

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

Welcome back!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Spring or Easter break. In the break some of our families celebrated Easter and this week some of our families celebrated Eid. It is always great to hear the children talk about their different celebrations, sharing their family traditions, and showing tolerance towards one another.

We are now in our final term of the Year and one of my favourite times, where we get to see how much progress the children have made academically and personally, and the warmer weather always helps too.

Events/Trips and Visits

The Summer Term is always very busy with trips and visits, events and end of year productions and assemblies. You will find in this newsletter an overview of the events that are scheduled. Some trips and visits are yet to be confirmed so I will get these to you as soon as possible.

We are hoping by the end of the academic Year to get out to you all the events for the Year 24/25 so that you have these with plenty of notice. This is something that we have heard from parent feedback that you would like.

Enrichment

This term's clubs offer should have come out this evening to you. It is our aim to offer a wide variety of opportunities to all pupils over the year. Our school parliament are key in bringing to the senior leadership team the pupil voice.

You will notice that there are for Year 3-6 3 clubs around the KS2 production. Not all children enjoy singing, acting and dancing, so this year we are trialing this as an after-school club after listening to the pupils. If your child is unable to attend the club on a Wednesday but would still like to be a part of the production, then can you please let your child's class teacher know.

Next week, Staff have training on Monday, so school is closed to children.

Mrs. Willis



PSFA

Parent Engagement

Pre-covid at Waterside we had an established PSFA. The PSFA is a voluntary organisation of parents who wish to support the school in developing community events and the role of the PSFA is to raise money for equipment and resources that will enhance our children's educational experience and the schools' facilities.

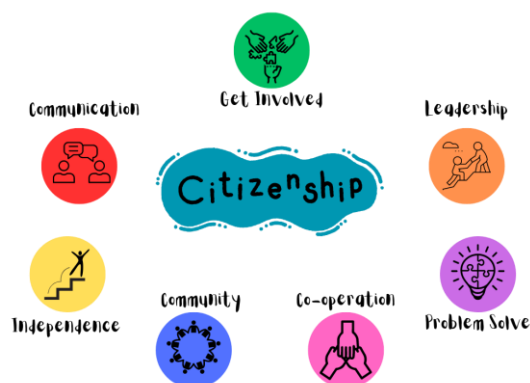
Next week, On Thursday, Mrs Acar and Miss Williams will be holding a meeting for any parent who wishes to join the PSFA or learn more about the work that it will entail.

Communication

Class dojo is a great way for the class teachers to communicate with parents and share learning that takes place in school. We are finding though that we are receiving an increase in messages in the evening and weekend. Please feel free to message during this time but please be aware that from 4.30pm - 8am and at weekends, class dojo for all staff will be in quiet hours. This means that staff will not be expected to respond during this time.

If you have an urgent message during the school day that you need to get to the class teacher, can we please ask that you call the office, as teachers and TAs are teaching and may not always pick up the message until break times.

If you do need to see your child's class teacher, please do arrange an appointment with them and they will be more than happy to help you.



Citizenship

At Waterside we believe that developing personal skills such as communication and leadership are vital for children in our ever-developing world. Our Citizenship programme has been implemented to support children in developing these skills and becoming active citizens in their community. Last term we sent home the citizenship program. At the end of the term, we will be giving out the Citizenship awards to those pupils who have completed the programme in their year group. If your child takes part in any of their activities, please do send in photos so that we can evidence this.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER

- 15.04.24: INSET DAY
18.04.24: Y2 Assembly
22.04.24: Y3 Clip 'n Climb
22.04.24: Enrichment and Interventions Begin
25.04.24: Y1 Assembly
- 03.05.24: Nursery Come and Play
06.05.24: Bank Holiday
10.05.24: Reception Come and Play
13.05.24 – 16.05.24: Y6 SATS
13.05.24 – 23.05.24: Y2 SATS
17.05.24: Reception Come and Play
18.05.24: Singing Superstars Trentham Gardens Performance
27.05.24 – 31.05.24: Half Term
- 03.06.24/14.06.24: Y3 Farm Visit
10.06.24-14.06.24: Y1 Phonics Screening
10.06.24-14.06.24: Y4 MTC
24.06.24: Sports and wellbeing Week
- 08.07.24: Enrichment Day
10.07.24: KS2 Production (Morning and Evening)
11.07.24: KS2 Production (Afternoon)
12.07.24: Reports to Parents
16.07.24: Disco
17.07.24: Reception Graduation (AM)
17.07.24: Rewards Evening
19.07.24: Year 6 Leavers (PM)



Fundraising Event

Miss Barnard, who is one of our Year 3 teachers, will be running her first ever marathon in Leeds Next Month. She will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to make a donation, please see the link below to her just giving page

[Charlotte Barnard is fundraising for Alzheimer's Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Charlotte-Barnard-Alzheimer-s-Society)

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. Murray or Mr. Grocott.