



May Newsletter – 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe the school year has gone so quickly and we will soon be in the final half term of this academic year! After the half term break we have a fun-filled few weeks, including sports' days, our residential trips for Year 6 and 4 and then the Year 5 and 6 end of term performance in July too. Please check our 'Diary Dates 2018/2019' to ensure you know all what is going on.

Year 6 SATs and assessments:

Our Year 6's have now completed all their SATs and by the time you get this newsletter, all our Year 2 pupils will have completed their SATs too. We are very proud of the way our children approached their SATs this year – they tried their very best and showed resilience and perseverance! Well done children!

Weather:

It has been fantastic to experience the sun and the warmer weather. Bearing this in mind, we encourage children to bring in sun hats as well as their water bottles. Children are permitted to wear sunglasses if they wish, but we ask that these are not expensive ones and the children have to be responsible for looking after them. Please can you also ensure you apply sun cream for your children in the morning, at home, as we cannot apply this at school. The preschool does have a separate sun cream policy. The lunchtime supervisors will encourage children to drink more water and to make use of our shaded areas during the spells of warm weather that we have.



Parent survey/questionnaire:

We consider the views of our parents / carers very important. In light of this, the governors have sent out a parent questionnaire for you to complete. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this.

MS Awareness Week:



After returning to school from the Easter break, we all learnt more about Multiple Sclerosis and raised money to support the charity through holding a 'Be Bold in Blue' non-uniform day. Mrs Clarke, who suffers from MS, explained how each sufferer is affected in a different way. The children and their teachers were challenged to engage in specific exercises during the week. As a school we raised over £260 for the MS Trust. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts.

Attendance:

Attendance continues to be a focus for us and we currently sit at 96% as a school. This is below our 97% target. We closely track any attendance that drops below 95% and follow up with parents as necessary. Thank you to all parents who work in partnership with us and recognise the importance of children not missing any days from school unless they are genuinely ill. We discourage all parents from taking holidays in term times. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that some parents have reported their child as being absent from school due to illness but we have later discovered that the family has been on holiday or on an outing. As you are aware, we have added fining to our school policy and procedures and more information about this can be found on our website.

**Trim Trail and play equipment:**

We would like to take this opportunity again to remind parents/carers that children should not be on the Trim Trail or other playground equipment before or after school. We want to ensure the health and safety of our children and therefore ask that parents/carers closely supervise their children at these times. Thank you for your understanding.

**Safe Driving & Parking:**

As we are all concerned for the safety of our children, please can we ask everyone to drive and park their vehicle with consideration in the Children's Centre car park and surrounding school areas. Unfortunately, we have had a resident complain that their driveway was totally blocked by a parent's car and he needed to get to work. Please be considerate of our neighbours and thank you for your understanding.

Classes for next year:

We know a number of parents are keen to know more about their child's class for next year. As always we will be letting all the children know about their new classes and teachers on July 11th – Meet the teacher day. Parents/carers will also be notified on this day.

Citizen badges:

We ask that any citizen badges that have been left at home are brought back to school as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

School books:

If your child has any school library books or additional reading books at home, please send these back to school as soon as possible. As the school year draws to an end, we would like to collate the books so they are ready to be issued again in the new school year. Thank you.

Applying for Grants:

As a school, we are seeking support from within our community from anyone with expertise/skills in bid writing. We are very keen to hear from people who would be able to give us some of their time to assist us with the application process, enabling us to obtain grants and run projects for the school. If you are able to offer support, please could you contact the school office on 01920 830233.

Food safety message:

We request that parents/carers who provide their children with grapes, either as a snack or part of their lunch, ensure that the grapes are cut in half lengthways. Grapes can be quite large and could therefore pose a choking hazard. Thank you for your understanding.



Summer Holiday Club:

This Summer we will be running Holiday Club from Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August.

We will have a wide range of activities for children from Reception to Year 6. Our summer schedule will include bouncy castles, cooking and lots of arts and crafts. We also hope to have visitors from Paradise Wildlife Park bringing animals into Holiday Club. The children can also enjoy lots of themed days as well as bikes and scooters, table tennis and Lego! Booking forms will be coming to you in book bags during June.

FOW recent events:

We would just like to say a very 'big' thank you for the generosity of parents for recent FOW events. The Easter egg hunt raised over £500 and the playout was nearly £800!! Also a huge thank you to the FOW/volunteers for keep running these events. The money raised at all these events is much appreciated by the school.

I hope you all have a restful half term break.

Sukhi Gill – Acting Headteacher

Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School

Diary Dates 2019

24 th May	Friday		End of term
27 th May – 31 st May			HALF TERM BREAK
4 th June	Tuesday		Buddhist Monastery Trip – Yr 6
5 th June	Wednesday		Houses of Parliament trip – Yr 5
13 th June	Thursday		KNex Challenge – Yr 5 & 6
14 th June	Friday	AM only	Father's Day Stall - FOW
14 th June	Friday		Non-uniform day and Play out - FOW
18 th June	Tuesday	9.15am	Foundation Stage Sports Morning
19 th June	Wednesday	Whole day	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
1 st – 5 th July			Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
10 th July -12 th July - TBC			Yr 4 Hudnall Park Residential Trip
11 th July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
15 th July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
16 th July	Tuesday	6.00pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
17 th July	Wednesday	2pm and 6.00pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
19 th July	Friday	3.15pm-5.00pm	Non-uniform day and End of Year Summer Disco - FOW
24 th July	Wednesday	9.15am	End of Term Church Service
		2.15pm	SUMMER TERM ENDS