



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



17th January 2020

This week

Year 4 class assembly by Jessica J (Kestrels)

Our assembly was fantastic! We spoke about gods, hieroglyphics, mummification, a Howard Carter play and lots more. We showed the parents everything that we had learnt. It was fun for the children and interesting for the parents.

The hieroglyphics section was very funny, especially how they said "and now hierrrrrrrooglyphics!" when they introduced it. Some children read the mummy section from "13 Steps To Be An Ancient Egyptian", others showed posters. We spoke about the pyramids of Giza, showed scarab amulets and told the parents about Canopic jars whilst showing some of the ones that we made.

Mrs Clarke said that she was "very proud" of us.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have had more residents complaining this week about parents parking across their driveways in Rectory Lane at the beginning and end of the school day, making it impossible for them to exit or gain access to their property. We are extremely fortunate to have car parking facilities at the children's centre and urge parents to use this instead of parking on Rectory Lane. We have taken steps and contacted East Herts Council who are advising that residents affected by this take the registration numbers of parents obstructing their driveways and contact them directly. We will be informing residents of this advice so that they can follow procedure in case of an obstruction.

Top 10 Attendance and Punctuality Tips

As you are aware, children are expected to have at least 95% attendance and be in school by 8.50am. We still have many children arrive after this time and they are missing the first lesson of the day that starts at 8.50am. Here are some suggestions to help you achieve this:

- 1) Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead. Have book bags ready by the door and packed lunches made the night before.
- 2) Make sure you leave plenty of time to get to school and leave additional time if you drive or use public transport (especially on bad weather days when more people may choose to drive).
- 3) Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late. The gate is locked at 8.55am.
- 4) Arrange dental and non-urgent medical appointments outside school hours. This includes 6 monthly dental checkups. Non-emergency dentist trips will NOT BE AUTHORISED.
- 5) Always inform the school (on the first day) if your child is absent due to illness.

Attendance this week Another good week with attendance sitting at 97.4% which is identical to last week. Special mention to the Herons and Badgers for 100% this week.

- 6) Take family holidays outside term time. All holidays are unauthorised.
- 7) Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- 8) Don't give the children a choice to stay at home. Explain to them the importance of good attendance.
- 9) Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- 10) Bring your child back to school following medical appointments.

Coming soon – New after school clubs

We are sending home information today about two new after school clubs that we are in the process of organising.

Dance club

There will be a KS2 (Years 3 - 6) dance club ran by professional and qualified dance teachers. This club will start after the February half term and cost £27 for a 6 week block of lessons. Payments will need to be made directly to the dance company and before the start date. If you would like your child to attend, then please complete the reply slip and return to the admin office. The dance company will invoice you via email. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you.

Mad Science club

Mad Science is coming to Watton at Stone Primary in the Spring 2020 term for two after school clubs: Wednesday afternoons for Years 1 & 2 (limit of 18 spaces), and Thursday afternoons for Years 3 to 6 (limit of 22 spaces). The clubs will run from 3.15 - 4.15 pm on both days.

You'll see fantastic fun science topics, delivered by a real live Mad Scientist!

The cost for the 5 week club is £37.50.

Please select the correct year group for your child on the grid below:

<https://hertsbeds.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx?action=search&org=40485#ctn-activitylist>

To see all club dates, please click 'Schedule' at the bottom of the page once you have selected your club.

To complete your registration, you'll need to or create a Mad Science account, then add your child/children (to your account). Once you have done this, please 'select' the child to add him or her to the club. It will ask you a few questions (i.e. teacher's name, who will collect them from the club, etc), and then you'll proceed to payment. Once you've made payment, your spot is confirmed. If you are unable to book online, please call our offices on 01727 824700.

If you have already booked your child onto this club, we look forward to wowing your future doctors, hopeful astronauts and scientists in training after February half term!



Happiness

Empathy

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.
In January the school value we focusing on is Teamwork.

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

Friends of Watton

Don't forget to buy your Music Bingo tickets soon as we have limited numbers for this event. The songs are like the numbers in normal bingo, cross them off to get a line, two lines or a full house. Everyone gets their own sheet but can sit with friends to play. The bingo will be followed by a disco and we'll have a licensed bar too.

If you're sorting out after Christmas and have any unwanted gifts/ unused items that you think we might be able to sell on the Mother's or Father's Day stalls please bring them into the office. Hopefully you won't get them back! Thank you.

The Winter disco for the children is coming up in February (on Thursday 13th) and this time we are trialing serving pizza instead of hot dogs. Tickets (and more information) are already available on Classlist.

WOW moments

Pre school

Riley E, has been a kind friend, he has helped his friends and been very good at sharing.

Ayaz P, he has done really well after coming back from the break and settles quickly after he is left. Well done boys we are very proud of you.

Nursery

Lily H - for using kind words and complimenting her friends and for her amazing writing

Eleanor S- for her fantastic behaviour every lunchtime

Charlie O'N - for his brilliant listening skills during our story time

Lewis S-C - has impressed us with his blending phonic skills!

Year 5 class assembly

Apologies but there was an error made last week with regards to the Year 5 class assembly. This will be taking place on 2nd April and not 2nd March as published in last week's newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

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Great To Be Gold

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL

Boaz H
Anna S
Elsa D
Enzo K
Corinne W
Harry O'B
Amelie O
Isabella S
Annabelle T
Harley D-S
Libby P
Robson C
Oliver G
Oliver O
Seren G
Arien L

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome 2 new members of staff to our school this term. Mrs Christine Shortland is now working in our Nurture Group and Miss Alfia Bunyan has joined the pre school team. We are thrilled to have them both join the staffing team.

Have you heard of the Local Offer website?

The Local Offer lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services (SEND) are available in Hertfordshire and who can access them.

There will be an event to launch the brand-new website! Come along and chat with professionals, community groups and services featured on the Local Offer. You can also attend workshops that are aimed at helping you to support yourself and your family. #SENDLOlaunch
<https://www.facebook.com/events/893411541056685/>

Date: Tuesday 21 January

Time: 12pm - 7pm

Where: The Stanborough Centre, St Albans Road, Watford WD25 9JL



Join us at the official launch of the new SEND Local Offer website

Tuesday 21 January, 12 pm - 7pm

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chat to
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advice

meet other
parents and
carers

join free
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Children and
young people
welcome

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January

- 13th - Nursery tours (prospective parents)
- 15th - Year 4 class assembly 9am
- 27th - Sports and mental health assembly.
- 27th - Attendance officer in school

February

- 3rd - Year 3 Roman workshop
- 4th - Mad science after school club assembly
- 6th - Nursery tours (prospective parents)
- 10th - Feeling Good week (mental health and wellbeing)
- 10th - Whole school pupil parliament (school council)
- 13th - Friends of Watton winter disco 3.15 - 5pm
- 13th - non uniform day
- 14th - INSET day (school closed)**
- 17th -21st February - Half term holiday
- 24th - Years 5 and 6 KNEX challenge day
- 26th - Mad science after school club for KS1 starts
- 27th - Mad science after school club for KS2 starts
- 27th - After school dance club starts for children in KS2
- 30th - Year 6 Lancaster model (school nurse visit)

March

- 3rd - Parent consultations 3.30 - 7pm
- 4th - Parent consultations 3.30-5.30
- 5th - World book day. Dress up as your favourite book character
- 9th - sports relief week
- 11th - whole school performance from Saltmine theatre Company followed by Years 5/6 workshop
- 16th - whole school assembly (neurodiversity)

April

2nd - Year 5 class assembly

3rd - 9.30 - church service

3rd - end of term 2.15pm