



Waterside Weekly

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Academic Year 2022/23 –September 2022, Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you SO much to all the parents and carers who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' events this week. We hope that you found these extremely useful and informative, and that you came away with a clear picture of our intentions for your child's learning in the year ahead. If you have any feedback following on from these meetings, either positive or with a focus for improvement, please do send them in to the school via the office email.

If you were unable to attend, we will be uploading the overview of the information discussed on the website under the 'Children' tab in the 'class pages'.

On reflection, I have decided to rename these events for next year as the meetings were as precious to us as a teaching team in getting to know you!

Please do be reminded that if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, engagement or well-being throughout the year, our team is here to help you. Contact details are on page 2 of every issue of our Newsletter.



Our School Ethos and Values

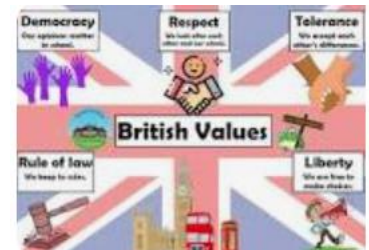


Our Vision and Values

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.

Social Moral Spiritual & Cultural (SMSC) development is an integral area of our curriculum that focusses on the non-academic development of our pupils – those things that set our moral compass, inspire and motivate us to be the best we can be in every aspect of our lives and with each other.

It is at the heart of everything that we do – a tangible, interwoven thread that enables us and those around us to take responsibility for, build and develop a deep sense of community.



We emphasise each of our school values through a specific focus during our weekly assemblies drawing out a deeper understanding of each school value as children progress throughout the school. This year we will continue to emphasise their interconnectedness alongside British Values; and how together we can use these to build the qualities and resilience that we all need in order to be successful.

Autumn Enrichment (After school) Clubs and Activities

We have a wide range of after school enrichment activities which are now in action across every year group. Notifications have been sent home highlighting where your child has secured a place.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		Multi-sports					
Tuesday	Construction	Storytelling	Outdoor Crafts	Multi-sports or Board Games	Photography	iPad Skills	Computing
Wednesday	Storytelling	Outdoor Crafts	Multi-sports or Board Games	Art	iPad Skills	Photography	Debate
Thursday	Outdoor Crafts	Drawing	Storytelling	iPad Skills	Dance or Board Games	Dance	Photography
Friday							Multi-sports

Please ensure prompt collection at 4:20pm.



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Singing is the essence of communication...



We are very excited to announce that we have recently formed both a Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Choir/Assembly time ensuring that all children have the opportunity and entitlement to sing collectively as part of their enrichment curriculum.

The importance of singing has been well-documented as 'it builds self-confidence, promotes self-esteem, always engages the emotions, promotes social inclusion, supports social skill development and enables young people of different ages and abilities to come together successfully to create something special in the arts'.

Singing also helps children to develop fluency (and precision) of oral communication skills, enhances vocabulary acquisition, promotes listening skills and boosts mental health and well-being! As we develop our techniques and enjoyment of singing and music together we will also be moving towards forming a Choir that will represent our school at a variety of local community and national events. Our first exciting challenge is to prepare to perform at Young Voices and become part of 'The Largest School Choir in the World'! Letters have already gone out to some of our children who already have aspirations to take part in this big event. We will also be keenly looking out for other children through our assemblies and music lesson who may not yet have had the confidence to put their name forward but may well grow into this role.

Autumn Term 1 Events, Reminders & Save The Date!

!Please check Class Dojo, Text Messages and Fliers for further details as some dates will be subject to change; due to, for example, the weather or other circumstances!

Monday 10th October 2022



Wednesday 19th October 2022



Autumn Term 2

Term Starts: Monday 31st October

Term Ends: Friday 16th December

Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Help with Learning

Book a time slot with the class teacher.

We hope to reinstate regular drop-ins this new academic year. Please watch this space for further information.

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 as the children move into the summer holidays and will, no doubt, be engaging with a number of social medium platforms to keep in touch with their friends.

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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