

Term Dates 2022

Term 6: 6.6.22—21.7.22

***We have been given an extra day off due to the Jubilee bank holiday, only just announced to us in May. Our last day at school is now on 21st July, and NOT 22.7.22*



WATERINGBURY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June and July 2022

Hello, everyone!

Well we've made it to end of the year: the first full year for three years and my first at Wateringbury. What a year it has been with the return of covid, heat waves and then potential closures because of water!! I'm just waiting for the plague of locust (although there was a ridiculously large number of shield bugs on the trees yesterday!).

I cannot thank you all enough for making me feel so welcome and, so quickly, a part of the Wateringbury family. As I have mentioned before, Wateringbury is the first small school I have worked in and I just love the friendly feel and the 'uniqueness' of our little school even though I was a bit bemused by some of the 'but at Wateringbury we always...'s as the year went on. I am sure some of them were a wind up.

I am really looking forward to next year and all the adventures that are in store for us and I can't think of a better team to be going into battle with. We will be thinking about all our lovely Year 6 children for whom today is their last day. Emotions are, unsurprisingly, high but we are so proud of all they have achieved. In the words of the leavers' song 'Go from here with confidence for all the things to come'. We know you can achieve whatever you set your mind to.

Have a fabulous summer with those that you love and enjoy the time together. I can't wait to see you all back here, fresh-faced and enthusiastic on Monday 5th September.

Best wishes and much love,

Miss Johnson

Miss Johnson
Headteacher

P.S. Apologies if some of the dates/articles in this newsletter are out of date. Poor Lucy did her bit ages ago—the delay is my fault!



Clover Class did like to be beside the seaside!

Learning, growing, achieving... Our journey together with God



Website:
www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk



Contact:
01622 812 199



Email:
office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk

Staffing Update

We are very lucky to have no sad goodbyes to staff this year but we do have a couple of people with changing roles.

Mrs Henry has officially been working as our **FLO** (Family Liaison Officer/Parent Support) for a couple of months now and is already making such an impact on the wellbeing and happiness of some of our children. She will also be leading on our nurture project based in nurture camp, running groups and giving children an additional safe, calm place to be.

Mrs Jones' and **Miss Farrington's** roles will be changing in September and they will be **assistant headteachers** of our school. Don't panic if you are in Bramble or Primrose, they will still be your teachers! I am delighted to have some extra capacity in the leadership team.

Ms Joyce is hanging up her staple gun and will no longer be a teaching assistant in school. As well as pursuing many other exciting opportunities outside of school, she will be working with Mrs Henry as part of our pastoral team within the role of **parent support**.

We also have three new members of staff joining us.

Mrs Moore will be joining our fantastic team of **teaching assistants** and will be based in Foxglove Class (Year 3) with Mr Stevens.

Mrs Emery and **Mrs Jandova** are joining us as **midday supervisors** to help on the playground and in the hall.

There are no other staffing changes apart from the fact that Mrs Goodwin will be teaching Bluebell Class (Year 5) this year and Mr Stevens will be teaching Foxglove Class (Year 3). They are frantically swapping cupboards as I type.

I am grateful to every single member of the Watlington staff team for all their hard work, compassion and creative approach to school life. I feel privileged to work with them and know how lucky the children are to have them to support them. They deserve a good rest over the summer!

Year 5 Visit the Gallagher Stadium...

What a brilliant morning we had taking the children out to Maidstone United stadium, where we were greeted by the CEO of the club. The children were taken round by one of the members of staff and shown the different areas in the stadium. We were able to see the security area, changing rooms and have a chance to go on the pitch, before having a photo with the Champions' Trophy.



... and the circus comes to town!



Showoffs Circus School came to teach Bluebell Class for the day and put on a circus show for us!

Animal Encounters



Foxglove Class met some Amazing Animals on Wednesday. They were all incredibly brave (the children, not the animals!)



