

## Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term it has been! We have had a fantastic Autumn Term with all of the children in school. Lots of learning and fun has taken place and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their lessons. We are all very proud of the resilience that they have shown.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all performed Christmas performances last week and these have been uploaded to Class Dojo for parents in those year groups to enjoy. I really enjoyed watching them and I hope they will bring a smile to your faces too. Well done to all of the children who performed.

Year 5 were very lucky to be provided with a trip to the cinema on Monday. I would like to thank Mr Carroll whose company TruGlaze Windows and Doors for funding this trip. The children had a great time watching Home Alone and were very well behaved too.

Year 3 and Year 2 also had a treat this week as they watched the M&M pantomime of Beauty and Beast which visited school on Tuesday. Everyone that saw the show said how brilliant it was.

As you will know rates of COVID are increasing and therefore if your child develops symptoms over the weekend, please contact us via the office, seek a PCR test and share the result with us. We will continue to contact trace for children until Monday.

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Preston our Office Manager who is leaving us today as she moves into a new role in HR. Mrs Preston has been a vital member of our school team for some time now and will be sorely missed by us all.

Thank you to all of you as parents and carers for the support you have offered the school this term. Supporting your children's learning at home is a huge benefit to them and helps the staff in school too and so we appreciate everything that you do at

## 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: 92.5%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
84.9%	94%	93.7%	94.8%	97%	92.6%

home. And finally a thank you to all of the staff in school who have worked tirelessly again this term to ensure the children are both taught well and nurtured.

Mrs Wood

## Christmas support

It is a very expensive and difficult time of year for a lot of people, so we have attached some information about the household Support fund. The Household Support Fund is designed to provide short-term financial support for people struggling to pay for essentials such as food, heating and water

## Diary Dates

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

Diary Dates	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Return to school
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 9.30am	Prospective EYFS parents open session
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Year 3 Roman day
11 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Year 4 Swimming starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	Year 2 Woburn Safari Park
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Compton Verney
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Rec Sacrewell Farm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	VIAM Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 4 Residential

## Pantomime

This week pupils were treated to an M&M production of Beauty and the Beast. Pupils in year 2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed watching the performance.



## 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:

Romeo - 6CH	Mrs Bibi	The 5EW Librarians
Reception class	Alexis - 3VT	All of Year 5
Maks - 3VT	Emma - 3VH	Ava - 4ZB
Kara - 6SL	Oscar - 3VH	Mrs Barmby
Mollie - 6SL	Emily - 6SL	Miley - 3VH
Vanessa - 6SL		

## Christmas Jumper Sale

We were overwhelmed with lots of lovely donations for the Christmas jumper sale and in the end we raised an amazing £96.35 so thank you to everyone who contributed.

This brings the total that we have raised for Save the Children to £153.15.

## Dinner Menu w/c: 5<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Wednesday</b>	Turkey or quorn fillet	Waffle and syrup
	Ham baguette	Yoghurt or fruit
	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrot, Yorkshire and gravy	Cheese and biscuits
<b>Thursday</b>	Bolognese pasta bake or quorn bolognese pasta bake	Iced sponge
	Chicken mayo vol au vent	Yoghurt or fruit
	Bread, mixed veg	Cheese and biscuits
<b>Friday</b>	Beef burger or veggie burger	Artic roll
	Puff pastry pizza	Yoghurt or fruit
	Chips, beans, peas	Cheese and biscuits

## 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
<b>REC</b>	Can you name any of Santa's reindeers?
<b>Year 1</b>	How many shapes can you find on your Christmas tree?
<b>Year 2</b>	What was your favourite part of your Winter text 'One Snowy Night'?
<b>Year 3</b>	How does Hogarth help the Iron Giant?
<b>Year 4</b>	What is the name of the horse that originally pulled Santa's sleigh?
<b>Year 5</b>	What poetic features were used in 'Coming home'?
<b>Year 6</b>	What has been your favourite piece of learning this term?