



Waterside Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting news! – Our **new gates** near our main Reception/Office area are finally going to be **installed on Wednesday 1st February**. This means that safety fencing will be put up on Tuesday 31st January in order to keep everyone safe whilst the work is underway.



As a result, we will be inviting parents, children and visitors to use an alternative entrance for both of these days. This will be especially important for our Nursery families to note and also for our families that use our breakfast club provision. The gates to the main playground will, therefore, be opened during these times to enable you all to gain access to the site.

If you are a visitor to the school, please ring ahead so that we can meet you at the playground gate and escort you to our main office.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.



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First day Industrial Action on Wednesday 1st February

Following on from the letter sent out on Class Dojo and via parent text, a further

reminder that some teachers will be taking industrial (strike) action following a Trade Union ballot.

Waterside Primary school will be partially affected but is intending to remain open. Teachers do not need to let us know if they are intending to strike until the day of the industrial action itself. A number of our staff have decided to remain onsite and pursue their concerns through alternative routes. If, however, we find that our ratios are adversely affected on the day – resulting in a risk to health and safety on the site – then we may need to contact some year groups and move towards a partial closure with remote learning. Both myself and the DHT will be covering classes on this day.

With this in mind, please ensure that you are readily contactable. As with the snow days we will be able to make a clearer decision no later than 9am on 1st February.

There are other days planned by the Trade Unions for Industrial Action as set out in the letter to parents. As a school we will plan for each day separately in the hope that this dispute will be managed at the earlier stages of the process.

As ever, we will keep you informed at the earliest opportunity. We thank you for your ongoing support in this matter.

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Teachers to strike in England and Wales

Teachers will strike over pay in England and Wales on seven dates in February and March, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced.



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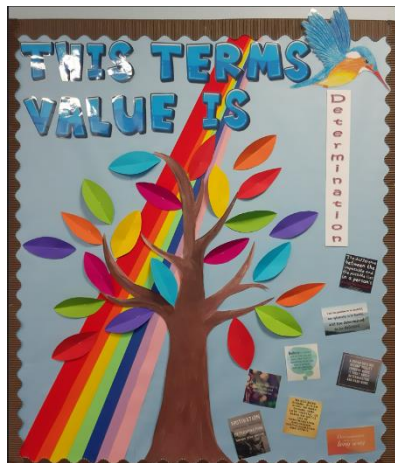
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Our School Ethos and Values – *Determination*



Following on from last half term's focus on Friendship, this term we are exploring the value of determination.

This term we have already started considering how this characteristic impacts us as individuals, influences us through our relationships and develops our resilience



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.

Many of you will already have met Mrs Twigg who joined us at the beginning of the term. She is now a regular welcomer at our school gates and is always ready to listen to and support our families with a range of needs or concerns.



In addition to this, and as a result of a series of personal communications to families, Mrs Twigg has – alongside other members of our fantastic team - been able to signpost and deliver a range of support which is already beginning to reduce barriers to attendance and encourage some of our lower attenders to understand how important it is to be in school every day. As a result, our attendance is slowly increasing and we are already seeing an impact on our children's learning and attainment and, indeed, a positive impact on their wider social interactions!

This week our attendance was 95%...Up from 94% last week! We still have a way to go to meet our target of above 97%. I am certain that with your support we will get there! This week the classes with the highest attendance were Seagulls, Jellyfish, Stingrays at a fabulous 98%.

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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