



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery 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

Thank you

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

We understand that small 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

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Curriculum News

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

Early Years

In Hedgehog Nursery this half term we have been exploring the topic All about Me. We have continued this to talk about our families and homes we live in. When we come back after half term we will be exploring colour.

This month in Monkey Nursery we have continued our core story The Three Little Pigs. The children have loved retelling the story in their play and making their own houses using different materials. In Phonics we have been developing our listening skills, playing lots of listening games and exploring the sounds different instruments make.



In Reception this October we have been learning how to be good friends, how to look after ourselves and keep ourselves healthy by baking bread and making healthy sandwiches. We have started to learn how to undress and dress ourselves for PE. We have enjoyed exploring the outside area. We have started our number journey looking at numbers 1-5. A big achievement this term has been phonics and how amazing we are at remembering the sounds and reading the words. This is very much a joint partnership between home and school so please ensure you read regularly with your child.



Key Stage 1

This month in Key Stage 1 we have been reading our Core Story, Wild. We have role played the different characters, asked the characters questions, thought about the different feelings of the characters and re-written the story in our own words. In Maths, we have been focusing on Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. We have also been practicing counting forwards and backwards. In Art, we have used our sketching skills to draw detailed pictures of trees and have practiced shading. In Science, we have classified different animals and talked about their similarities and differences. We have also thought about how to stay clean and healthy in Health and Safety week by talking about hygiene and healthy eating. In Geography, we have been comparing towns and forests and made our own maps.



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.



Diary Dates:

Monday 31st October—School reopens for Autumn term 2

Tuesday 1st November—Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)

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

Monday 14th November—Tempest School Photography Individual Portraits / Odd Socks Day

Friday 18th November—BBC Children in Need Day

Wednesday 30th November—Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray) / KS1 watch Pantomime at Watton Junior School

Thursday 1st December—Reception Christmas Performance

Friday 2nd December—Reception Christmas Performance

Monday 5th December—Elephants, Parrots & Penguins Christmas Performance

Tuesday 6th December—Elephants, Parrots & Penguins Christmas Performance

Wednesday 7th December—Meerkats, Cheetahs & Giraffes Christmas Performance

Thursday 8th December—Meerkats, Cheetahs & Giraffes Christmas Performance

Tuesday 13th December—Nursery Christmas Performance

Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December—Class Christmas Parties & Special Visitor

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

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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 <https://corvuseducation.com/wattonwestfield/school-meals/> 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. PC 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 Hi-Vis Donation

Monkey Nursery pupils have recently received a donation of hi-vis kit bags from Barratt Homes to help them shine bright. The Norfolk housebuilder gave the school 35 bags for its pupils to use whilst walking to and from school, ensuring they can be easily seen on the roads as the darker nights draw in.

Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School is located near the homebuilder's Wayland Fields development in Watton off Thetford Road, and the donation of hi-vis bags came as part of Barratt Homes' outreach to the local community.



House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 1570

Delta (red) = 1758

Gamma (green) = 1856 *

Epsilon (yellow) = 1748



**Well done to
Cheetah Class who
have been above
our attendance
target for the whole
of October!**



Remember to bring a coat EVERY DAY. We spend a lot of time outside learning and exploring. If we are cold, we cannot focus and do our best learning. Thank you.

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