

Term Dates 2022

Term 4: 21.2.22—1.4.22

Term 5: 19.4.22—26.5.22

Term 6: 6.6.22—22.7.22



Wateringbury Primary School NEWSLETTER

Hello all!

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it doesn't always feel like it. Despite all else that is going on in the world and with the weather, life and learning goes on at Wateringbury. At times like this, school is a safe place for children where they can just be a child. We are here to support, reassure and answer their questions about what is going on as best we can. Please do speak to, or message, your child's teacher if there are particular concerns at the moment. It is a worrying time for everyone but the classroom is a safe space to raise concerns.

On a more positive note, we have had a lot of visitors in school again coming to see how we do it here. Some are teachers from other schools who have been recommended to come and see us; some are new parents and others are official people from the local authority. We have had lots of positive feedback and people are loving the journey our little school is on and how happy and engaged the children are. We are all so proud of how hard the children have been working. We will be holding Open Classroom sessions again in a couple of weeks (15th and 17th March) and I would strongly recommend that you take time then to, not only enjoy their current learning, but to go back and look at the fantastic progress that they have made since September. I do this with children when they bring their work to show me and they are always so surprised and proud to look back.

Our focus for worship this term is 'forgiveness' and we have been talking with the children about what it means to be truly sorry and to forgive. I am always impressed with how deeply children think about these things and what a strong sense of justice they have. There are many adults in our world who could learn a thing or two from Wateringbury children!

This week saw the start of Lent with a very exciting pancake assembly from Rev. Gary. The beginning of this special time means that Spring cannot be far around the corner: the daffodils, primulas and snowdrops are out so the signs are there.

Once again, thank you to all our parents for the wonderful way in which you support our school and your child's learning. Since joining Wateringbury, I have been so impressed with the level of parental engagement with reading, times tables and other aspects of learning – thank you!

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



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Scooter Pods

You may have noticed two brand new scooter and bike pods behind the gazebo. These are for any of the children to use if they bring their bikes or scooters to school. Please be aware, however, that these are left at the owner's risk. They will be secure when the gates are closed (during the school day) but we can accept no responsibility for them.

We were awarded a grant for these racks from KCC because of the number of children that walk to school – so well done, Wateringbury! Keep up the good work!



Our Neighbours

Wateringbury is the only school I have worked at where I do not get regular complaints from our neighbours about people parking dangerously and inconsiderately so thank you and well done! However, (did you sense there was a 'however' coming!) I have had one of our close neighbours worried about children at pick up and drop off time. If you wait on the drive (particularly near where the Year 5 classroom is, please make sure that you supervise your children. They have been playing in the trees which is ok but recently have been going into her garden and climbing on the wall. It is not fair for people to have their private land encroached upon but, more importantly, the wall is not stable and certainly not safe to climb on. Our neighbour is worried that children are going to get hurt.

The same goes on the KS1 playground – please keep an eye on the little ones. There are often a lot of children on the play equipment unsupervised. The school can take no responsibility for children playing on there after school. I understand it is tempting and it would be unrealistic to say that youngsters can't go on there, but they must be supervised.

Thank you all so much!

Staffing News

This month we have welcomed two new teaching assistants to our school. Mrs Boswell will be mostly working in Honeysuckle and Clover Classes and Mrs Gosling who is based in Foxglove Class. Like all our wonderful TAs, though, they will pop up across the school over the course of the year. Both ladies have settled wonderfully into our school community – it is like they have been here forever!

There are always two sides to every coin and, unfortunately, we will also be saying goodbye to a very beloved member of staff at the end of this term. Mrs McGrath has decided, for personal and family reasons to hang up her TA apron at Easter. I know that she has helped hundreds of our children in KS1 – I dread to think how many books she has listened to children read or coats she helped do up. She will be missed dreadfully here at Wateringbury but I know that her family will be pleased to have her around more.

