



## Watton Junior School - Newsletter Friday 21st October 2022

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:  
to develop communication skills effectively***



### Potential Merger of Corvus Education & Clarion Academy Trusts

You will be aware Corvus Education Trust is considering merging with Clarion Academy Trust. The consultation period is open until 14th November 2022. Please send your questions or comments to [ConsultationCCT2022@outlook.com](mailto:ConsultationCCT2022@outlook.com)

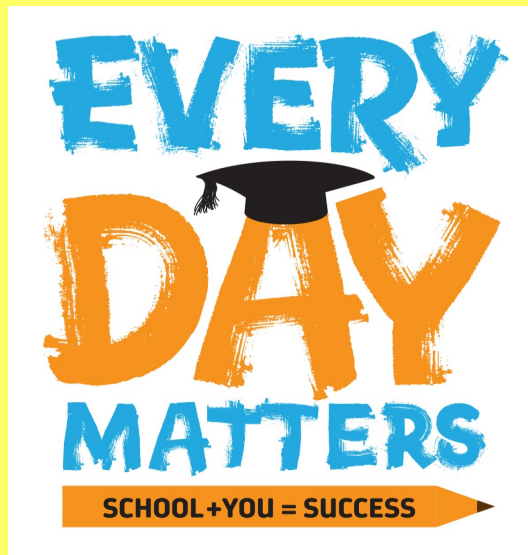
Thank you

### Minor Illness and 'Fit for School' - Building Good Attendance Habits for Life

We understand that children sometimes become unwell and are not fit for school and we respect your judgement as parents and carers to decide whether your child is too unwell to attend. However, as a school we cannot authorise absences if although a child is not 100% well, they may be 'fit for school'. Children are expected to attend if they have a minor cold, tiredness, cough, runny nose, headache or tummy ache etc. As a parent or carer, you will know that children often wake up feeling a little tired or groggy but once they are at school and busy they often start to feel better. We would advise you that if you are unsure then send them to school. It is really important to build resilience and good attendance habits for later life. If they deteriorate or cannot manage school activities we will contact you to collect them.

Please do not send your child to school (and for 48 hours afterwards) if they have been vomiting, have diarrhoea or you suspect they may have an infectious disease. If you are unsure please telephone the school office who will be able to advise if an exclusion period applies for certain illnesses. If your child is not 'fit for school' please contact us on the first day of absence with an explanation of what is wrong and their symptoms ('sick' or 'poorly' is not sufficient for us to consider the absence for authorisation).

We are able to administer prescribed medicines to help children return to school as soon as they are fit to do so. The medicine must be in its original container complete with dispensing label and you must sign a consent form which is available from the office. Thank you.



**SMILE:** We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil by  
Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment  
in a safe environment

## Curriculum News

### UKS



Recently in year 5 and 6 we have been continuing with our space themed learning. In English we have debated, written poems and diary entries. We have increased our English skills by learning about relative clauses/relative pronouns, how to use a semi-colon and how to add parenthesis. We are flying through our book at Cosmic speed and are enjoying all the cliff hangers. To end the theme, we will be writing instructions. In maths we finished adding and subtracting and have moved on to multiplication and division. We have become confident to use the manipulatives to help us visu-

alise our methods of calculating and number recognition. In topic we completed our history study of the space race, then moved on to a country study of America and Russia. We really enjoyed looking at the work of Kandinsky in Art and in particular his work on concentric circles. We are currently finishing our study of planets in science. We looked at the order of the planets in our solar system, day and night and the seasons.

### LKS

In English, we have been learning how to write a description, including alliteration, similes and adverbials of place. In maths we have been continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction with one exchange. This week in art, we have been investigating cross sections and had fun drawing some cross-sectional drawings of different fruit and vegetables.



## Watton Carnival

Thank you to those who took part in the carnival. You all looked amazing! It looks like everyone had a good day.



## **Diary Dates:**

*Monday 31st October—School reopens for Autumn term 2*

*Friday 4th November—PTA meeting 9.15am at WJS / Deadline for Rudolph Cards orders*

*Wednesday 16th November—Tempest School Photography Individual Portraits*

*Friday 18th November—BBC Children in Need Day*

*Monday 12th December—Year 3/4 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm*

*Tuesday 13th December—Year 3/4 Christmas Performance at 9.30am*

*Wednesday 14th December—Year 5/6 Carol Singing*

*Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day*

*Thursday 15th December—Class Christmas Parties*

*Friday 16th December—Last day of term before break for Christmas Holiday*

*Wednesday 4th January—School reopens for Spring term 2023*

## **School Fundraising Company—Rudolph Cards**

Just a reminder that orders for Christmas cards and other gifts printed with your child's design must be in by Friday 4th November.

Keep the artwork safe and in good condition as it must be returned with the order form. Thank you.



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## Autumn / Winter School Dinner Menu

After the half term break we will be moving to the autumn/winter school lunch menu. Please see our website for full details.

## Stay Safe Week

We have had a wonderful Stay Safe week and have been very lucky to have had visits from several members of the local community. The local Fire Engine was brought to school by Mr Fletcher, Mr Jolly and Mr Steward who are firefighters, and Breckland Funeral Care supplied us with reflective badges and colouring pages for the children. PPC Austin Clarke came to talk to the children about stranger danger and road safety. He asked us to share this message with parents and carers:

***I cannot underestimate the importance of keeping emergency access-ways free from being obstructed. Just remember:***

***Please have the right idea***

***Keep our access-way clear***

***Emergency services rely on your cooperation***

PC Austin Clark (Norfolk Constabulary)

## Barratt Homes Book Donation

Our school have recently received a donation of books from Barratt Homes. Watton Junior School is located near the homebuilder's Wayland Fields development in Watton off Thetford Road, and the donation of books came as part of Barratt Homes' outreach to the local community.



**Congratulations to Mrs Pet-rauskiene for becoming a THRIVE practioner.**



**Well done to Mandela Class who have been above our attendance target for the whole term!**

# Barnard

**Our Barnard Classroom is currently being renovated. We are having the walls and ceilings redone, new furniture, new carpets and a sink fitted. The renovations are coming a long well and this is being funded by Norfolk County council under section 106.**

**Thankfully the PTA is continuing with a new PTA committee . All help is greatly appreciated.**



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