



# Waterside Weekly

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams



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## Dear Parents and Carers

Some of you may be aware that the 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February is the UK's Children's Mental Health Week. Place2Be is a registered charity which has (for over 25 years) been supporting and promoting children's positive mental health and well-being. This year, here at Waterside, we will be engaging with their initiative to encourage and promote healthy connections:

### Children's Mental Health Week

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2be are encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

**Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections.

People thrive in communities. This connection is vital for our wellbeing! When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support and create positive mental health and enhance our sense of wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week there will be no 'in hall' celebration assembly on Monday. Instead the children will have an 'in class' assembly on Mental Health.

The theme is **Let's connect** and we will look at how we can connect through singing and dancing. Following this all year groups will have a 1hr slot in the hall where they will learn some dance moves to support and develop their understanding of this vitally important issue.

We will also be engaging in some street dance sessions with Urban Strides; focussing on positive mental health and well-being. We know the children will get so much out of this!



Day	9.00 – 10.00	10.00- 11.00
M	Year 1	
T	Year 2	Year 6 (PM)
W	Year 3	Year 5
T	Year 4	
F	EIFS	



We believe that positive mental health and well-being is strongly promoted through our whole school values.

During the next two weeks, as this very short half term draws to a close, we will be continuing to focus on **Determination**.

Do ask your children what determination is to them and how they are able to demonstrate this across all aspects of their life experience!

Share with them times when you, like them, have needed to practise determination and see if you can inspire them, and each other, through your words and actions!



Our Vision and Values

Value	Rule
Respect	We always show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
Excellence	We always do our very best.
Friendship	We always follow our friendship code.
Courage	We always tackle challenges and try being brave.
Determination	We are determined to get our school to outstanding
Inspirational	We will always be good role models to inspire our school.
Equality	We are always fair and value every individual.



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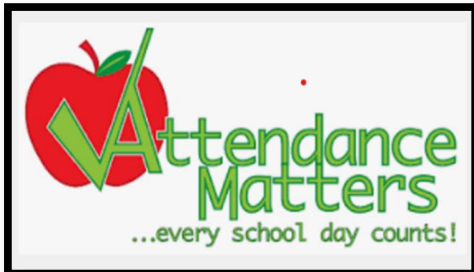


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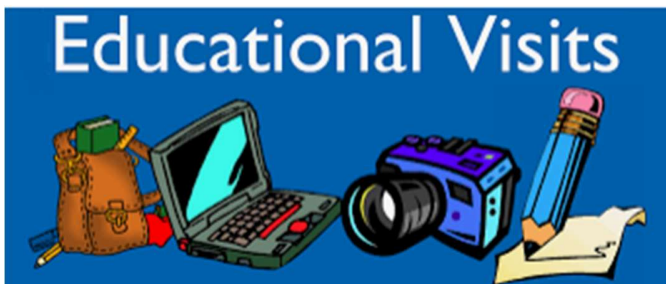
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***This week the class with the highest attendance was Whales with 100% - You can't really get much better than that!!! Congratulations Whales!!***

***However, our overall attendance for the academic year so far is still only 93.9%.***

***We still have a way to go to meet our target of above 97% by the end of the academic year. I am certain that with your support we will get there!***

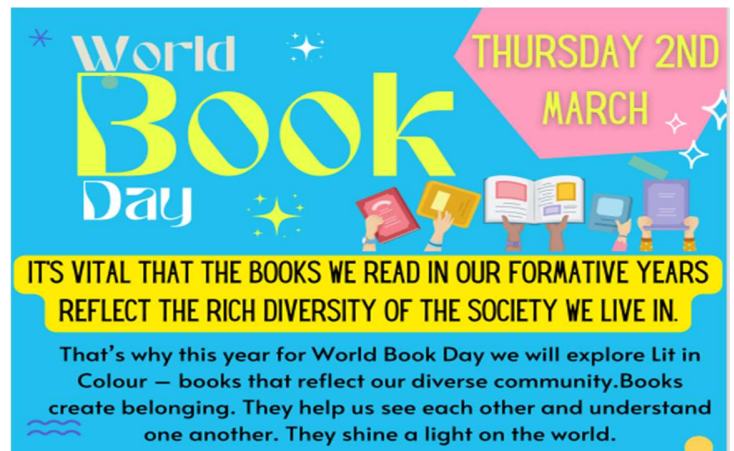


### Curriculum Events, Trips and Visits!

As always, we have lots of fantastic curriculum events going ahead again this term. There are too many to post on our Newsletter...so please ensure you keep up to date with these via Class Dojo, the parent text service and, of course, our class blogs...

An early reminder that straight after the half term break, we will be joining the rest of the UK ...and the world... in celebrating World Book Day!

Please look out for the flyer on Class Dojo which will have all the information you need for your child's involvement which I am sure will be a very successful day indeed!



#### Help with Learning

Book a time slot with the class teacher.

You can also use Class Dojo or 'contact us' on the class pages of the website.

#### Help with Behaviour

Book a time slot with the class teacher if it is about your child.

At school we do not tolerate unkind behaviour.

If you are still concerned please book an appointment with the DHT or Headteacher.

#### Help with Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

Come immediately to see:

Mrs King (Principal)  
or Mrs Willis (Deputy Headteacher)  
01782 235100 (Stoke)

#### Online Safety

Online safety is particularly important in our technological world!

If you would like further information on how to support your child to keep safe then please contact Mr Grocott (Y5)



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