



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Wednesday 20th December 2023

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



Curriculum News

Nursery:

In Hedgehog nursery in December we have been very busy! We continued learning all about colours and then started all things Christmas. We have made Christmas crafts and decorations for the tree. We decorated the class Christmas tree and watched the schools performances. We are taking part in our own singing concert in front of our grown ups and have taken part in the Polar Express Curriculum day too.

In Monkeys we have been acting out 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' with lots of actions and noises and role-playing 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. With this we have learnt how to make repeating patterns and to recognise 2-D shapes. Next half-term we will be focusing on learning all about the Polar Regions and who lives there.

Reception:

This month Reception have been getting into the festive spirit. The children made us all very proud with their wonderful nativity! We have been working hard in Phonics to consolidate the sounds we have learnt and use these to blend and segment. We have also been working hard in maths and ensuring we have a really good understanding of the numbers 1-5. In January we are learning about snow and ice and would like all parents to send us a photo via dojo of their child playing in the snow!

Key Stage 1:

In Key Stage 1 we have finished reading our core story Traction Man is Here. We made our own comic books; The Further Adventures of Traction man. We have been learning the songs for our Fireside Nativity and were so excited to perform to our families. In Maths we have continued looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes. We had a special assembly from Reverend Dave and Adam and completed some Nativity activities with them. For our Polar express Curriculum day, we are going to be writing a class poem and completing some activities based on the movie.

Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change. See Class Dojo for updates. Thank you.

Thursday 4th January—School Reopens for Spring Term 1

Thursday 1st February—Height & Weight Checks for Reception Children (National Child Measurement Programme)

Friday 16th February—School breaks up for Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th February—School Reopens for Spring Term 2

Friday 1st March—Bug Busters

Monday 4th March—Book Week

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character)

Monday 11th March—Science Week

Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day for Comic Relief & Mid-year Reports sent home

Wednesday 27th March—School breaks up for Easter Holiday

We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you when we reopen on Thursday 4th January.

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

Reading for Pleasure

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our collections at our Christmas performances towards new and exciting books to help encourage our children to read for pleasure. Reading underpins the whole curriculum and is a vital life skill. We cannot overestimate just how important it is.

Across both Watton Westfield and Watton Junior School we have raised £760.87!

You are amazing!



Please remember to name all of your children's uniform and any belongings they bring to school such as water bottles and lunch boxes. It is much easier to return items which are mislaid if they are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Water bottles should contain water only, not squash or juice please. The children are happy to drink water when we ask them and have it at lunchtime without a fuss.

Thank you for your donations of clean second hand children's clothes, toddler size nappies, wipes and toiletries. We will gladly accept these to help out families who may be in need.

If you find yourself in difficulty, please speak with us in confidence so we can see if we can help or signpost you to other support which may be available.

Volunteer Reading Partners Wanted

Can you spare an afternoon a week to come and listen to the children read? We are looking for reading partners who would be assigned to a class and come at the same time every week on a regular basis. You would need a DBS check which we would arrange and pay for. Please come and speak to the office if you are interested. Thank you!



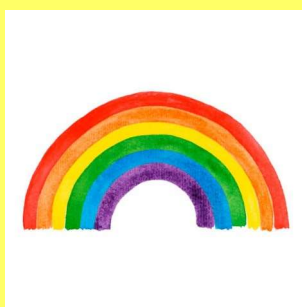
This class with top attendance this month is: **Parrots!**



News from the Rainbow Room

In the Rainbow room this month our Thrive, Young Carers and Little Troops groups have been having fun using paint sticks and neon paints to make Christmas baubles to decorate the school and a huge 4 metre high Neon Tree to welcome everyone who visits the Rainbow Room. We have also been creating our own individual Christmas trees with cut out presents and decorations. Look out for our colourful art projects next term inspired by The Colour Monster books written by Anna Llenas.

Everyone from the Rainbow Room would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



HOUSE POINTS

So far this academic year...

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Epsilon: 4584

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Beta: 4553

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