Wateringbury CE Primary School Newsletter Term One 2022



Hello everyone!

The first term of the academic year is always a busy one and this year has been no different. It seems a long time ago that we were welcoming our new families and pupils to the school, not just into reception but across the school. They have all settled well, making new friends and are learning what it means to be part of Wateringbury School. We are so glad you have joined us.

We have had lots of visitors again this term: touring parents, visiting teachers as well as advisors from the local authority. It is one of my favourite things to do to show off the wonderful things that are happening in the classrooms and our beautiful surroundings. Our children are always keen to talk to visitors about their learning and what they love about school.

This year, I was ably assisted in the tours by our new head and deputy pupils, Anna and Jed. I was keen to give our older pupils more responsibility in school so we created the roles of head pupils and prefects to help in different areas of the school including the library, playgrounds and monitoring indoors at lunchtime. These new pupil leaders join our existing leading lights (spiritual leaders) and castle captains. We are also looking forward to reinstating school council and reading buddies after half term

As well as this newsletter, you will be receiving a list of dates for bigger events in the year. There will be lots more exciting things to add as the year goes on but we wanted to give plenty of notice. On the topic of communication, we will be sending out termly newsletters. You already receive lots of information and updates on learning and events on dojo and I will also send out a brief weekly update email with reminders for the coming week. The termly newsletters will give you a chance to see what has been happening across the school. We hope this more regular communication will ensure everyone is kept in the loop.

Thank you all for your amazing support during this first term of the year. Our Harvest Festival was a celebration of the children's talents but also their empathy and passion to enable change. I have had lovely messages from the church community who were moved by the children's contributions. Thank you.

I wish you and your families a restful and joyful half term and look forward to seeing you all in a week or so ready for all the fun and excitement of term 2.



Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)

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



Reminders

It wouldn't be a newsletter without me nagging about something, would it?! Here are a few reminders for next term:



- * No cars are allowed on the drive between 8:30am—9:00am and 3:00pm—3:30pm. This is because there are families and young children walking on the drive.
- * Children of all ages (school and younger/older siblings) are not allowed to play on the playground equipment before or after school. Oh nor are grown ups! This is because our first aiders are not around then to mop you up when you fall off.
- No pupils (accompanied or not) should be on site before 8:30am. Unaccompanied KS2 pupils will be supervised on the KS2 playground between 8:30 and 8:45am but all KS1 pupils should be with their parents until they are collected at 8:45am.
- * Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform (click here for a reminder on our website) and that ALL items of clothing are NAMED! It is really important that children have a waterproof coat (with hood) in school every day—sometimes it rains inside our building too!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Sealy who will be leaving us to start her maternity leave in early November. We are looking forward to hearing the news of you little one's safe arrival.



Mrs Jones will be covering Mrs Sealy's teaching days..

SNACKS and WATER BOTTLES

If your child brings in a snack for the morning, please make sure that it is only fresh fruit or vegetables and is separate to their packed lunchbox. Children have been eating sweets and biscuits or sneaking most of their packed lunch out so then they have no lunch! KS1 children are provided with a fruit snack.

Children should only have water in their water bottle that they keep in the classroom. They can have a different drink in their packed lunch.



Applying for School Places:

The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31st October. Year 6 parents—don't forget!!!

If your ch Kent County Council mic year (September 2023—August 2024), you need to apply for a primary place. The application window for primary is 4th November 2022 until 16th January 2023. Please visit the KCC site for both applications.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

We are more than aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting all households at the moment. However, schools are always in need of financial support.

We have a scheme at school called Voluntary School Fund (leaflet attached) which relies on small, regular donations from families. The fund helps the school to provide resources and equipment which directly support children's education, provide additional activities and improve the teaching and learning environment. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those families who already

OUR WORSHIP VALUE THIS TERM HAS BEEN 'LOVE' We have listened to lots of stories and examples of different types of love including the parable of The Good Samaritan and learning that the amount of love we have is infinite. We realised that we can learn to be more loving and soft-hearted.

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Mother Theresa "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth." John 3:18

Dear God, Thank you that your love is for everyone. Thank you that your love never runs dry. Help us to receive your love and also to share your love with others. Amen.



Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 1: 01.09.22-21.10.22

Term 2: 31.10.22-16.12.22

Term 3: 03.01.23-10.02.23

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 days/ no children in school): 01.09.22, 02.09.22,

21.10.22. 03.01.23.



