

Message from the Deputy Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school. It was lovely to see the celebrations in assembly this morning, the children have been working incredibly hard this week. Next week we will be having some festive treats, including a visit from M&M Productions who are putting on the show of Beauty and Beast. The staff are very excited about the Christmas dinners with their classes next week, I know this is something the children are really looking forward to as well.

Thank you so much for supporting our sale of Christmas Jumpers, there have been so many kind donations and we have already sold over 20 jumpers! Please do come and grab yourself a bargain again early next week. The many raised will be going to Save the Children charity.

It has been lovely to see a lot more layers this week. The children do go out in all weathers as we believe the fresh air and the chance to run around really does benefit the children. Please do keep remembering to send labelled hats and warm coats into school.

I have been amazed by all the learning this term; I am incredibly proud of the progress that the children have made since September. The class teachers have been going over and above to ensure that all children receive fantastic learning opportunities. My favourite part of the week is a Friday afternoon, going around the classes and celebrating all those children who have made it to the over and above board. There have been so lovely staff nominations too!

Thank you once again for your continued support, we really appreciate the communication between home and school. Please do continue to keep us informed of any changes, including new addresses and contact details.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the last week of term!

Mrs Turner

Attendance News:

For the academic year our attendance target is 97%. As a school we monitor attendance daily to ensure that pupils in school and making the most of the learning opportunities on offer and make expected progress during the year.

Whole School Attendance: 92.2%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.8%	91.6%	90.2%	93.1%	94.5%	91.4%

After School Pick up

We will release your child at the end of the day to anyone on your child's contact list. If you need to call the school office to inform us that someone else will be picking up your child, please do so before 12. This gives us time to inform the class teacher before afternoon lessons and avoid confusion at the end of the day.

Diary Dates

All of the trips below are on Arbor. Please ensure that you give permission and start to make payments.

Diary Dates	
15 th December	Christmas dinner day Rec/1/2/3
16 th December	Christmas dinner day 4/5/6
17 th December 1.30pm	Break up for Christmas
5 th January 2022	Return to school
6 th January 2022 9.30am	Prospective EYFS parents open session
6 th January 2022	Year 3 Roman Day
11 th January 2022	Year 4 Swimming Starts
3 rd February 2022	Year 2 Woburn safari Park
9 th February	Year 5 Compton Verney
15 th March	Rec Sacrewell Farm
23 rd March 2022	VIAM Trip
16 th -17 th June 2022	Year 4 Residential

Social Media

This week we have seen an increase in children discussing things that they have seen on social media. Many of the social media apps have an age restriction of 13 years plus meaning that the children who attend our school should not be accessing the content available on these networks. Please see the attached poster which contains important information for parents about children using social media.

Going Over and Above

Here at Watergall we want to celebrate the good things students do every day. We have created a board outside of the head teacher's office where people can put messages celebrating something a student has done, and the following students made it up on the board this week:

Freddie – 6SL	Matiss – REC	Oscar – 3VH
Ebrima – 6CH	Elsa – 3VT	George N – 1KR
Kamile – REC	Santiago – 6SL x 2	Damian – 5FR
Jack – 6SL	Aysha – 6CH	Naetonna – 3VH
Elsie – 1KR	Ozioma – 1KR	Jasmine – 3VH
Maisey – 3VT	Ruya – 3VT	Mr Medhurst
Lewis – 3VT	Vanessa – 6SL	Freddie – 6SL
Harry – 2KSB	Olivia-Grace – REC	Miss Robbins
Darya – 2KSB	Laila – 4ZB	Ruben – 5EW
Phoebe – 6CH	Angel – 6SL	Mrs Stafford
Jacob – 2AT	Carla – 1CL	Arsha – 4ZB
Isaac – 3VH	Daniel – 3VH	James – 4ZB
Zuzanna – 4ZB		

Christmas Jumper Sale

We still have a few Christmas jumpers left for sale. You can purchase them in the school reception area on Monday or Tuesday from 9.30am. Jumpers are £2 and all money raised will go to Save the Children.

Dinner Menu w/c: 13th December

Monday	Fish Fingers or Veggie burger	Cookie
	Quorn Sausages	Yoghurt or fruit
	Mash, Beans, Peas	Cheese and biscuits
Tuesday	Chicken Nugget or Quorn dippers	Plain muffin

	Sausage and chips	Yoghurt or fruit
	Chips, Sweetcorn, Peas	Cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Turkey or Quorn Christmas dinner with trimmings	For Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 only
	Ham and Cheese Panini or Cheese Panini	For year 4,5 and 6
Thursday	Turkey or Quorn Christmas dinner with trimmings	For year 4,5 and 6 only
	Ham and Cheese Panini or Cheese Panini	For Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday	Picnic bag	

Questions of the week:

We are aware that sometimes it is tricky for children to talk to parents about their learning from the week or that sometimes you get the answer “nothing” for all school questions. Therefore, we are now going to provide a prompt question for each year group every week, so that you can ask your child and get them talking about their amazing learning.

	Prompt for learning question of the week
REC	Where was baby Jesus born?
Year 1	If there are thirteen chocolates in the box and you eat five, how many will you have left?
Year 2	Can you show me different ways of making 10p/20p/50p or £1?
Year 3	How do you alter the tint and shade of a colour?
Year 4	What are the different types of teeth humans have?
Year 5	How was the stormbreaker film different to the book?
Year 6	Why was Bletchley Park important during WW2?