIOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Time trialsAthleticsBalance testsObstacle CoursesNinja DodgeballCamouflage
FRIDAY: SPORTS WATER DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Water balloon shot putCross the riverWater splash dashSoak the coachMusical water dropSplat Tournament

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Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

May

1st - May bank holiday
2nd - Teacher Strike - partial school closure
3rd - Class photographs
5th - Coronation Day celebrations
8th - Extra bank holiday
9th - 12th May - KS2 SAT's
15th - 19th - Walk to school week
16th - Inter House Netball and Football matches
15th - 19th May - Mental Health Awareness week
25th May - Year 2 class assembly
29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

June

5th June - INSET Day (report writing)
6th - 16th - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check assessments
12th - 16th June - Fitness Week
13th June - Sports Day
Week beginning 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening week
19th - 23rd June - Year 6 PGL
29th June - Reception class assembly
30th June - Watton has talent

July

Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Bikeability
6th July - Year 6 class assembly
3rd - 7th July - Assessment week
12th July - reports sent out to parents
18th/19th - Year 6 end of school production
21st July - Year 6 Leavers assembly
21st July - End of Term

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