

# 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'D Johnson'.

Miss Debbie Johnson (Headteacher)

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



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## 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 child is  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,  
26.05.23

School Photos:

Monday 7th  
November



# Welcome back!

### Dates for your diary NOVEMBER:

Mon 31st Oct	Back to school
Tues 1st	FOWPS making guys in school Parent Consultations
Thurs 3rd	New parents stay and play Parent Consultations
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

## WATERINGBURY BOYS ACADEMY YEAR 3 PLAYERS WANTED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YEAR 3 BOYS TO JOIN OUR ACADEMY AND HELP EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN THE AGE GROUP.

TRAINING  
WEDNESDAYS 5.30-6.30PM  
SATURDAYS 9-10.30AM  
CONTACT ANDY ON 07539 391533



### VOCAL LESSONS with Amanda Stewart For years 3-6



Voice technique through fun vocal warm-ups, expand vocal range and develop breathing technique. Learn a variety of different musical styles from current pop chart hits, musical theatre and Disney songs or a more classical route of traditional, folk, musical songs.

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:** [amandastewart-music@googlemail.com](mailto:amandastewart-music@googlemail.com)



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 ladies.

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



## flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. 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 to have
- 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](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)





# Yr6 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 it!





Wateringbury CEP School proudly presents our new

# Second Hand Uniform Shop

Trousers	£2.00	Girls Summer Dress	£1.50
Shorts	£1.50	Summer Dress, new	£2.00
Skirts	£1.50	Girls Pinafore	£1.50
Logo Jumper	£2.00		
Logo Jumper, new	£4.00		
Logo Cardigan	£2.00		
Plain Cardigan	£1.50		
White Polo Top	£1.00		
White Polo Top, new	£2.00		
PE t-shirts	£1.50	Various Coats	£5.00
PE jumpers (yellow)	£4.00	Logo Fleece	£3.00
PE Shorts	£1.50	Logo Coat	£4.00
PE Skorts	£1.50		
Yellow PE bags	£1.00		
PE joggers	£1.50		
Caps	£1.00		
Hair scrunchies	£0.50		



If you find something that's not on the list, please ask a member of the team for a price. Thanks for your support!

If you would like to donate anything for the next sale, please bring any clean uniform that is in good condition to the office. Many thanks!

Next Shop:  
Tues 18th

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

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



Thank you SO much!

With your help, we raised **£3,615!**

## 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 others. **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** for 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.

