



Newsletter 12th May 2023

To all our families and friends,

This week, our Year 6 children have been completing their end of KS2 SAT's tests. The staff have been so impressed with the maturity and sensible attitudes toward these tests from every single child. They approached them all positively, with enthusiasm and a calm manner and all gave 100% of their focus and effort. We couldn't have been more proud of everyone.

A huge thank you to the staff and volunteers involved in SAT's too this week. To those staff that came in extra early to set up and provide breakfast for every child everyday, to all of the staff, who wouldn't normally work in year 6 who helped to support the children and to the Year 6 teaching team for supporting the children emotionally and preparing them academically for this week. Now that this week is over, we can look forward to other exciting projects and events and preparing them for their extremely important transition to secondary school.

Today, they have enjoyed a much more relaxing day and had a few treats too. They started the day with a special breakfast of bacon/sausage sandwiches which Denise in the kitchen very kindly made them all. Thank you very much Denise and Catherine. They've also enjoyed ice creams and cakes this afternoon!!

Next week is Walk to School Week and we would like to actively encourage all children and families to walk to school and hopefully this could be the start of a new routine for you and your families, if you don't already walk to and from school daily.

Why is walking to school so important?

Happier Children

It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates!

Less Congestion

During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children school, contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.

Cleaner air

The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO₂ per year (which is more than some small countries!). Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?

Park and Stride

Park and Stride is a simple idea for families who live far away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. Please park a ten minute walk from school and complete the last part of the journey on foot. It reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around the school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey.



Sponsored Bounce Prize Winners

As published last week, we raised an incredible amount of money for our sponsored bounce this year (our new total is £4,005) and this wouldn't have happened without your continued help and support. All children should have received their certificates by now no matter how much they raised as every £ really did help. This week, we have already booked the Christmas pantomime (Jack and Beanstalk) which will take place at the end of November and will be funded by the money raised. We are looking into booking other events and workshops too so that we can really enhance the children's learning experiences. In each phase across the school, we are also awarding a prize to the child who personally raised the most money. In the Early Years - Kaden C (Reception)
In Key Stage 1 - Rafe B (Year 2)
In Lower Key Stage 2 - Chloe BM (Year 3)
In Upper Key Stage 2 - Theo C (Year 5)
We will be awarding these prizes in assembly on Monday morning as we didn't have an assembly today.

Mental Health Awareness Week

In school next week, we will be raising awareness of mental health as part of a national drive to talk more openly about this, and to discuss and experience different ways to support the children with managing their mental health. The schools Children's Wellbeing and Mental Health team, have planned a range of different activities for teachers to try out with their classes next week. All classes will be engaging daily in a short activity/discussion to raise further awareness. For parents, there are various resources you can access to support mental health, including the Lily Jo Project. Here is the link to access the website:
[Parents - The Lily Jo Project](#)

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)	91.7%
Macintosh Class(1)	93.1%
Antonelli class (2)	98.9%
Anning Class (3)	98.7%
Goodall Class (4)	98.3%
Galileo Class (5)	100%
Wallace Class (6)	99.1%

Whole school attendance this week is: 96.8%

Whole school attendance this term is: 97.05%

Well done Galileo class for having 100% 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.

Friends of Watton Update

The disco is back on! We have a new date for the disco - Thursday 25th May. If you purchased tickets for the previous date and your child/children would like to attend on the 25th you don't need to do anything - we will transfer all tickets over to the 25th. If you purchased tickets and your child is unable to make the new date please email us at Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com and we will organise a refund. Finally, if you would like to buy a ticket/ tickets for the new date they are available on Classlist -

https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/962300709?s=6405253079498752&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK

If you're having a clear out in the next few weeks, sorting out the winter/ summer clothes, please hold on to any you no longer need for our upcoming clothing collection on the 22nd and 23rd May. Please bring your items into school on those days and leave them in the bike shed (if your items need to be brought in before that please take them into reception). Please tell your families and friends and collect as much as possible. Sorry NO BEDDING, CURTAINS, BRANDED UNIFORM, SOFT TOYS, TOWELS, PYJAMAS, DRESSING GOWNS OR UNDERWEAR (OTHER THAN BRAS) OR WORN OR TORN CLOTHING, but they do collect shoes, handbags, belts, hats and caps if you have any. For more info visit - www.tinyurl.com/mxekf3yu

Our Father's Day stall is coming up on Friday 16th June and we need some parent volunteers to set up the stall and help the smallest customers. If you're able to help (roughly from 9-11.30) please let us know via email at Friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com

Key Stage 1 SAT's tests

In Year 2, Miss Oakley is responsible for judging the standards Year 2 children are working at in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform those judgements, children sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure the children's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how the children are performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Children may not even know they are taking them as Miss Oakley will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities. She will use the results from these tests, along with the work the children have done throughout the year, to help her reach her judgements about how the children are progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to parents by the end of the summer term.

