



## Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we sent you a very detailed letter about what school will look like in September. If you haven't read this yet, then please try and do so before the end of term so that we can answer any queries or questions that you may have.

We have also sent you another letter about class Zoom meetings that you can join next Monday where you will be able to meet the new class teachers yourselves and ask questions about the transition or general questions about the new year group. Please try and look at the parent transition powerpoints before the Zoom meetings which are now all available on the school website as hopefully these will also answer many of your questions.

<https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/transition-september-2020>

### Last Day of Term - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Normally on the last day of term, school would close at 2.15pm for all children. However, we have had to make some changes to this arrangement for the end of this term due to the staggered finishes. Children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 4 will need to be collected between 2pm and 2.20pm and children in Pre school, Nursery, 3, 5, 6 and keyworkers will need to be collected between 2.20pm and 2.40pm. Thank you.

### Further learning Opportunities

Under normal circumstances, we wouldn't be suggesting learning activities for the summer holiday as the children need a rest as much as the adults do. However, for some parents and some children, having some suggestions that they can engage with during the summer holiday might be beneficial for everyone. On our website we have a summer learning section on all the class pages with a literacy and a numeracy activity everyday for the children in Reception - Year 6 to complete should they wish to. The activities aren't long and it may just be what you are looking for when the children are bored, it's raining outside and they need something to do! Also any further learning the children can engage with following their time away from school will only help them for when they return in September.

Reception - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/eyfs/reception/summer-learning-10>

Year 1 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks1/r1/summer-learning-3>

Year 2 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks1/2/summer-learning-4>

Year 3 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks2/3/summer-learning-5>

Year 4 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks2/kestrels/summer-learning-6>

Year 5 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks2/5/summer-learning-8>

Year 6 - <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/ks2/6/summer-learning-9>

We still have the KS2 subscription to Reading Plus which will be available during the summer holiday and access to White Rose Maths. As a school, we subscribe to Purple Mash all year long, so you can also let your children access their school account too.

We have also decided to keep our home learning packs on the website as there may be some children who haven't completed all of the activities set, so again something you can access if you wish to.

### Breakfast and After School Clubs

Thank you for everyone who responded to our questionnaire about breakfast and after school clubs running again in September.

Whilst following the DfE's guidance we are happy to inform you that these clubs will be open again from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Children will be using the main hall (not the dining hall) and children will be grouped by classes around the hall so that the bubbles don't mix. **Please complete the booking forms online by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and return these to the school office to confirm your bookings.** Thank you

### Swimming and Brass Lessons

Unfortunately, it is looking very unlikely that we will be sending the Year 4 children to the swimming pool for lessons in the first half of the autumn term.

There are also restrictions on musical instruments being played which may mean that we are unable to have Year 5 brass lessons. The guidance about playing instruments requires additional space for social distancing and small group limitations. We will keep you informed regarding future plans.

### Sad Goodbyes

As you are aware, at the end of this term we will be saying a sad goodbye to 2 members of staff.

Mrs Dowie will be retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to the school and going to enjoy her time with her family. Mrs Allman, has also decided that now is the time to move on also and explore new ventures for herself.

I would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to both Mrs Dowie and Mrs Allman and hope that they will both be very happy and keep in touch with us all at school.

### More Sad Goodbyes

We will also be saying goodbye to our current Year 6 class who will all be moving on to their new secondary schools in September. We hope parents and carers of the year 6 children are looking forward to our leavers assembly on the playground at 10am (socially distanced of course) and keeping our fingers crossed for a dry morning. Don't forget to bring your tissues!!

### Full Re-opening of the School Risk Assessment

Before we could fully re open the school in September, I have updated the risk assessment that we had completed previously and saved this on the school website for you to read should you wish to.

<https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/home/school-reopening-information>

### Summer Projects

One of the projects we have planned during the summer holiday is to paint the bus, boat, wooden gazebo, outdoor sheds and wooden hut all on the playground. Weather permitting we are planning to work on these painting projects on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July between 10am and 4pm.

We would really appreciate some parent helpers to come and help us complete this job. If you are able to come along for a couple of hours or half day or even more than that, then that would be amazing. All you would need to do is turn up with a paint brush!! No real specific skills needed - just your enthusiasm. I promise to keep you well supplied with tea/coffee and biscuits.

So that we know how many helpers we have, can you please email the admin team and let them know the day/s you are able to help and what time you will be arriving. We would prefer younger children to not be brought onto site. I hope that by the end of the 2 days, we will have a colourful playground for the children to return to. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

### Great to Be Gold

In our assembly today, we celebrated this week's Great to Be Gold awards. Well done to these children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

#### Nursery

Grace F, Beatriz JDS, Henry O and Lily H for making us say Wow! with their drawing and attempts to write all by themselves!

Joe for his concentration skills

Frankie RM for her infectious "let's do this" attitude

#### Reception Bubble 1

Arien L - for working to the best of his ability when we were doing some tricky maths work!

#### Year 1/2 Bubble 1

Finley S - For inviting a child who was feeling sad to play with him.

Finley M - For showing a love of learning in all areas. No matter what we have been learning about, Finley is always smiling and trying his best.

Libby P - For constantly making the right choices and being a sensible role model.

