



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 21st July 2023

***This half term our Core Value is:  
to have aspirations and celebrate achievement***

### School's Out for Summer!

What a wonderful year we have had! Thank you to everyone who has helped us... parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors, volunteers and visitors... you are all amazing!

The children have worked really hard and made good progress. We are sad to see our Year 2 children leave but we have loved watching them grow and we know they are ready for their next adventure at junior school.

We hope you all have a well deserved lovely summer break. We look forward to seeing our new and returning children when we reopen on Wednesday 6th September.

Here is a round up of our last month this academic year and the fun and learning we enjoyed in July:

**Nursery:** In Hedgehog nursery this July we have been learning about People who Help Us. We have also visited our local library where we listened to a story. In Monkeys this month we have also been learning about People Who Help Us, such as dentists, the police, doctors and the fire-service. As part of our learning, we had an exciting visit from Mr Poole in his ambulance where the children got the chance to explore the different equipment paramedics use in an emergency. In Phonics the children have been learning to sound out and blend words orally and have done a brilliant job with this first step when learning how to read. In Maths the children have been securing their understanding of the numbers 1-5 and working out what comes before and after these numbers and solving number problems.

**Reception:** In Reception we have been spending July talking about and visiting Year One, we are so excited to start our new journeys! We have also been finishing our Billys Bucket work and doing lots of sea creature art.

**Key Stage 1:** This month we had outdoor learning week. We spent a lot of time making artwork in different creative ways; from large chalk mosques on the playground, weaving on our outside area fencing and creating artwork using natural resources.

We also participated in circus skills and the climbing wall, we really enjoyed these especially the circus skills. This month we also had sports day, luckily for us we were able to reschedule the races to a less rainy day.

Our school trip to High Lodge was a really exciting part of the month. We explored the woods, made natural artwork, participated in a sound walk through the forest and then practised our forest safety skills by den building.

In English we have been continuing with our core story the Bee Who Spoke. We have looked at flowers and what they needs to grow, planted our own seeds, and written instructions on how to plant and look after them. We have also completed a book review thinking about what we liked and disliked about the book. In Maths we have been recapping what we have learnt this year in shape and measures.



### Diary Dates

*Friday 21st July: School closes for summer holiday*

*Wednesday 6th September: School reopens for Autumn term 1 2022*

#### ***Nursery and Reception Times for the First Week of Term in September***

##### ***Wednesday 6th September:***

*Nursery: small groups for 1hr sessions at 9am, 10.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm as advised to parent by letter*

*Reception: Half classes (just children who came to Monkey class nursery) 8.40am to 11.30am*

##### ***Thursday 7th September:***

*Nursery: small groups for 2hr sessions at 9am and 1pm as advised to parent by letter*

*Reception: Half classes (just children who did not come to Monkey class nursery) 8.40am to 11.30am*

##### ***Friday 8th September:***

*Nursery: whole class for 3hrs from 8.30am and 12.30pm*

*Reception: all children 8.40am to 1.30pm*

##### ***Friday 9th September:***

*Monkey Nursery: whole class for 3hrs from 8.30am and 12.30pm*

*Reception: all children 8.40am to 1.45pm*

##### ***Monday 12th September:***

*All children full sessions from today*

**SMILE:** We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil in a Safe, Meaningful, Inclusive Learning Environment

## Summer Reading Challenge at Watton Library!

If you're looking for something for your little ones to get involved in during the holidays, Watton Library has got loads of fun and free events for kids going on at the library as part of the Summer Reading Challenge. It's a great opportunity for kids to think creatively, have fun and make friends over the Summer. The first event kicks off next Monday (24th July) with a sports-themed Lego challenge!

If you'd like see more info on the events or book a place, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/yj8ftcjt>



We know that the summer holiday can be a long time if you are struggling with things such as money worries, health concerns, housing problems or relationship issues etc. We will try and share links to support organisations parents can call on for help if required to our social media pages.

## Family Fun Night Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Family Fun Night, including the staff who worked hard behind the scenes to organise it and those who stayed late on the Friday to help. We made a profit of just over **£1500** which will help subsidise the cost of school trips for another year making them more accessible to all children!

