

# Waterside News

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## Headteachers Message

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term. It is wonderful to have all the children back after the Easter break. Spring is finally here, and we very much welcome the longer days and lighter nights. We are only 2 weeks into the term and already it has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of high-quality learning experiences taking place every day.

As the new term stretches ahead of us, we will keep you updated with all of the events that will take place including the King's Coronation, National Testing, Sports Events and Productions.

This half term Year 6 will be completing their National Testing. These will take place from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. There will be a breakfast club for Year 6 on these days from 8.30am to help settle their nerves before each test and ensure a good start to the day.

Year 2 will be completing their National Testing on week beginning 22nd May. They will be tested in reading, maths and spelling, grammar and punctuation in small groups throughout the week. Miss Smith will be sending out additional information to you via class dojo.

At Waterside we continue to pride ourselves in the after-school enrichment clubs that we offer. This week we have seen these restart with yoga, singing, dancing, funky fingers and many more. It has been a pleasure to watch the children join in with these activities this week. We do still have places available for some clubs. If you would like to know more, please message your class teacher.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. Willis

(Head of School)



## KING CHARLES III CORONATION

To mark the coronation of King Charles III Waterside will be commemorating this event on Friday 5th May. The children have been asked to decorate a crown for our 'Crown Parade'; we will be hosting a Coronation party on the Friday in the afternoon for the children; some children have been chosen to decorate plates at Emma Bridgewater and we will be selling our pupil designed coronation tea towels. All of the above information has been sent out via class dojo. If you do have any questions, please do send your child's class teacher a message.



### Message from Miss Bickerton Dean (KS1 Lead)

What a fantastic start to the Summer Term it has been so far! I am exceptionally proud of each and every one of the children in Key Stage One; they have all returned to school with a fantastic positive attitude to learning and their behaviour has been exceptional with most classes getting 100% on their class's dojo. When popping into each of the classes it has been wonderful to see so many of the children working with increased independence and confidence as well as being so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. Year 1's reading fluency has gone from strength to strength and later this half term, the children will complete their phonics screening check, where they will apply all their phonics knowledge into reading a number of given words. Year 2 have also been challenging themselves in their learning using the skills they have learned this year. Year 2 will complete their Key Stage One SATS at the end of Summer Term 1 where they will answer a number of questions linked to their learning so far in the CORE subjects. More information regarding these will be sent out by your child's class teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Key Stage One Team for their continued hard work, passion, commitment and drive to inspire the children they teach day in day out, it is appreciated immensely. We are so lucky to have such wonderful staff, just as we are to have the most incredible children and parental support here at Waterside. As always, I would like to thank you as parents, once again for your continued support both at home and in school, we really do have a fantastic school community.



### Message from Miss Cooke (UKS2 Lead)

Hello! I am Miss Cooke, and I am the Phase Leader of Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 and 6). I have worked at Waterside for over seven years and in Key Stage Two for the majority of this time. Having worked as a teacher in secondary schools previously, I know the exciting times that lie ahead for our children and how bright their futures will be. I am very fortunate to be able to work with our eldest children within school - to see them flourish as role models as they enjoy their last years with us, and to assist them in preparation for life after Waterside. I am always very proud of our phase and all of the outstanding accomplishments we achieve every single day. Over the last fortnight, Year 5 have been amazing us with their efforts in their lessons. In particular, Mrs Edwards and Mr Grocott have spotted children excelling in their Computing topic, 'Coding'. Maybe you could teach me a thing or two! Narwhals and Dolphins have also been working hard in Maths and the tricky topic of decimals. This is fantastic to hear, and we are very proud of you, Year 5! In Year 6, children have continued to thrive in their citizenship roles across school, helping in other classes, working with younger children and keeping our school tidy. Year 6 have also been studying hard in preparation for their SATs testing, showing the Waterside value of courage and being determined to be the best that they can be.

Keep up the positive attitude, UKS2!



### Help with Learning

If you require any support with learning, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

### Help with Behaviour

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak with the class teacher or your child's Phase leader.

### Help with Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these immediately with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke)

### Help with online safety

If you would like information on how to ensure your child is safe online, please contact Mrs. Twigg or Mr. Grocott.