

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

It has been a busy few weeks in school, and unfortunately, many of us have caught the dreadful flu virus that is going around. We have seen an increase in attendance the past week though so we are hoping that we have gotten over the worse of it.

Over the past two weeks, we have seen many events take place in school including Christmas Jumper Day where we raised, £468, and this week we have had our Winter disco, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Singing Superstars have been out and about this week, visiting a care home and the hospital to sing Christmas songs and spread the Christmas cheer. Next term they will also be attending a local concert. If your child would like to join then please ensure you add it to your enrichment letter next half term when our enrichment clubs start again.

Next week, we have our Early Years Nativity and Our Key Stage 1 production called Eddie the Penguin saves the world. I am very much looking forward to seeing these – I am managed a few sneaky peeks into the hall during rehearsals and the children sound amazing.

Next week, is our final week of the Autumn Term before the 2 week break. Please remember that Monday 8th January is an INSET day so children will return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Mrs. Willis





STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Milani
 Ducks – Ilyana
 Swans – Ayah-Noor
 Seals – Sara
 Penguins – Harry
 Puffins – Bruce
 Turtles – Jocelyn
 Jellyfish – Gloria
 Narwhals – Rugesh
 Dolphins – Zaem
 Whales – David



Value Award



Ducklings – Owais
 Ducks – Nataly
 Swans – Aliya
 Seals – Roula
 Penguins – Hasnain
 Puffins – Iqra
 Turtles – Muharrem
 Jellyfish – Chimaobi
 Narwhals –Shania
 Dolphins – Raza
 Whales – Freya



Attendance Matters



Week 14

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	94.4%	91.7%	98.7%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	94%	98%	97.3%	97.3%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	98.4%	96%	93.3%	94.2%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	94.7%	85.5%	94.5%	94.7%

School Target 97%

Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) – 94.8%

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Swans

Seagulls

Turtles

Turtles

Dolphins & Sharks



EYFS/KS1 Productions

We look forward to seeing you all next week to share with you're the a version of the Nativity story and a production about Climate change. Please ensure that you arrive 10 minutes before the show to find a seat. We ask that mobile phones are turned off during the performance. No entry will be granted if you have not got a ticket.

All admissions require a ticket including younger children.



Attendance

We have been receiving numerous amounts of requests for special leave requests. Please note that all requests will be reviewed by the Headteacher and meetings arrange to discuss the request. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time as per policy.

Enrichment Offer

Next half term we will begin our Enrichment clubs for the Spring term. Letters will be going out on the first Tuesday back. Clubs are on a first come, first serve basis so please make sure you fill them in and bring them back.

Academy Council

Due to the resignation of one of our school council members we currently have a vacancies for a parent councillor. If you are interested in this role could you please email your interest into

head@wps.set.org.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN

19.12.23 – 21.12.23 – EYFS/KS1 Production

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 1

08.01.24 – INSET Day

09.01.24 – Start of Spring 1

23.01.24 – Y2 Parent consultation

25.01.24 – Y6 Parent consultation

30.01.24 – Reception Parent consultation

01.02.24 – Y1 Parent consultation

05.02.24 – Mental Health Week

06.02.24 – Y4 Parent Consultation

07.02.24 – FILM NIGHT

08.02.24 – Y3 Parent Consultation

09.02.24 – HALF TERM

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.