

Message from the Head teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy week in school. Children across all year groups are enjoying their class texts and using them as a stimulus for independent writing. Year 6 are particularly enjoying The High Rise Mystery and are rising to the challenge when trying to trying to solve the crime.

We have seen several positive COVID cases across the school this week and rates across the city continue to rise. We will therefore be maintaining our current risk assessment ensuring that staff continue to wear face masks within communal areas of the school, year groups remain ring fenced, social distancing and regular handwashing continue. If you receive a close contacts letter for your child, please test your child using LFT kits for 7 full days. If, during this time, your child is feeling unwell or has a positive result please keep them at home and contact the school office. We appreciate your support with this. Curriculum overviews are also being emailed out this afternoon to all year groups. We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

Mrs Wood
Head teacher

NSPCC Number day

On Friday 3rd February we will be taking part in Maths activities in support of the NSPCC number day fundraiser. All donations received will go towards supporting all the work that the NSPCC do towards protecting and supporting children and keeping them safe. The children will be taking part in a number of math's activities throughout the day and will have the opportunity to take part in our in-class competition. There will be a club set up on arbor for any donations from next week.

Trips

Please keep an eye on arbor for trips that are planned for your child's year group. Payments can be made slowly over time, but we cannot take your child on a trip until you log in to arbor and give permission.

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: 89.7%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
82.5%	89.4%	95.2%	94.6%	87.3%	86.5%

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

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

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:

Lena – 6SL X 2	Ava - REC	Miss Hine
Josh – 5FR	Megan – 3VH	Louis – 6SL
Vanessa – 6SL	Hetti – 2KSB	Isaac – 3VH
Kara – 6SL	Fabian – 5EW	Kaci M – 6SL
Saffiya – 6CH	Oliver – 4ZB	Georgia – 4CG x 2
James – 4ZB	Ruby – 6CH	Matilde – 6CH
Aysha – 6CH	Leila – 6SL	Max – 1CL
Ruby-May – 6SL	Mollie – 6SL	Brandon – 4CG
Kaiden – 6SL	Aniya – 2KSB	Frank – 1KR
Tyler – 3VT	Madiha – REC	Rebeka – 4CG
Oliver – 3VT	Oscar – 3VH	Mrs Carroll
Angel – 2AT	Leila – 6SL	Cody – 3VH
Marina – 5FR	Matiss – REC	Daniel – 2KSB
Daniel – 2KSB	Maks – 3VT	Jessica – 3VH
Liam – 4ZB	Zoya – 5EW	

National online safety

Thank you for the number of parents who have already signed up to support the school through National Online Safety.

There are a number of courses available to parents to take part in. The aim of these programmes are to inform you of how you can best protect your child regarding online communication and gaming. Below is a list of courses that we recommend parents to take part in:

Online Safety for Parents of Children Aged 4- 7 with Myleene Klass (5 to 10 minutes)

Online Safety for Parents of Children Aged 7- 11 with Myleene Klass (5 to 10 minutes)

You can sign up for a free Parent/Carer account by using this link:

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/limeacademy-watergall>

On the National Online Safety platform, you will be able to access a range of useful parental guides linked to e-safety and keeping your children safe online.

There are many useful guides, tools and resources linked to the ever-growing list of apps available on mobile devices too, including Whatsapp, Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram and online gaming. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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	Can you think of the animals that visited Percy's hut?
Year 1	How many Omnivores can you think of?
Year 2	What does tinkering mean when you are using ScratchJr?
Year 3	How do we stay safe online?
Year 4	What was the importance of the Bodhi tree in the Buddhist story of Prince Siddhatta?
Year 5	How could you code a micro: bit to have different functions?
Year 6	Can you name three influential monarchs?

Dinner Menu w/c: 24th January

Monday	Sausage roll or meat free roll	Cookie
	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Yoghurt or fruit
	Peas, carrots, beans	Cheese and biscuits
Tuesday	Sweet chilli chicken or sweet chilli quorn	Jelly and ice cream
	Ham baguette	Yoghurt or fruit
	Rice, sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Turkey or Quorn fillet	Pancake with syrup
	Cheese roll	Yoghurt or fruit
	Cauliflower, carrots, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding	Cheese and biscuits
Thursday	Beef Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese	Muffin
	Tuna Baguette	Fruit
	Green beans, mixed veg, Pasta	Cheese and biscuits
Friday	Fish or veggie burger	Artic roll
	Cheese and tomato slice	Yoghurt or fruit
	Chips, peas, beans	Cheese and biscuits