



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 31st March 2023

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:  
to express creativity***

### Easter Celebrations

We had a wonderful day on Thursday this week taking part in Easter workshops with Rev Adam from the Fountain of Life Church in Ashill, and Rev Dave from St Mary's Church in Watton. Each year group listened to the Easter story, explored the Bible and did a craft activity to make their own picture of the Cross. Early Years learnt, and KS1 performed, a special Easter song.

At lunchtime we all had a picnic lunch on the mats in the hall and the school kitchen made us some delicious Easter crispy cakes to enjoy.

Some of our classes have had their own Easter egg hunts and many of the children have made Easter cards.

However you decide to celebrate Easter at home, whether you are Christian, of a different faith, or none, we hope you have a lovely two week break and that we have some warmer spring weather for us to enjoy and look for new signs of life. **School closes today and reopens on Tuesday 18th April.**

### Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to those parents who responded to our parent survey. Here are some of the results:

96% of parents feel their child is safe at school

97% of parents feel that good behaviour is promoted in school

96% of parents say that the school leadership team promotes good values and equal opportunities

94% of parents like Class Dojo for communication

98% of parents say their child does their best at school

There were also some suggestions for areas parents feel the school could improve, including the parking situation outside school (this is unfortunately outside of our control but we will continue to encourage parents to park safely and legally with consideration to our neighbours), having more Open Afternoons (we are planning more dates for the summer term), and to bring back reading records (we will be doing this from September).

***Thank You  
for your Feedback!***



Our Trust merger is due to complete on 1st April. When we return to school after Easter we will be part of the Clarion Corvus Multi Academy Trust. We will still be known as Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School and the uniform will not change.



Well done again to **Koala class** with the **highest attendance in March**. This has been their 2nd month in a row! Let's see which class can be top next month!

### Staffing News

We are sad to say goodbye to **Ms Bainbridge**, Trust SENDCo, as she takes up a new role with the Local Authority. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. We are currently recruiting a new Trust SENDCo for the Clarion Corvus Primary Schools. The Assistant SENDCo for Watton Westfield is Miss Raine should you have any concerns about your child and additional needs.



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## Curriculum News

We have had a marvellous March learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

### Early Years



In Hedgehog Nursery this half term we have been reading the story Beautiful Bananas, We have learnt the names of jungle animals from the story, identified animals by their patterns and tasted new fruits. After Easter we will have a new core story called Jasper's Bean Stalk and we will also be learning about farms and the animals that live there.

In Monkeys this month we have been learning about our core-story 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been tasting the fruit from the story, creating sunset pictures with African animals, and acting out the story with puppets. In Maths we have been comparing the height, weight, and length of different objects and in phonics we have been learning about rhyming words. After Easter we will be learning all about spring and how plants grow.

In Reception this term we have been learning about Africa. The children created their own class fact files, completed lots of African art and have had a go at African drumming. We have also been experimenting during science week and have been making predictions and then finding out what happens. After Easter we will be starting a topic linked to growing and life cycles.



### Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 English lessons, we have been reading our Core Story, The Last Wolf. We have compared this version of Little Red Riding Hood with other alternative versions. We made predictions about what we thought would happen next when Little Red fell over in front of a wooden door. We compared two illustrations from the text which led to a discussion about deforestation and what we could do to stop this. We then wrote a letter to Little Red with our ideas on how to help the planet. We linked this with Geography and also made a poster about littering to help save the planet.

In Maths, we have been measuring different objects using centimetres. During our Time topic, Year 1 have learnt to tell the time to o'clock and half past, while Year 2 have also learnt quarter past and quarter to. Some Year 2 children have also learnt to tell the time in 5 minute intervals. We have also recapped some of our number skills by partitioning numbers, practicing number bonds and answering addition and subtraction questions.

In History, we learnt about Watton and how it has changed over time. In Art, we designed and made our own woodland animal out of clay. In Computing, we made a branching database to show whether an animal was a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. We then used our knowledge of different animals to write about different carnivores, herbivores and omnivores in our Science lessons. We also talked about the different parts of the body and our senses. In Music, we have been using instruments to make music inspired by different animals. In RE, we have been talking about Corvus Core Values and comparing these with Christian values.

Next half term, we will be thinking about hot and cold places and naming the continents. We will be linking this with our learning about different animals habitats. We will be learning about David Attenborough and his work with animals from all over the world. We will also be using our painting skills to create artwork on different animals from around the world.

## Diary Dates:

*Tuesday 18th April - School Reopens for Summer Term 1*

*Thursday 20th & Friday 21st April— Dance Workshops for all classes*

**Monday 1st May—School closed for May Day Bank Holiday**

*Tuesday 2nd May—KS1 SATS window opens*

*Wednesday 3rd May—Class Group Photos (Tempest Photography)*

*Friday 5th May—Street Party style celebration for the King's coronation*

**Monday 8th May—School closed for King's Coronation bank Holiday**

*Wednesday 10th May—Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2023 intake 1.30pm to 2.30pm*

*Monday 15th May—Reception Open Classrooms 2.30pm*

*Wednesday 24th May—Reception School Trip (details to follow)*

*Friday 26th May—School breaks up for half term holiday*

*Monday 5th June—School reopens for Summer term 2*

## House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 7737

Delta (red) = 8116

**Gamma (green) = 8550\***

Epsilon (yellow) = 7948



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