

# Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

Academic Year 2023/24 – September 2023 – Issue 1



## Headteachers Message

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We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Our 'Welcome Week' has been all about settling the children back into school and our routines, and building those ever so important relationships with their peers and teachers.

The children have spent time focusing on belonging and togetherness and have begun to delve into their curriculum. We are all looking forward to watching each child develop and grow over the year.

Over the Summer, work was completed on the EYFS outdoor area. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their new area to promote outdoor learning. Over the next half term, work will begin on the KS1 and KS2 yard and the field where we will be having new shelters, a running track and some new equipment. We can not wait for it all to be completed and officially opened.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, it is set to be warm and sunny.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs. Willis  
(Head of School)





## Meet the School Leadership Team:

As we welcome back our existing families, I would like to take this time to welcome to Waterside our new parents and pupils, and introduce you to the leadership team. Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any concerns or questions.



Mrs Willis  
Interim Head of School



Mrs King  
Executive Headteacher



Mrs Rathbone  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Bickerton Dean  
KS1 Lead



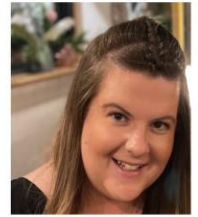
Miss Smith  
LKS2 Lead



Ms Cooke  
UKS2 Lead



Miss Williams  
Curriculum Lead



Mrs Joinson-Spencer  
Inclusion Lead (SENDCo)

## Meet the Safeguarding team:

The safeguarding team are a dedicated team who ensure that those under their care are protected from harm inside and outside of school. We promote and are champions for developing the whole school ethos of safeguarding across school. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke Safeguarding).



Mrs Willis  
DSL



Mrs Twig  
DDSL



Miss Roberts



Miss Roberts



Miss Joinson-Spencer  
(SEND)



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN 1

Please see below some important dates for Autumn . More information regarding each event will be sent out separately.

- 12.09.23 – Y2 and Y6 Meet the teacher
- 13.09.23 – Y1 and Y1 Meet the teacher
- 14.09.23 – Y3 and Y5 Meet the teacher
- 15.09.23 – Reception and Nursery Meet the teacher
  
- WB 25.09.23 – Enrichment Clubs to begin (10 weeks)
- 25.09.23 – Timetable Rockstar Launch Day
- WB 2.10.23 – Harvest Donations Collected
  
- 10.10.23 – Y2 Parent Consultations
- 12.10.23 – Y6 Parent Consultations
- 16.10.23 – Y5 Bikeability
- 17.10.23 – Reception Parent Consultations
- 19.10.23 – Y1 Parent Consultations
- 24.10.23 – Y3 Parent Consultations
- 25.10.23 – Y6 Bikeability
- 25.10.23 – Film Night
- 26.10.23 – Y6 Bikeability
- 26.10.23 – Y4 Parent Consultation

## **Lunches**

Please remember to pay the school office via school money for school lunches, which should be done a week in advance to avoid outstanding money collecting. If you would like to change your child from school lunches to packed lunches or vice versa please inform the office a week before so the kitchen can be notified.

## **Attendance**

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. To ensure we track attendance closely, in line with our safeguarding procedures, we will track attendance on a rolling year, taking into account the attendance of every child from last year as well as their current attendance for this academic year.

## **PE uniform**

After consultation regarding PE kits with staff, parents and pupils, we have decided at Waterside to remain with allowing children to wear their PE uniform on the day that their PE lesson takes place. We will trial this in the first instance, review and amend the policy as required. Next week a letter will be coming home explain what PE uniform is required. As this will form a part of the children's uniform, children will be expected to wear the correct kit on those days.

### **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.