

Message from the Assistant Head teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

As expressed by the teacher comments on reward certificates and on the 'Over and Above' board, the learning behaviours in school this week have been EXCEPTIONAL. Thank you to all our pupils who come into school every day with the motivation, determination and resilience to push themselves to achieve to their full potential, which in turn, inspires their peers to do the very same.

Year 2 are, without doubt, very excited for next week to arrive as they will be visiting Woburn Safari Park on Thursday. I know that Mrs Terry and Mrs Sainsbury-Bow are equally as excited to see the vast array of animals the park has to offer! Watch out for those cheeky monkeys! Look out for photos in next week's newsletter.

I would just like to remind parents and carers that despite Covid-19 restrictions easing the transmission rate in Peterborough still remains particularly elevated. We are therefore continuing with the current Risk Assessment and measures that are in place including advising parents/carers to wear face masks whilst on the school site and the one-way system that is still operational on entry and exit. The measures are in place to protect our pupils as well as their families so please respect them. For safeguarding reasons, it is very important that children in KS1 are collected from outside their classrooms and parents do not congregate outside the gate and encourage their child to leave the premises without an adult. The end of the day is a busy period and staff need to be able to ensure that pupils are safely dismissed to a parent/carer.

Finally, just a quick reminder that open access play sessions are available at Croft's Corner (Essendyke) every Saturday from 10am to 3pm should you wish to access this. This is a free service for the local community for children aged 5-12 years. Please visit <https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/service.page?id=uVxYxvn8jfm> for more information.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend

Mr Harfield

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%					
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91%	90%	90.2%	87.8%	90.4%	84.3%

Online safety day

Next month we will be celebrating Online Safety Day. Children will be completing activities on 8th February which link to this year's topic of 'All Fun and Games' which explores respect and relationships online. To support your child with online safety, we ask if you could complete the follow course relevant to your child's age:

[Key Stage 1 - Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 3-7](#)

[Key Stage 2 - Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11](#)

There will be a prize for the class whose parents complete the most of the above.

After school activity clubs

Last week we set up a number of free after school activity clubs for each year group. There are limited spaces for each club so these were offered on a first come, first served basis. If you signed your child up, and you are unsure if they are in the club this will show on your child's arbor account under clubs with a heading of 'clubs your child is registered for'.

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:

Tyler.T – 5EW x 2	Archie – 1KR	Oliver.C – 3VT
Skie-Marie – 4CG	Mr Medhurst	Yeshua – 4CG
Hernany – 3VH	Kara – 6SL	Barbara – 4ZB
Sofiya – 2AT	Bella – 2AT	Braxxton – 2AT
Bailey – 2AT	Rosie – 2AT	Angel – 2AT
Isabella – 2AT	Lilly Mai – 2AT x 2	Filip – 2AT
Filip – 2AT	Kevins – 2AT	Milita – 3VH
Autumn – 4ZB	Maks – 5EW	Marina – 5FR
Jake – 1CL	Cole – 4CG	Yanar – 4CG
Zoya – 5EW	The whole of 5EW	Logan – 1CL
Callie – 1CL	Mrs Hawkins	Michael – 1CL
James – 4ZB	Kristina – 6SL	Leila – 6SL
Daniel – 2KSB	Oliver – 2KSB	Ruben – 5EW
Harry – 2KSB	Layton – 5EW	Damian – 5FR
Caitlyn – 5FR	Oscar – 5FR	Lucas – 3VH

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
<i>REC</i>	<i>Can you think of the 3D shapes that we have been learning about?</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Can you find some things at home that are made of plastic, wood, glass or metal?</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Can you name three animals that are vertebrates and three animals that are invertebrates?</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>What are the four main parts of a plant?</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>What country does the 'Willow pattern' originate from?</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Which different Gods do some Hindus worship?</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Which Monarch was the most influential?</i>

Dinner Menu w/c: 31st January

Monday	Pork meat balls or Quorn balls	Cookie
	Cheese baguette	Yoghurt or fruit
	Pasta, Sweetcorn	Cheese and biscuits
Tuesday	Beef & onion pie or Quorn mince pie	Jelly and ice cream
	Tuna mayo wrap	Yoghurt or fruit
	Broccoli or mixed veg	Cheese and biscuits
Wednesday	Chicken or Quorn fillet	waffle with syrup
	Ham and cheese slice	Yoghurt or fruit
	Cauliflower, carrots, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding	Cheese and biscuits
Thursday	Carbonara or macaroni cheese	Angel delight and biscuit
	Cheese and bean parcel	Fruit
	Bread, mixed veg	Cheese and biscuits
Friday	Hot dog or meat free hot dog	Smoothies
	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Yoghurt or fruit
	Beans, sweetcorn, chips	Cheese and biscuits

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