Wateringbury School Football Friendly



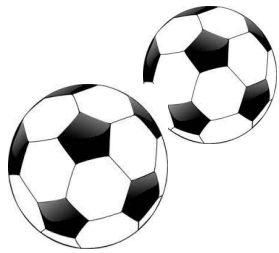
Match report by Arthur and Logan, year 6

We played Capel and Yalding schools at home. It was nice to play in our own goals. The scores were:

Yalding 2—1 Wateringbury

Capel 4—4 Wateringbury, which went to penalties. I saved 2 shots (Arthur). Dixy, Logan and Alfie scored 3 goals.

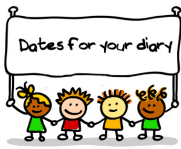
Thank you to Mrs Pain, Mr Pain, Mrs Brazil and Mr Stevens for helping organising, it was decent.



A massive thank you to everyone who donated their used clothes for our bag2school campaign!

We raised £44.00 for the school. Thank you!

Well done to everyone who entered the book in a box competition. Here's a selection of some of the entries. Fantastic effort everyone!



3rd March	World book day
15th&17th March	Open classrooms
17th March	High Hopes Assembly
31st March	Year 3&4 Easter play
1st April	Last day of school
18th April	INSET (no pupils in school)
19th April	Back to school



Mothering Sunday is on
March 27th

Our KS1 classes have drawn
some fantastic pictures of
their mummies. Please keep
your eyes peeled for the
Kent Messenger newspaper
for them to be showcased.



Self Portraits by Clover Class

We learnt to draw a face using the correct proportions, and then tried to draw a self portrait using pencil
We made our own painting tool, using feathers, string, cork, cardboard and sponge. Then created a self portrait
using paint
We looked at the cubism work of Pablo Picasso and created our portrait in the same style
We created our faces out of clay, when the clay had dried we were able to paint them



Food Bank Fridays

Meet the team: Noah, Olivia, Anabelle and Bobby.

They will be working hard organising, collecting and communicating with you all and putting together monthly hampers for the local food bank. First Dojo post from them coming next week. Watch this space

WATERINGBURY'S WONDERWALL

Our new 'Wateringbury's Wonderwall' is a display board in celebration of the children's extra curricular achievements.

Please send your children in with any new achievement certificates/ badges and these will be presented to your child in our Celebration Assemblies on a Friday.

These can be passing gymnastic or swimming levels, music or dance grades, or even new badges from Brownies or Cubs for example. On presentation in school, your child's photo will be taken and put up with pride on our Wonderwall.



Our stars are:

Bramble:

Ellie for showing such confidence in her knowledge of doubling. **Georgie Lou** for such improvement in attitude and some fantastic independent writing this week. **Thomas** for amazing handwriting

Honeysuckle:

Emily for really trying to improve her handwriting and always being smiley. **Sophie** for some amazing maths! **Dani** for being a superstar and trying so hard with all her work

Foxglove:

Jack for his super data handling this week, and for always giving his best. **Sienna**, in just two days Mrs Goodwin noticed you! A brilliant report on the 5ks and working independently to plan out your letter. Keep having faith in yourself. **Thomas** is so positive about all aspects of school and learning. He doesn't let anything get in his way of his learning!

Clover:

Buddy for putting effort into all subjects and becoming more independent with his writing. Well done! Keep it up. **Leo** for working really well in all areas, but particularly his writing in English, well done. **Seren** for an a-maz-ing first week. She has slotted into Clover class like she has always been there. **Kaylin** for always being a spark in the classroom! Funny and hardworking. (We will miss you!)

Bluebell:

Rhys for putting in great effort especially with his handwriting. **Lucia** for always doing the right thing and in participating during class. **Alia** for showing perseverance with her maths learning.

Primrose:

Lucy for fantastic work in all subjects this week. **Jude** for much improved maths knowledge, which he is now starting to share with the class and for consistent hard work in English, leading up to an excellent written letter.