## Corvus Creativity Award

Every year, one child is awarded the Corvus Award for Creativity to recognise exceptional talent and achievement in an artistic field.



Congratulations to **Octavian V** who won this year's award for his amazing design and construction skills making 3D models.



This YEAR's class with top attendance is:

## Koalas!



## Blenheim Trophy

The Blenheim Trophy was instituted in 1990 as an addition to the Memorial at RAF Watton dedicated to the airmen who lost their lives whilst operating out of Watton and Bodney during the Second World War. The trophy is presented each year to two students (one boy, one girl), nominated by fellow students, who have shown an **exceptional attitude towards life and the local community**. This year's nominations from their classmates are:

Cheetahs: Skyla M & Oscar H

Meerkats: Jasmine A & Joseph W

Elephants: Finley P & Amelie C

Giraffes: Marcel M & Sienna T

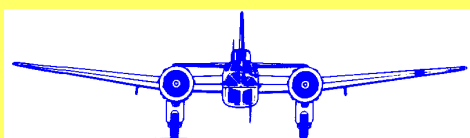
Parrots: Anastazja K & Max B

Penguins: Charlie K & Pola J



All the children voted from the shortlist for two overall winners for the award. Congratulations to

**Finley P & Amelie C - Blenheim Trophy Winners 2023**



## HOUSE POINTS

The winners this YEAR with the most house points are...

Delta: 12060

Epsilon: 11907

**Gamma: 12679**

Beta: 11565

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## Staffing News

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Southward as she starts her retirement this summer. Mrs Southward has worked at Westfield for 14 years, and with children for much longer! She has a marvellous way of bringing out the best in pupils (and staff!) with her nurturing manner. We will all miss her and wish her a long and happy retirement. We are sure she will come back and visit!

In September we will be welcoming some new faces to the team: Miss Ayres, Miss Brant and Mrs Stevenson to our teaching staff; Mrs Thompson, Miss Fielding and Mrs Holliday as teaching assistants; and Mrs Branson to our admin team.

Mrs Best will also join the Trust in September as the SENDCo over all Clarion Corvus Primary Schools. Miss Raine continues to be Assistant SENDCo for Watton Westfield.



## Forest Schools Reward Afternoon

Every time a child reaches GOLD on the classroom behaviour ladder, they not only get a sticker and praise from a senior teacher, they also get a raffle ticket to go into a draw for a place in a Forest Schools reward afternoon at the end of each term!

On Monday, six lucky winners joined Mrs Stratton and Mrs Haynes, for an afternoon of tree climbing, den building, hammock swinging and lots of natural art!

Who will be the winners next term?



## Summer Safety

Whether at home or out and about over summer, remember to keep your child safe and teach them how to call for help if needed.



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Regular School Attendance and Parent's Legal Responsibilities**

At Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery School our aim is to collaborate with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This letter is to remind all parents about the law that requires them to ensure that their child attends school regularly. The Government is very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

## **The important legal information**

The Local Authority operates a system where any pupil with at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within 6 school weeks meets the criteria for legal intervention. The intervention could be in the form of a fixed penalty notice. Any pupil at Watton Westfield Infant & Nursery School who meets that criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

If issued, the penalty notice is £60 when paid within the 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. When penalty notices are issued, each parent will receive one per child. Therefore, each parent could receive multiple notices if they have more than one child who has been absent. Failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken.

There is no right of appeal against a fixed penalty notice.

In some circumstances, the Norfolk County Council Attendance Team may choose not to issue a penalty notice and may instead choose to prosecute a parent under the Education Act 1996 S444.

## **Requests for leave of absence**

The DfE advises all schools that they should only grant a leave of absence during term time in exceptional circumstances, considering each request on a case-by-case basis. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school. Although we recognise the value and benefits of family holidays, it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for a family holiday during term time as they would not typically be seen as an exceptional circumstance.

If the school does not receive a request for leave, we will be unable to consider your individual circumstances and the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Headteachers are not obligated to reconsider authorising leave if an application was not made in advance.

I hope we can count on your support in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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