



Watton Junior School - Newsletter Friday 16th December 2022

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



Merry Christmas!

Wow! What an exciting December we have had! Thank you to everyone who has supported us by coming to your child's Christmas performance, helping them learn their lines and songs, or by buying their star decoration, Christmas cards, or donating to our collections to raise money for the PTA. Your donations have raised £157.76 for the PTA! If you would like to help the PTA, their next meeting is on Friday 6th January at 9.15am at Watton Junior School. The PTA would also be glad of any donations of unwanted gifts you may have that they can use for future raffle prizes etc.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Breckland J's Choir who donated money to the school for a Christmas Pantomime. All of KS1 and Year 3/4 thoroughly enjoyed our visiting performance of Robin Hood! Oh, yes we did!

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun!



Have you heard about the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme?

Children aged 5-16 can take part in lots of different activities to keep them busy and healthy during the Christmas holidays. Don't forget if you claim means tested free school meals it's all totally free, plus your child will receive a free healthy lunch too.

To find out more visit: www.activenorfolk.org/bnfh. To book activities visit: www.everymove.uk

Parent Support

We also know that Christmas can be a stressful time of year for some families. We have a list of support lines on our website should you need to reach out for help: <https://wattonwestfield.corvuseducation.com/parent-support/>

Staff Changes

We would like to say farewell to Miss Voutt, Miss Culver and Mr Starling who will be starting their new adventure at Watton Infant and Nursery School. Also farewell to Mrs Turner and Miss Leech on their new adventures as well. We would like to say a warm welcome to Mr Chester and Miss Watson who will be joining us after the Christmas break.

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Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic December learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

UKS2

In the last few weeks year 5/6 have finished the core story 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. It was one of the greatest stories to inspire narrative, which meant that we got to write our own stories; we are sure we have some budding authors at Watton Junior School! We used limited choice options to stimulate a twist on the main Arthur plot. Once our stories were written we edited them, making sure we up-skilled them with English writing skills. We continued learning all the steps to adding and subtracting fractions. We have spent weeks looking at fractions using manipulatives so that we can visualise them. We had two weeks of scientific research and investigation into sight and light. We made periscopes, created shadows and worked out that light can bend when studying refraction. In the last few weeks we have been enjoying the build up to Christmas by making Christmas cards, wreaths and stars, learning Christmas songs and carols to sing to our families and enjoying a Christmas lunch, party and productions together. The highlight was our curriculum day where we used the 'Grinch who stole Christmas' as inspiration for our learning. We worked hard, learned well and played enthusiastically. We can't wait to continue growing in January 2023.

LKS2

This week we have put on 3 wonderful performances of our Christmas play. The children were all fantastic and really enjoyed the acting. In English, we have looked at similes and tried to include these in our writing. We have also continued to perform and hear more poems from our core story. In maths, we have finished our multiplication and division unit by investigating balancing equations. In topic, we have looked at The History of Christmas from various periods in history. They especially enjoyed The Tudors and Victorians. We have also been learning how to make Pop-up cards and then have been learning about how Christmas celebrations have changed over the last few centuries.

We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you when we reopen on Wednesday 4th January.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 4th January—School reopens for Spring Term 1 2023

Friday 6th January—PTA meeting 9.15am at Watton Junior School

Friday 10th February— Last day before school closes for half term break

Monday 20th February—School reopens for Spring Term 2

The new telephone number for Breakfast & After School Club during session for **emergencies only** is 07754 79195.



PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT FROM JANUARY CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR EARRINGS IN SCHOOL AT ALL.

THIS FOLLOWS NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PE AND ACTIVE PLAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.



Thank you to EXHEAT for their donation of pencils and Pritt sticks.

Our Young Carers took part of a Christmas Card design competition and won!

Congratulations to Theo W who's design has been chosen to send out to everyone at the new Barrett's home estate.



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