Chewie the dog (think Chewbacca!) is the latest member of the Watlington family. He has been visiting us on a Tuesday from a pets therapy charity. He loves listening to children read and even tried playing Jenga once! Chewie will be back with us in September.

YEAR SIX LEAVERS' AWARDS

Last night's Year 6 event evening was spectacular. The children performed the production of 'The Greatest Show' including some interesting acts. The singing from the whole cast was phenomenal and the courage of the amazing soloists is to be applauded.

After a refreshment break (with five star buffet and sangria provided by Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Fisher) we were proud to present the awards and trophies. Well done to all of Year 6 for their positive and supportive attitude to each other but the trophies were awarded thus:

Attendance & Attitude Award: Nate

Science Award: Emily

Sports Award: Tom

Art Award: Alana

Writing Award: Darcey

Music Award: Bobby

Citizenship Award: Anabelle

Governors' Cup: Chloe





Sports Day

A massive well done to everyone involved in our sports day! The children were fabulous! We were particularly impressed with the children who stepped in at the last minute to cover races of those who were off, children who were way out of their comfort zone but pushed themselves and took part anyway, and those who fell and got straight back up again to finish the race. A big thank you to Mr Stevens and Mrs Brazil for all their hard work in organising such a fantastic afternoon. **An enormous well done to Team Rochester** who received the most points and won the cup!





SHARON KENNARD SCHOOL OF DANCE
SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN, PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

01422 718108 07790 144171
www.sksofdance.co.uk

**STARTING 26TH JULY FANT COMMUNITY HALL
FANT LANE MAIDSTONE ME16 8NN**

**DANCE PARTY'S: 2.5-5 YEARS MONDAY'S 10-12 £10
DISCO DIVA DAY'S: 6-10 YEARS TUESDAY'S 10-12 £10
DISCO FEVER: 11+ YEARS WEDNESDAY'S 10-12 £10**

INSTEAD OF SPENDING THE SUMMER INFRONT OF THE TV OR ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHY NOT COME AND ENJOY A PARTY EVERY MONDAY WITH DISCO LIGHTS GAMES DANCING AND SWEETS TO BE WON OR COME AND LEARN A DIFFERENT DISCO DANCE EVERY TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY WITH A PARTY VIBE INCLUDING OUR VERY OWN DISCO BALL AND DISCO LIGHTS WHY NOT TRY LEARNING TIKTOK DANCES TOO (not to be posted online) PLUS SO MUCH MORE...

**PLEASE CONTACT SHARON TO
BOOK YOUR PLACE 07790 266171**

Dates for your diary

7th July	Transition Day for all pupils
12th July	Year 5 Football
13th July	Open afternoon/ meet the teacher
15th July	Last gymnastics
15th July	Year 5 circus workshop
	Reports to parents
	School Disco KS1 5:30-6:30, KS2 6:45-8:00
19th July	Year 6 productions to parents 6pm
20th July	Amazing Animals year 3
21st July	Last day of school

1-2nd Sept	INSET days
5th Sept	First day back for children



The Guru Nanak Temple is a **Sikh Gurdwara** in Gravesend. This month Foxglove and Clover class visited the temple:

'When we went up the stairs, I really started to feel giddy when we got to the 3rd floor. Then when we got to the top of the stairwell, we stopped to listen to our guide. She said that we were going to visit three praying rooms on this floor. The first one we visited we got to sit down next to a white carpet and the guide showed us how Sikhs pray. At the next two praying rooms we walked around to look around at the stand where talks are held. After the final praying room, we were allowed to try a mixture of something similar to cookie dough. When I first tried it I thought I wouldn't like it, but once I tasted it I rather liked it!' Henry, Foxglove



Bright Stars Gymnastics is one of our after school clubs at school.

Our WATERINGBURY gymnasts took part in their annual club championships at Spectrum Gymnastics Academy. Here's how they did:

Level 1 (Year 1&2)
Joint Bronze - Sadie
Level 2 (Year 1&2)
Joint Bronze -Sophia
Joint Silver—
Finola

Well done to everyone that took part, and to our medal winners!! You did Wateringbury proud!