#### Year 1/2 Bubble 2

Maia and Ben - Good role models in singing practise

Monty - Working to the best of his ability

#### Year 3 Bubble

Maddie G - for being well mannered

Sophie B - for always following the school rules

#### Year 4 Bubble 1

Sophie I and Dexter H - for being responsible members of the Kestrel bubble.

### Year 4 Bubble 2

Libby H and Lily A - for working to the best to their ability in the Badger bubble.

### Year 5 Bubble 1

Finlay - For working to the best of his ability.

Freddy - For always following the school rules and including other children in talk and play.

Megan - For always working to the best of her ability and constantly making the right choices.

### Year 5 Bubble 2

Willow S - A fantastic role model to all children as well as always working to the best of her ability. Well done.

Darcie W - What a fantastic asset to the class. She shows a great many of the Great To Be Gold standards especially showing a love of learning in all areas.

Max S - He has constantly made the right choices and is always working to the best of his ability. Well done.

### Year 6 Bubble 1

William B - for consistently working to the very best of his ability and his respectfulness to all in class.

### Year 6 Bubble 2

Harry - constantly making the right choices this week

Harrison - Working to the best of his ability

### Keyworkers Bubble 1

Austin M- for working to the best of his ability on Tuesday (writing).

Owen S - for being an amazing role model this week and every week since the school has reopened.

### Keyworkers Bubble 2

Zosia and Eliza - for showing a love of learning in all areas. They both put their all into their work and work to a high standard.

### Important dates for your diary

17<sup>th</sup> July - Transition parent powerpoints available on the website

20<sup>th</sup> July - Parents Zoom meetings with new class teachers

20<sup>th</sup> July - 10am - 11am Year 6 leavers assembly

21<sup>st</sup> July - End of term (please see new revised collection times on page 1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept - INSET Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept - Children return to school

## Transition Booklets

We have made transition booklets for every class to familiarise your child with the new staff, classroom environment and routines from September. It would be very beneficial if you could ensure that your child has a look at the booklet for their new year group before returning to school in September to support their transition, ease anxiety and to make sure that they are fully prepared for the full reopening of the school.

The transition booklets can all be found on the school website <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/transition-booklets-september-2020>

Please try and encourage your children to complete the first page of the booklet and bring to school to give to their class teacher. Building strong relationships between the teacher and the children is extremely important and one way this can be done successfully is for the teacher to know lots of information about each child which shows the child how much they care about them.





The Wonderful Walk of Kindness is a sponsored walk to brighten someone's day. Round up your kids, your housemates or your dog and go for a walk, deliver an act of kindness and raise vital funds to support people left vulnerable by coronavirus. It's happening on 1-2 August 2020, taking place anywhere you like.  
<http://webapps.redcross.org.uk/walk/>

## HERTFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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### YOUTH SECTION

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County Champions & Regional Finalists  
 National Indoor Winners  
 Qualified Team of Coaches  
 All Ages from 6 upwards

#### FREE Summer Taster Sessions

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August

Season starts in September

#### Hockey Camps – run by International Players



- Taster Sessions [HERE](#)
- Website [HERE](#)

Watton at Stone Primary  
 Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG  
 Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne



<http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill



## LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE COURSES

JULY AND AUGUST 2020



One of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime

### LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)

- For children aged between 4 and 9
- 85% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and quality lightweight pedal bike for each child
- 1 hour sessions
- Covid-19 protection measures in place

#### DATES:

**July 24th and 25th and August 11th and 12th**

**Venue:** Fleetville Jnr School, St Albans. AL1 4LW

**July 27th and 28th and August 13th and 14th**

**Venue:** The Ridgeway Academy, Welwyn Garden City. AL7 2AF

**Cost:** £24 for two sessions. £14 for one session.

For more information and to book, go to [www.hertsbalance.uk/schedule---booking](http://www.hertsbalance.uk/schedule---booking), email [phil@hertsbalance.uk](mailto:phil@hertsbalance.uk) or call Phil on 07941 061717.

Private sessions are available for children and adults.

Details at [www.hertsbalance.uk/privatesessions](http://www.hertsbalance.uk/privatesessions)

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School, Rectory Lane, Watton at Stone, Hertford, SG14 3SG <http://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk>  
Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

As an outdoor activity with plenty of space and small numbers of participants the risk of coronavirus transmission should be very low. However the following measures will be in place to minimise risks:

1. Social distancing of at least a metre will be in operation and children will be reminded of this during the initial talk. As a result I will not be able to adjust helmets and parents will need to do this. Similarly in the later stages of the process where children are becoming comfortable gliding with feet on pedals parents will need to hold their child and set them off, rather than me.
2. Please bring your own helmet to avoid sharing of helmets. If you would like me to provide a helmet please let me know in advance.
3. I will be providing the balance bikes and pedal bikes as usual. The handlebar grips only of both balance bikes and pedal bikes will be wiped before the start of each session. The gap in between sessions has been increased to 20 minutes to facilitate this. Similarly session duration has been increased to 65 mins to allow for the slightly different method of operating.
4. Face masks don't need to be worn by either parents or children. I will not be wearing a face mask unless a parent wants me for example to hold their child to set them off.
5. Hand gel will be available but again you may wish to bring your own. Access to toilet and washing facilities at the schools may not be available.
6. Do not bring your child if they or any family member is coughing, has a raised temperature or is unwell. Any child or adult displaying these symptoms will be refused entry and/or asked to leave. Replacement session(s) or a refund will be given in the event that you have to cancel as a result of this.