The Year 2 SAT's will start on Monday 15th May and finish on Friday 26th May.

We recently held a parent's information evening and the powerpoint shared during this meeting has been saved to the Year 2 class page on the website. Please refer back to this powerpoint if you require more information about the Year 2 SAT's tests.

Great to Be Gold

Pre Sch	<p>Wren R - for joining in really well with Preschool routines.</p> <p>Aurelia F - for settling in so well to Preschool.</p>	<p>Dylan C - for being an excellent friend and helping them when they are sad.</p>
Nur	<p>Violet HN - for working to the best of her ability and impressing us with her independent reading this week! Great work Violet!</p> <p>William H - for trying really hard at school and showing a love of learning when drawing his 'popcorn car'. Excellent William!</p>	<p>Olivia L - for showing a love of learning during forest school and our Jigsaw activity this week. Well done Olivia, keep it up!</p>
Rec	<p>Penelope W - for always following all of the GTBG values.</p> <p>Arthur A - for always being keen and ready to learn. He gives thoughtful answers to questions</p>	<p>Jordan T - for following all of the GTBG values. Jordan is always so polite and friendly to all his friends</p>
Year 1	<p>Blanche T - for being so respectful to all the adults in the classroom</p> <p>Jess P - for being a kind friend and inviting children to play with her</p>	<p>Verity S - for working to the best of her ability in writing and maths</p>
Year 2	<p>Lillie C - constantly making the right choices.</p> <p>Louis C - always working to the best of his ability across all subjects, including homework.</p>	<p>Millie B - impeccable behaviour during both learning time and play time</p>
Year 3	<p>Gracie - she was nominated by Mrs Bunce for showing kindness and checking that a younger child was ok.</p> <p>Erin - for being reflective by making links between her guided reading text and her science lessons on forces.</p>	<p>Sam B - for working with others and being a great coach in class with another child.</p>
Year 4	<p>Eve W - for always paying attention to adults and showing impeccable behaviour outside of the classroom.</p>	<p>Ronny G - who shows a real love of learning, especially in maths, and works to the best of his ability in every subject.</p>
Year 5	<p>Oliver G - for showing a love of learning in maths.</p>	<p>Annabelle T - for being an outstanding role model.</p>
Year 6	<p>Blake S - for working to the best of his ability in every session this week and being a great role model.</p>	<p>Lacey B - for showing a love of learning and working to the best of her ability in school and at home.</p>

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:

Isaac W-P - for his creative colouring and the pride he had in the finished product

Year 1:

Iris for showing curiosity in art and asking some wonderful questions about our new topic of weaving.

Year 2:

Sam - for having high aspirations and pride in his writing.

Frankie - for being independent.

Grace - for always being respectful.

Year 3:

Seren - outstanding role model to others. Always works hard, kind and a great friend to others.

Year 4:

Misha - for being resilient in maths, especially when he has found the work challenging.

Year 5:

Cornelius - for demonstrating all of our learning values

Theo - for working independently and being reflective with his writing today.

Year 6:

All the children in Year 6 - for showing great resilience, having a sense of pride in their achievements and having high aspirations this week when completing their SAT tests.

School Uniform Reminders

Children **MUST** wear full uniform including **black school shoes**, except on PE days. On PE days we encourage children to come to school in PE clothes (school t-shirt, black joggers or shorts and trainers)

No rucksacks or other bags. Book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles only please.

Long hair **MUST** be tied back and **all jewellery must be removed (except for stud earrings).**

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Birthdays this week

We wish these children a very happy birthday



Jack B - 6th May
Felicity E - 7th May
Charlie R - 12th May

House Points

This Week:

First place - Red House - 572

Second place - Yellow House - 541

Third place - Blue House - 516

Fourth place - Green House - 501

Overall this half term

First place - Red House - 2,279

Second place - Green House - 2,145

Third place - Blue House - 2,076

Fourth place - Yellow House - 1,984

HOUSE POINTS

Preschool Admissions September 2023

We are now planning our admissions for Preschool for September 2023 and have spaces available.

If you know a child who is 2 or above, please contact us to enquire about what we can offer!

Flexible sessions and funding options are available! To find out more please pop into our Preschool admin office or complete a registration of interest form which is available on our school website.





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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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

15th – 19th – Walk to school week

15th – 19th – Mental Health Awareness week

Week beginning 15th – Key Stage 1 SAT's start

16th – Inter House Netball and Football matches

19th – Year 6 trip to Henry Moore Studio

25th – FOW children's disco from 3.30pm

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

15th – FGB meeting

16th – Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle

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

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

29th June - Reception class assembly

30th June - Watton has talent

July

Week beginning 3rd July - Year 6 Bikeability

6th - Year 6 class assembly

3rd - 7th - Assessment week

3rd - Year 4 visit to Hindu temple

3rd - Art Exhibition of all children's work in the hall from 3.30pm

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