2022/2023 TERM DATES

Term 1: 01.09.22-21.10.22 **Term 2:** 31.10.22-16.12.22
Term 3: 03.01.23-10.2.23 **Term 4:** 20.02.23-31.03.23
Term 5: 17.04.23-26.05.23 **Term 6:** 05.06.23-21.07.23

INSET days (Teacher training day/no children in school):

1st September 2022, 2nd September 2022, 21st October 2022, 3rd January 2023, 26th May 2023

Positivity Tree

Charlie and Lily from Bluebell Class have started the Positivity Tree. Every Friday in our celebration assembly, they announce some nominations around the school. Everyone has the opportunity to nominate someone (child or staff) who have stood out to them; whether it's because they've shown kindness, courage or have just done a good deed. This observations are acknowledged in front of the school and then displayed on our tree in hope to spread some positivity. Excellent idea Charlie and Lily—keep it up!



Our stars are:

Bramble: **Benedict, Henley, Jackson and Freddie K** for just being superstars all week, and coming back from half term with such positive attitude towards school. **Charlotte and Annabella** for both having such a positive attitude towards their learning, but also for being great behaviour role models in Bramble Class. **Jack** for showing a huge improvement in focus and attention as well as working hard to improve his handwriting. **Piper** for demonstrating a really positive attitude towards Sports Day even when there were things she really didn't want to do. **Isla** for working incredibly hard to complete a huge piece of independent writing. **Rhian-n** for making huge improvements in her writing and trying to use her linguistic flair independently.

Honeysuckle: **Phoebe** for always having such a positive attitude towards school. **Jamie** for always being resilient and a fantastic attitude towards his learning. **Samuel** for always participating and for **Sophie** for improving her handwriting SO much. **Jack H** for great enthusiasm in his leaning this week. **Scarlett** for always making the right choices. **Jack C** for being so attentive in class and **Dani** for improving her writing this week.

Foxglove: **Olivia** for great confidence when speaking. **Maisy** for trying her best in English, **Sofia** for great contribution to class discussions. **Finlay G** who has been a really good friend to a member of the class. **Harriet** for super shape work. **Lola** for having the most impeccable manners. Thank you Lola for being such a great role model. **Henry** for stepping in on sports day and filling in the gaps. You always step up to the mark. **Frankie** for improved focus and writing independently this week. Keep it up Frankie! **Maisy** for always being such a helpful member of the class, and always ready to learn.

Clover: **Charlie** for a super attitude to his learning all week and a great use of personification in his writing. **Seren** for always putting in 100% effort and for a super storm description using personification. **Lacie** for some amazing writing in English and always doing her best. **Mario** for much better participation in class discussion and good work on shape and maths. **Jack** for showing great resilience on Sports Day—he should be very proud of himself. **Leo and Fred** for stepping out of their comfort zone! Lots of filling in when others were away on sports day. **Denis** for being brilliant! Well done getting stuck straight in to all our learning. **Daniel** for working hard in every lesson and being kind and helpful.

Bluebell: **All of Bluebell class** for brilliant performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. **Darcey Mae** and **Anna** for having the courage to contribute in class discussion and giving it a go, even if they might be wrong. **Rhys** for persevering with his sports and having the courage to take part in the hurdles on Sports Day. **JoJo** for stepping in and taking part in multiple races on Sports Day. **George C** for brilliant explanations during class guided reading sessions. **Sawyer** for showing compassion and support to his peers. **Primrose:** **Darcey and Anabelle** for persevering and showing incredible bravery during their singing audition. **Savannah** for throwing herself into her role for the year 6 production. **Tom** for great sportsmanship in sports day. **Jude** for bravery when doing something new. **Alfie** for doing the right thing. **Lucy** for amazing effort in everything.

