



Newsletter 5th May 2023



To all our families and friends

For many of our staff and pupils, this has been a much shorter than normal week, following the bank holiday on Monday and then the teacher strike on Tuesday. However, for the rest of this week, we have been looking forward to our Coronation Day celebrations which mainly took place today.

It was wonderful to see everyone take part in this event and as always, these events really bring the whole school together to celebrate. Children and staff dressed up in red, white and blue, some dressed as members of the Royal family, others came dressed ready for a royal event. Lots of children took part in our Coronation Day cupcake competition and demonstrated their creative decorating skills and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to create whole class pieces of Coronation artwork which we plan to display in the school. Congratulations to the following children who won the cake decorating competition today for their age category. A huge thank you to the judging panel who had such a difficult decision today as all of the cakes looked absolutely incredible. The prizes were awarded to the following children for the creativity of their designs:

Early Years - Matilda (Reception) and Jack P (Nursery)

Key Stage 1 - Erin B (Year 2) and Riley E (Year 1)

Lower Key Stage 2 - Mila S (Year 4) and Martha E (Year 3)

Upper Key Stage 2 - Jake V (Year 6) and Jasmine L (Year 6) partnered with Darcie C (Year 5)

We had nearly 500 cupcakes in total and so therefore all the children were given a cake each to enjoy during the day. The rest of the cakes were given away at the end of the day to families and children.

Intervention Information

If your child is going to be receiving additional intervention this term in either reading, writing or mathematics, then by now you should have received this information. Please do check your child's book bags if you haven't checked these recently. The purpose of these interventions is to support a pupil to catch up but we do try and minimise how many interventions take place in each class so that the children don't miss out on other lessons across the curriculum. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like further information about the interventions taking place this term.

Sponsored Bounce Fundraiser

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported our most recent whole school fundraiser. We have been amazed by the amount that the sponsored bounce raised and the generosity of our parents and families. To date, we have raised a total of £3,800!!!! This money will be used to fund music and science workshops for children in KS1/KS2, a special early years event as well as the panto at Christmas time. Every child who brought in their sponsorship money, no matter how much they raised, will receive a certificate for their efforts. We will be awarding these certificates next week so please do bring in any outstanding money by the beginning of next week to ensure that you child gets their certificate. We will also be looking to award prizes for the children in each key stage who have personally raised the most money and look forward to sharing this with you next week.

Walk To School Week

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (15-19 May). The nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life.

This year's challenge, Walk with Wildlife, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting various animals along the way, they'll learn about the important reasons to walk and the difference it can make for individuals, communities and the planet!

Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

Please can you make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on the week commencing 15th May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sun cream

As we move into the summer term, there will hopefully be some warmer and sunnier days to enjoy. With this in mind, there may be days where the temperatures are high and therefore you are advised to apply sun cream to your child before the start of the school day. Unfortunately, staff at the school are not able to apply sun cream to the children ourselves due to our safeguarding practices as well as this also being incredibly time consuming when all children have brought in their own bottles of sun cream to be applied.

If your child is in KS1 or KS2 and is able to apply the sun cream themselves, then they may bring in a bottle to keep in their school bag and they can apply it themselves if required. However, please don't send children in Nursery or Reception to school with sun cream as they are too young to apply this properly on their own. As a school, we do monitor the amount of time children are exposed to the sun and high temperatures so that they don't burn. However, this is most effective when children have been applied with sun cream before the start of the school day. Thank you for your support.

This Weeks attendance %

Carson (R)	97%
Macintosh Class(1)	98%
Antonelli class (2)	97.5%
Anning Class (3)	98.9%
Goodall Class (4)	93.2%
Galileo Class (5)	97.7%
Wallace Class (6)	97.2%

Whole school attendance this week is: 97.12%

Whole school attendance this term is: 97.07%

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.

Year 4 Fantastic Finish

On Tuesday, Year 4 took part in a French Fabulous Finish. Their recent focus in French was to learn how to say different flavoured ice creams and then learn how to ask for an ice cream of their favourite flavour ensuring they said 'Please'. To get an ice cream, the children had to request it in French before Mrs Bunce served them. Ice cream was enjoyed by all.



Year 1 Geography lesson



In geography year one have been looking at different maps and directions. They had to use directional language to guide each other (whilst blindfolded) to different parts of our school grounds.

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

Coronation Day Bookmarks

Today, every child in the school has been given a Coronation Day bookmark. We hope that the children get to use these as well as keep them as a keep sake of this very special royal occasion. The Friends of Watton have also agreed to pay for these using funds raised at their events. A huge thank you to the FOW.



Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	Ronnie U - for doing some amazing counting He has impressed us with his number knowledge.	Lily H-N -has been a lovely kind friend helping the new children to settle into Preschool. Ned H-N for having an amazing week. He has played well in Preschool and has been following the routine well.
Nur	Romilly B - for working to the best of her ability and really impressing us with her reading this week. Excellent Romilly! Jack P - for always being an excellent role model and sharing his knowledge about the coronation with us this week. Fantastic Jack!	Lottie W - for always following all of our great to be gold behaviours. Lottie is a fantastic role model to everyone around her and always tries her best. Fantastic Lottie!
Rec	Matilda M - for having a love of learning and always being prepared to have a go.	Milly D - for being a fantastic Role Model in class. Millie is always ready to learn and shows great independence in her learning
Year 1	Freya B and Francis - for working to the best of their ability in reading. Both have been making a conscious effort to read more outside of school.	Elliot - for his impeccable behaviour outside the classroom.
Year 2	Erin B - for being an outstanding role model by constantly making the right choices.	Bella - for being an outstanding role model by always showing a love for learning
Year 3	Beau and Seren - for being outstanding role models, every single day in their attitude to work and school.	Jack and Bobby - for working to the best of their ability in their coronation art work - great partnership skills too.
Year 4	Finley S. - who always pays attention to all adults and works to the best of his ability. This is especially true in maths where Finley has become very resilient and adopted a 'can do' attitude.	Erin - who always comes into class with enthusiasm and a love of learning.
Year 5	Alex B - for always making the right choices and being well-mannered. Darcie C - for being an outstanding role model.	Alfie M - for working to the best of his ability and always presenting his work beautifully.
Year 6	Henry H - for working to the best of his ability across the board and being well mannered.	Shannon P and Freya H - for their outstanding behaviour for learning, especially with their conscientious effort towards final SATs preparations and revision.

Coronation Day Gallery





Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Lillie C - 29th April
 Theo JDS - 29th April
 Grace B - 30th April
 Elliot C - 30th April
 Thomas Y - 1st May
 Imogen C - 2nd May
 Cait S - 2nd May
 Elizabeth F - 3rd May
 Jess P - 4th May

House Points

This Week:

First place - Red House - 398
 Second place - Green House - 377
 Third place - Blue House - 357
 Fourth place - Yellow House - 322

Overall this half term

First place - Red House - 1,770
 Second place - Green House - 1,644
 Third place - Blue House - 1,551
 Fourth place - Yellow House - 1,443

HOUSE POINTS

Coronation Day Lunch

We had hoped that all of the children could have had a picnic lunch on the field today but the weather forecast predicted rain and sure enough it did rain this morning. Instead, the ladies in the kitchen made some delicious Coronation treats for the children which they thoroughly enjoyed.





MAY SPORTS CAMP



30th MAY - 2nd JUNE

PRIZES TO
BE WON!

Boys &
Girls
Welcome

RECEPTION
- YEAR 7

TUESDAY: SUMMER SPORTS DAY

- ★ Team Events
- ★ Olympic Games
- ★ Super Tennis

- ★ Baseball
- ★ Rounders
- ★ America Football Fun

WEDNESDAY: INFLATABLE DAY

- ★ Bouncy Castle Fun!
- ★ Gymnastics
- ★ Fantastic Football

- ★ Beat the goalie
- ★ Wacky Races
- ★ Brilliant Basketball

THURSDAY: NINJA WARRIOR

- ★ Time trials
- ★ Athletics
- ★ Balance tests

- ★ Obstacle Courses
- ★ Ninja Dodgeball
- ★ Camouflage

FRIDAY: SPORTS WATER DAY

- ★ Water balloon shot put
- ★ Cross the river
- ★ Water splash dash

- ★ Soak the coach
- ★ Musical water drop
- ★ Splat Tournament

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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at
Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>
Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

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.

Diary Dates

Diary dates in red – new dates added this week

May

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
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
27th - Paul Sturgess (Inspiration speaker) to lead an assembly and workshops
27th - New to Nursery Parent Meeting 6pm
29th - New to Reception Parent Meeting 6pm
29th June - Reception class assembly
30th June - Watton has talent

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>
Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

July

Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Bikeability

6th - Year 6 class assembly

3rd - 7th - Assessment week

3rd - Year 4 visit to Hindu temple

12th - reports sent out to parents

13th - Year 6 transfer day to secondary school

13th - Move up morning to new classes

14th - Bastille Day (themed French Day in school)

18th/19th - Year 6 end of school production

21st - Year 6 Leavers assembly

21st - End of Term