



## Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024

***This half term our Core Value is:  
to be caring towards individuals and the environment***

### Curriculum News

#### **Nursery:**

In Hedgehog Nursery in April we have been learning about spring. We have gone on a signs of spring walk around the school grounds, drawn our own spring flowers, learnt the names of spring baby animals and planted our own sunflower to learn how to care for plants. In May we will be reading the story *Incy Wincy Spider* and learning all about mini beasts and farms. Hedgehog children will also be taking part in Sports Day in May.



This month in Monkey Class we have also been exploring spring, looking at the changes we have seen taking place. The children have loved going to the woods to look for signs of spring and planting seeds and watching them grow. We have also started our new core story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and as part of this we have our very own caterpillars and we are watching how they grow and change. In Phonics we have started identifying the initial sounds we can hear in words and we will be continue practicing this for the rest of the half term.

#### **Reception:**

Reception have been very creative this half term! We are enjoying using all the resources we can find to make wonderful creations and are very excited to start writing stories about these creations. The children have continued to work hard in Phonics lessons and are gaining confidence everyday with using digraphs and trigraphs in their reading and writing. In Maths we have started to look at teen numbers, we will start by recognising these numbers and then think about how to build them i.e  $13 = 10 + 3$ . We will also be practising for sports day in PE lessons and can't wait to show our parents what we have been doing.



#### **Key Stage 1:**

In KS1 we have been reading our new core story, *The Secret of Black Rock*. So far we have written letters of advice, created a scale of intensity and began to re-write the events of the story so far. In Maths Year 1 have started multiplication and division and have been learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Year 2 have begun fractions, we have learnt about halves, quarters and thirds of a shape and a number. In our topic lessons we have been completing Computing weekly, this half-term we are doing photography. We will learn how to take a good photo and how to edit a photo to make it better. In Science we have been learning about seasonal changes and the difference between evergreen trees and deciduous trees. In History we have looked at the seaside and how this has changed over a number of years. In Geography we have learnt about human and physical features and created a map of a town. In PE we have begun practicing for sports day!



### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 29th April—Passport Day**

**Wednesday 1st May—Class Group and Yr2  
Year Group Photographs**

**Thursday 2nd May—Bag2School Textile  
Collection 7.30am to 9am / Family Maths  
9.15am at Youth Centre, Harvey Street**

**Monday 6th May—School closed for May  
Day Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 14th May—KS1 visit to St. Mary's  
Church, Watton**

**Wednesday 15th May—Nursery Open  
Afternoon for September 2024 intake / KS1  
visit to St. Mary's Church, Watton**

**Tuesday 21st May—KS1 Sports Day  
1.45pm prompt**

**Thursday 23rd May—Reception Sports Day  
1.45pm prompt**

**Friday 24th May—Nursery Sports Day 2pm  
prompt/ School Closes for Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 3rd June—School Reopens for  
Summer Term 2**

**Tuesday 4th June—Welcome Meetings for  
September 2024 Reception Intake Parents  
at 9.15am and 4.30pm**

**Wednesday 5th June—Reception Visit to  
the Dinosaur Park / Mental Health Support  
Team transition meeting for Yr2 parents at  
2.15pm**

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

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## Sports Days

This year our Sports Days will be in May. We hope this will help avoid the hottest weather of the summer and also ease some of the busiest weeks towards the end of the academic year.

Families are very welcome to join us at the following times.

**Key Stage 1: Tuesday 21st May—Gates open at 1.45pm**

**Reception: Thursday 23rd May—Gates open at 1.45pm**

**Nursery: Friday 24th May—Gates open at 2pm**



Please be prompt as the gates will be relocked for security after 5 minutes and we cannot guarantee that latecomers can be admitted as staff need to be with the children. You are very welcome to bring camping chairs or blankets to sit on, but please do not smoke, vape or use offensive language on school site. Dogs are not permitted except registered assistance animals. Rubbish must be taken home afterwards. No alcohol or glass bottles allowed on site. Photography is allowed but please focus on your own child only and do not share any images or videos taken on school site online. If you leave early you will not be able to be readmitted. If you have a genuine emergency, please speak to a member of staff who will be pleased to help. Thank you for your support and understanding to keep all of our children safe.

## Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent survey. Out of those who responded:

**89% agree good behaviour is promoted by the school**

**87% agree the school is managed well and communication is good**



## Class Photos

Tempest Photography are coming to take class photos of every class and a year group photo of Yr2 next **Wednesday, 1st May**. Children can only be included with parental consent, so if your child's teacher contacts you to check, please respond as soon as possible. You will be sent an email proof of the photo with the option to buy online. Thank you.



## Passport Day

A reminder it is Passport Day on **Monday, 29th April!** We will have a virtual tour of different countries around the world!



Children can wear cultural dress or the colours of a flag, but no football kits please. We will also have a themed menu. Full details on Class Dojo.



This class with top attendance this month is: **Elephants with 96.51%**



## Warmer Weather

We are all hoping the weather starts to improve!

Please make sure your child is safe in the sun by always having a water bottle in school to stay hydrated and a wide brimmed sunhat to protect their face and neck. Please apply a high SPF (minimum 30+) sunscreen before school. Your child may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school to top-up at lunchtime.



## Bag2School Collection

We have a Bag2School textile collection next **Thursday, 2nd May**. Please consider this if you are sorting out any old clothes you or your family no longer need. Full details about what can and cannot be donated will be shared on Class Dojo. Bags can be dropped off under the bike shelter on Thursday morning between 7.30am and 9am only. Thank you.



## HOUSE POINTS

So far this academic year...

Delta: 11,628

Epsilon: 11,525

**Gamma: 11,695**

Beta: 11,047

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