

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I am thrilled to share some wonderful updates as we wrap up our first full week of the term here at Waterside Primary School.

It has been an absolutely fantastic start! The children have settled in wonderfully and their positive attitudes towards learning have been truly heart-warming. During this week's learning walk, it was clear to see the sharp focus and enthusiasm the children are already showing towards their learning. We have begun to use an app called Showbie on the iPads and the children have used this, this week to aid their learning. We will continue to focus this year on using digital technologies to support and enhance our curriculum.

We were honoured to have a visit from the Shaw Trust this week. They were highly impressed with the impeccable manners of our pupils and the vibrant, positive environment of our school. It truly highlighted the respectful and welcoming nature of our school community.

As always, we emphasise the importance of attending school every day. Regular attendance is key to the children's success and consistency in their learning journey. Let's continue to encourage our children to be present and engaged every single day.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend ahead!

Mrs. Willis

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 Morray or Mr. Grocott.



It has been lovely to welcome back our previous Nursery children as they begin the new academic year in Reception and to have many new children join our Early Years Foundation Stage in Nursery and Reception to become part of our Waterside Family. I hope you all had a fantastic summer break with family and friends.

I am Mrs Morray and I am part of the Strategic Leadership team as Assistant Headteacher of Pastoral and the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader. I have worked at Waterside for over ten years and have taught within all classes in the Early Years and I am currently teaching in Year One. My role of Early Years Foundation Stage leader means I spend a lot of time working with the staff and children in Nursery and Reception supporting with teaching and learning, behaviour and the environment and provision.

In our Early Years we offer the children the opportunity to work collaboratively and independently to develop life long skills which they can continue to use daily. Our challenging and creative curriculum allows our children to offer insight into what they already know and questions they wish to explore to ensure that every child makes the best progress they can to achieve great things.

The children have only done eight school days and I am so proud of how well every child has settled into their new classes in such a short period of time. The children have been learning the new routines in their classes and making new relationships with both staff and friends and doing so with big smiles on their faces.



Waterside provides itself on maintaining strong family and community links, with every member of staff committed to providing a safe, happy, healthy and stimulating learning environment in which children of all abilities can learn and develop to the best of their ability.

If you have any questions surrounding your child or wish to discuss ways to support your child you can contact your child's class teacher on class dojo. Alternatively I can also be contacted via your child's class dojo account or you can also telephone the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.



Key Stage 1



Hi, I am Miss Bickerton-Dean and I am the Phase Leader for Key Stage One. This includes the children in both Year 1 and Year 2 Classes. I have had the pleasure of teaching at Waterside Primary school now for 12 years, joining the school back in 2012. During this time, I have taught a range of classes from Nursery to Year 2, however most of my experience has been working within both Year 1 and Year 2. As Phase Leader keeping open communication between parents and school is extremely important to me in ensuring the best for all pupils. Therefore, should you have anything you wish to discuss regarding your child you can contact me directly via Class Dojo or alternatively arrange an appointment with the office.



As part of my role as Phase Leader I will spend time popping into the classes, speaking to the children and seeing the wonderful learning that has been taking place. As we have welcomed the children back to school, I have been incredibly proud of how well they have settled into their new classes, adapting to new routines and expectations. It has also been so wonderful to see how smart all the children have looked. Please make sure all uniform is named so that the children don't misplace items. I know how frustrating it is when uniform is lost!



The Classes in Key Stage 1 are Year 1 Seals and Sealions and Year 2 Penguins and Puffins. Here is just some of the amazing work that has been captured in their classes this week. To see more of the work taking place in their classes be sure to visit their class blogs via the school website!



Lower Key Stage 2



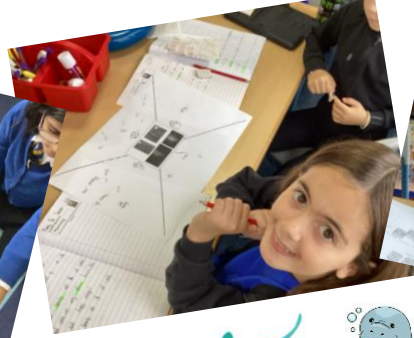
Hi, I'm Miss Smith and I am the Phase Leader for Lower Key Stage 2. This year will be my ninth year at the school where I've had the pleasure of teaching in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 during the years. I am also Writing Lead, including Grammar and Spelling across the school. As Phase Leader, I am keen to ensure all children are coming to school feeling happy and ready to learn and so if you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me via dojo. I'm very much looking forward to seeing how the children progress in Lower Key Stage 2 and getting to know all of you as families of the school.



My favourite part of the role is being able to spend time in the children's classrooms, seeing the amazing learning they are taking part in. During the first few days back at school I've been impressed by the children's attitudes to their learning and new routines. Your child's class teacher will be uploading an overview every half term to inform you of what they're learning about as well as a weekly overview to keep you up to date.



The Classes in LKS2 are Year 3 Turtles and Jellyfish and Year 4 Manatees and Stingrays. Here are some learning moments that have been captured already this academic year. Please remember to check your child's dojo story and class blog for more photographs



Upper Key Stage 2



Hello everyone, I'm Miss Cooke and I am the Phase Leader for Upper Key Stage 2. I have been a member of staff at Waterside for almost a decade, spending four of those years teaching in Year 6. As part of my role at Waterside, I am also Reading, Music and Dance Lead; three subjects I absolutely love, having studied them myself at college and university too. I'm looking forward to starting Dance club as part of our after-school clubs and preparing for our yearly performance at the Victoria Hall!

As Phase Leader, I am here to ensure that we all feel ready, respectful and safe at school, so if you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact me via dojo.



We have had a wonderful first two weeks back in school, and I have been amazed how our Year 5 and 6 children have matured over the six-week holidays. There has been a buzz of excitement around the phase as we prepare for our ministerial elections for school parliament, and we can't wait to find out the results of our democratic vote!



Here are some learning moments that have been captured already this academic year in Dolphins, Narwhals, Whales and Sharks classes. Remember to check your child's dojo story and class blog for more insight into their daily learning, including overviews of the week and half term which will be shared by class teachers.

