



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

15th November 2019



Great To Be Gold

Congratulations to these children in Year R - Year 6 this week who have gone 'over and above' with their behaviour.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL

Amy R
Reuben H
Thomas G
Dexter H
Corrine W
Lily-Mae W
Poppy S
Owen S
Megan M
Archie P
Maia I
Fjori H
Charlie S
Finley S
Poppy C
Edward S
Edie M

Anti-Bullying Week/Well-being week 11th - 15th Nov

The children have had an amazing week where we have been focusing on anti-bullying and children's wellbeing predominately. No Pens Day on Wednesday was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed lots of opportunities to learn through being creative, having more conversations and debates, being active as well as imaginative.

On Wednesday children from the Nursery class, all the way up to year 6 (including the staff too) took part in the duathlon to try and cycle 717km to a satellite. I am delighted to announce that by the end of the day, the total distance cycled was 794.7km. Well done to everyone for their great efforts. Special awards were given by the organisers of the event to 2 children from each class who excelled.

Lily H, Danny R, Verity S, Jack B, Finley S, Maia, Maisy W, Cornelius D, Ethan S, Jessica W, Lillie-Mae W, Gracie M, Luke P, Charlie B, Amber C, Luca G, Rhys D and Charlotte W



Attendance this week Whole school attendance for this week is 94.4%. No classes achieved perfect attendance. Unfortunately this is slightly down on last week.

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Friends of Watton School

Do you have any spare plug-in fairy lights we can have or borrow? We will need them until the end of term, so make sure you keep your favourite ones if your decorations are going up before then! If you'd like to lend us some, then please label them with your child's name and class.

Please bring any lights to the office on Monday 18th November or ASAP.

Don't forget to pre-purchase your pottery painting decorations to paint at the Christmas Bazaar on Classlist - it's £2 cheaper than going to ArtShed and painting them there! We have a limited number of decorations so once they're gone, they're gone!

Our license has arrived for the Christmas Bazaar (Fri 29th Nov 5-7.30pm) so you'll be able to enjoy some mulled wine whilst the kids paint their pottery, decorate gingerbread snowmen and try all the stalls! We'll also have cashback available in case you forget to bring your cash with you!

Happiness

Empathy

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.
In November the school value we focusing on is **ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL.**

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

Stevenage Borough Football Club

We are thrilled to welcome Max (from Stevenage Borough Football Club) to the school to organise and run sporting activities with the children at lunchtime. He is coming into school every day, so this is a fantastic opportunity for children to receiving higher level coaching to develop their sporting skills. At present, Max is working with the children in K.S.2 and they have been invited to sign up to one of his daily clubs. This half term he is focusing on developing their skills of dribbling, passing, attacking, defending and finishing the week with a football match.

SEND Parent Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 19th November at 9am, Mrs Hawkins will be hosting a coffee morning where she will welcome parents of children on the SEND register as well as parents who are concerned about their child having specific needs. This will be an informal, supportive group where Mrs Hawkins will be able to talk to you about your concerns and signpost you to further agencies as well as discussing support available in school.

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Preschool and Nursery wow moments

Pre school

Joe S has gone over and above this week by being kind to his friends and very helpful around Preschool tidying up.

Francis R has made us all really proud this week. She has made lots of progress with eating at snack time and lunch club.

Nursery

Sam C - for his amazing tidying skills. He looks around and finds things to put away without being asked.

Ffion G - for sharing and being kind to her friends during Busy Fingers

Lewis S-C - for being a Maths Whizz

Headteachers Awards

This week the children in year 5 wrote some amazing Remembrance Poems. Congratulations to Isla C, Darcie W, Charlie H, Willow S, Anna S and Amber C who were awarded a Headteachers award for their poems.



Visiting Author

This week we were fortunate that Faustin Charles, a published travelling author came into school to talk to all the children in the early years, KS1 and KS2. He shared some of the stories that he has written and played lots of story telling games with them.

If you would like to see some of the books he has written, they are available from the Amazon website. https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=faustin+charles&ref=nb_sb_noss_1

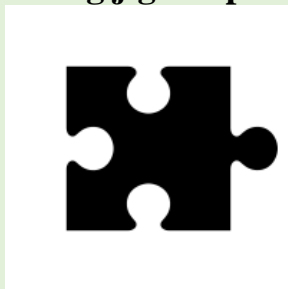


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At After School Club
this week we have enjoyed:
Building with Lego
Making Remembrance Day
poppies
Decorating cakes
Playing parachute games!

If you'd like to book your child in on a half termly or ad-hoc basis please complete a booking form or email
clubs@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk

The children at Breakfast and After School Club love doing jigsaw puzzles!



Do you have any, in good condition, with 20 – 100 pieces that your child no longer uses? We would be grateful of any donations!

Transitions

Do you have a child in reception or year 1? Hertfordshire County Council are consulting with parents/carers on how it was for parents and children starting school. Please take 5 minutes to complete the survey below.
<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/V5N7F/>

Christmas Performances

Next week we will be sending home more information about the Christmas performances that the children will be taking part in. There will be 4 separate performances this year - Early Years, KS1 (Years 1/2), LKS2 (Years 3/4) and UKS2 (Years 5/6). The dates of the performances to parents are detailed below. This year we will be offering 2 dates for each performance. Please note however that one of these dates will be the children's dress rehearsal.

Dates for the diary

November

19th - SEND coffee morning with Mrs Hawkins 9am

21st - New to Reception Tour 1.30pm

25th - New to Nursery tour 2pm. New to Nursery admissions meeting 2.30pm

27th - New to Nursery tour 5.30pm. New to Nursery admissions meeting 6pm

29th - Friends of Watton school Christmas Bazaar 5pm - 7.30pm

December

4th - Parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am

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4th - Nursery/Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.30am
5th - Nursery/Reception Nativity performance 10.30am
6th - Enterprise Day
10th - KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10am
11th - KS1 Nativity performance - 6pm
12th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm
13th - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
16th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm
17th - Panto Hertford
17th - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm
18th - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm
19th - Whole school visit to church
20th - School Closed - Occasional Day
23rd - 3 rd January - Xmas holiday

January

6th - INSET day
7th - Children return to school



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