

Message from the Deputy Head teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our school community for the support this week during our Ofsted inspection. Thank you to those parents who completed the parental survey and who met with the Ofsted team on the gate on Thursday morning. The final report should be with us by the end of February/ early March when we will be able to share the final judgement with you all.

Aside from Ofsted we have had a busy week in school with our new topics and embedding the skills that have been taught. I have really enjoyed seeing all the Geography learning in school this week, especially the work in Year 4 on the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

Reception have really shone this week with number skills, they are really making progress with their counting.

The writing across the school this week has focused on vocabulary choices, it was pleasure in assembly today to celebrate all writing from the classes. Children are really thinking carefully about the vocabulary they use to engage the readers as well as beautiful presentation.

Behaviour around the school was praised by Ofsted, we are incredibly proud of the whole school community, especially how well children come into school in a morning and settle into their morning maths.

Please be careful during these frosty mornings, some children mentioned the paths around the outside of school were icy this morning.

We hope you have a restful weekend, please do continue to keep us updated with any positive cases of Covid-19.

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: 93.2%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.7%	93.5%	92.0%	95.2%	92.6%	90.8%

Diary Dates

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

Diary Dates	
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

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:

Angel – 6SL	Maisie – 3VT	Paul – 3VT
Tyler T – 5EW	Lena	Jack – 6SL x 2
Freddie – 6SL	Crimson – 3VT	Lilly Mai – 2AT x 2
Kyle – 2KSB	Oskarus – 5FR	Louis – 6SL
Miss Robbins	Lucas – 3VH	Kamile – 6SL
Abin – REC	Cody – REC	Connor. C – 1KR
Adrijanas – 6CH	Eddie – 6SL	Mollie – 6SL
Cery's – 6CH	Milita – 3VH	Miss Riley

PE

On PE days your children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Please ensure that PE kits continue to be plain and not feature logos or be brightly colored. On PE days children should not come to school wearing earrings.

	First Session	Second Session
EYFS	Monday	Wednesday
1CL	Monday	Tuesday
1KR	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	Monday	N/A as swimming this term
Year 5	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday

Return to School following illness

If your child has diarrhea or sickness, please note that they should not be present again on school grounds for 48 hours. This is important to avoid others getting poorly so please take note of the last bout of sickness/diarrhea and do not bring your child in until this time has lapsed.

Drop off and pick up

Please note that only persons over the age of 16 should be sent to pick up children from the school. If you are unable to pick up your child, please ensure you do not send anyone under 16. We will also only release your child to persons named on their Arbor account. If someone new needs to pick up, you must call the office to inform us.

Contacts on Arbor

Please check your child's Arbor account to ensure that all contacts are still relevant and all contact numbers are correct. This is very important in case of emergency.

NSPCC number day

On Friday 4th February we will be taking part in Maths activities in support of the NSPCC number day fundraiser. More details to follow.

Dinner Menu w/c: 17th January

Monday	Pork balls or Quorn balls in tomato sauce	Shortbread
	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Yoghurt or fruit
	Pasta, sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits
Tuesday	Cottage pie or Quorn pie	Chocolate sponge and chocolate custard
	Cheese Roll	Yoghurt or fruit
	Carrots, Peas	Cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Chicken or Quorn fillet	Waffle with syrup
	Ham and cheese slice	Yoghurt or fruit
	Broccoli, carrots, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding	Cheese and biscuits
Thursday	Hot dog or Beef burger in a bun	Ice cream
	Quorn sausage or meat free burger in a bun	Fruit
	Chips, sweetcorn, bean	Cheese and biscuits
Friday	Meat pizza or cheese and tomato pizza	Smoothies
	Tuna Baguette	fruit
	Beans, sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits

Thursday favorites day

On Thursday 20th January, we will be holding a favorites day lunch with the popular hot dogs and burgers. We know this is a big favorite among the children so make sure their Arbor account is topped up ready.

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	What is a habitat?
Year 1	What is the equator?
Year 2	What are the similarities and differences between London and Nairobi?
Year 3	Who is Boudicca?
Year 4	What does the word hemisphere mean?
Year 5	Do you think Ruby is going to enjoy living in India?
Year 6	What is sir Isaac Newton famous for?