## Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



# NEWSLETTER



20th September 2019

## Great To Be Gold

Congratulations to these children this week who have gone 'over and above' with their behaviour, kindness, attitude towards learning and respect towards others.

## WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL

Charlie C

Aimee A

Charlie M

Ava H

Nya S

Charlotte W Sophie B Jack T Lydia B Shannon P Chaya G Nelson C Maddie G William C Charlie R Alfie C Luca G Darcie C Libby F Theo C Eva R George S Mila S Isabella L Fjori H Gracie M Lexie B Florence H Jack B Dylan E Seren G Dexter H

## Attendance

We have already received a couple of holiday requests for this term. Please note that schools are obliged to refuse holiday requests during term time in all but the most exceptional circumstances. Parents are required by law to ensure regular attendance at school and fines will be issued by the LA where leave is unauthorised. Please ensure that your child is able to benefit from the full curriculum by ensuring their excellent attendance at school. We would expect all pupils to finish an academic year with attendance of at least 95%.

## Everyday at School Matters

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent number of lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons



## Mid morning snacks

A polite reminder to say that we are happy for children to bring into school a mid morning snack but this must only be a piece of fruit or vegetable. Thank you

Attendance this week — Unfortunately attendance for this week has dropped by 1.6%. We as a school currently have attendance at 95.7%. No classes achieved 100%. Let's see if we can improve on this for next week.

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#### Friends of Watton at Stone School

If your child comes home with talk of Christmas this week, fear not, it hasn't come early. The children are designing their Christmas cards so that FOW can place orders early for festive cards, mugs, tea towels and bags. We'll let you know when to expect your child's design in their book bag.

Date for your diary - we will be holding our annual AGM on 10th October at 8pm at the school - come along to hear about what FOW have done this past year and plans for the future. As a charity we need to hold an AGM and we need parents to contribute to be able to continue. We're looking forward to seeing you there - there will be a free drink and nibbles too!

#### Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to:

Dylan E, Zachary W, Zosia M, Felicity E and Eve W Who have all produced excellent writing this week.



We were really proud this week to receive this award to acknowledge all that we do at the school to ensure that children are able to access and engage with a high quality music education.

## Daily Mile

All classes are now taking part in the Daily Mile. The Daily Mile makes children fitter, healthier, happier and has a positive impact on their behaviour and concentration levels. It is simple and effective, enabling every child, including those with special needs, to be active every day.

Everyone has fun taking part — it is not P.E. and it is not competitive — while building relationships, confidence and resilience. This can be summed up in our Five F's:

- 1. Fitness. Children become more aware of a healthy lifestyle
- 2. Fresh air. Children thrive on the sights, sounds and seasons
- 3. Friends. Children use the language of friendship to support each other, improving their social and leadership skills
- 4. Fun. Children enjoy taking part This is what makes The Daily Mile so successful
- 5. Focus. Daily physical activity helps children concentrate in the classroom and is proven to raise attainment

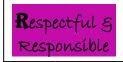


Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.





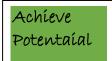
















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## Dates for the diary

### September

30th - Yr 1 parent phonics meeting 2.45pm or 6pm

#### October

1st - Rec phonics parent meeting 2.45pm or 6pm

10<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Watton AGM - 8pm

15<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 4pm - 7.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 3.30pm - 5.30pm

18th - Harvest Festival visit to Church

22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am

24<sup>th</sup> - Individual school photos

25th - Year 2 class assembly

28th - 1st November - Half term

#### November

4th - Children return to school

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - Anti bullying week

13th - No Pens Day

15th - Children in Need

#### <u>December</u>

4<sup>th</sup> - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am

4<sup>th</sup> - Nursery/Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.30am

5<sup>th</sup> - Nursery/Reception Nativity performance 10.30am

6<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise Day

10th - KS1 Dress Rehearsal - time to be confirmed

11th - KS1 Nativity performance - 6pm

12th - Yrs 3/4 Dress Rehearsal - AM (TBC)

12<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

13th - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

16<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

17th - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm

 $18^{\text{th}}$  - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm

19th - Whole school visit to church

 $20^{\text{th}}$  – School Closed - Occasional Day

23<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Xmas holiday

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