Dates for your diary NOVEMBER:

Mon 31st Oct Back to school

FOWPS making guys in school Tues 1st

Parent Consultations

Thurs 3rd New parents stay and play

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Fri 4th Year 4 Swimming 9:30am

FOWPS Bonfire Evening

Mon 7th School photos (indiv. & siblings)

Tues 8th Flu Immunisations

Fri 11th Scout/Guide uniform to school

Fri 18th Children in Need—own clothes

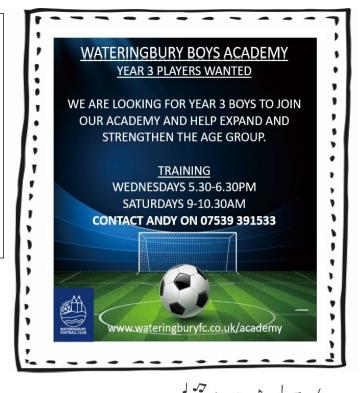
Tues 29th Open Classrooms

Thurs 1st Dec Open Classrooms



We've got parents in mind too! We wanted to offer an accessible club for parents to come together. We run a Netball club open to all parents after school on a Friday. No need to worry about child care—school aged children can come and watch from the side lines. It's all a bit of fun, and all abilities welcome. Our team Firecrackers have even entered a local league! Well done la-

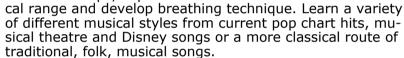
If anyone else is interested in joining the training sessions or a squad, please enquire through the school office.



VOCAL LESSONS with

Amanda Stewart For years 3-6

Voice technique through fun vocal warm-ups, expand vo-



Amanda has 17 Years of experience music tutoring to children with 1-2-1 private lessons and in schools in London and Hertfordshire. Graduating from University West London with Bachelor of music (hons) specialising in pop vocal performance. Amanda runs several successful bands performing at events across the London and the UK. Amanda also runs a music agency booking bands for events and leads the Tonbridge branch of UK SOULCHOIR for adults.

To enquire for lessons please email: amandastewartmusic@googlemail.com



flu: 5 reasons

to vaccinate your child



- Protect your child
 The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications
- such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy
- 4. It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu



















Residential Hindleap Warren



Hindleap Warren is a fun, supportive, adventure centre near Crowborough.

We spent a week doing climbing activities, team work activities, and mud crawling.

It made us feel happy, comfortable and free even though we were away from home. We didn't have our phones, and we could connect with nature

The teachers thought we got along really well—we didn't have to do any work and we bonded with our friends. We enjoyed it so much and we very proud of each other and ourselves.

By Lucia and Bella.

















KS1 went to HEVER CASTLE and loved ith









At the last school uniform shop we raised over £100.00—which goes directly back into the school.

Next Shop:

Thank you to everyone who popped in.

Over the summer holidays

Ram and Sons

Came into school and volunteered their time and materials to build us a platform for a mud kitchen in Bramble class.

A massive **THANK YOU!** to them. We really appreciate these acts of kindness from our local community



Our September Stars are:

Bramble: All the year 1s for being such great learners

and helpers. Jackson for really demonstrating our value of love by looking after and supporting the younger pupils in our class. Lily for always being happy, kind and friendly and for tidying up each day without making a fuss. Sadie for showing huge improvements in her independence and attitude towards her writing. Oliver S for some fantastic facts about Henry VIII.

Honeysuckle: Henley for always making the right choices—a fantastic role model. Elsie for settling in well into Wateringbury life. Isla for being a great role model. George for being a fantastic tidy-upper (amongst other great things). Lilly for always showing kindness to other Miller for showing resilience in his writing. Ivy for being really positive. Piper for a positive attitude to all aspects of her learning.

Foxglove: Jack C for a very mature and grown up start to year 3. Esmee for good concentration and a positive attitude towards her learning. Cybil fir being awesome in class and helping others. Samuel for fabulous contribution in class. Jack H for making good behaviour choices. Olivia for her effort during lessons. Scarlett for consistently working hard and producing good work in all subjects. Eesa for wonderful presentation on his work.

Clover: Maryam for putting her hand up and contributing with enthusiasm. Olivia for being ready to learn and doing her best in every lesson. Jack for working really hard and doing great independent writing. Lottie for always being ready and working really hard on her presentation. Lola for being wide awake and on the ball in maths. Thomas S for super effort in Maths, especially on Friday afternoon! Frankie for great effort in all areas but especially with his handwriting. Annabelle for great ideas in her writing.

Bluebell: Lacie for a great start to the year. Lovely to see Lacie contributing and having a go. Felix for great listening, contributing and good pace of working. Jack for super maths work all week and the sense of pride he felt in this achievement. Denis for great maths and having the confidence to put his hand up and answer questions. Seren for writing a super story ending, making good edits and taking on board tips to improve her work. Sophia for always being ready, working hard and a delight to have in class. Fred for independent work and respect.

Primrose: **Bianca** for showing a great love of learning through enthusiasm in all subjects. **Jamie**, **Emi** and **Olivia** for settling in so well! Feel like you've been here forever already! **Lilia** for great teamwork and friendships. **Naomi** for her effort in class throughout all lessons.









