



Waterside Weekly

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams



Academic Year 2022/23 –October 2022, Issue 3

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy month September was with only two full weeks due to the Training days and also the bank holiday for our late queen’s State funeral!



It has been absolutely amazing to witness all the fantastic learning that the children have crammed in over this time. There has been some absolutely wonderful learning taking place across the school. In particular, I would like to celebrate with you the tremendous learning that has been taking place in the Humanities (History and Geography). This year we have introduced some new in-depth studies and made some adjustments to our curriculum maps to further enhance the opportunities for children to cement their essential learning in these pivotal and fascinating subjects. By making these changes we have been able to deepen the interconnectedness of the children’s learning over time. Already we are seeing the impact with children able to recall and retrieve significant chunks of information. Please do reference the class pages and blogs to see some of this learning in action!



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

Our School Ethos and Values

This term we have had a very specific and detailed focus on the value of ‘Respect’. Children have been focusing on respect for themselves as individuals and valuing their own identity; respect for each other in the way they manage and develop their relationships and how this directly relates to our other school values as well as our British Values.



Throughout the term we will continue to support the children with a deeper understanding of what respect means and how we can all develop, not only our understanding but also, our application of this important life value.

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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Thank you SO much to all our parents and carers for your understanding around the individual and family photos this week - your flexibility, and that of the staff team, has been amazing! Unfortunately, the date had not been shared with the wider team or confirmed after it was booked last year and to add to our confusion the SLT calendar completely disappeared during the IT migration. As a result, I cannot guarantee that communication will not fail again...However, we will do our utmost to prevent it. We are already working hard to re-establish the SLT calendar in an attempt to minimise any future disruptions. And, this time, we will also be holding on tightly to a paper copy!!

Thankfully the photographers were able to come in again on the Thursday for those year groups who had arrived, as expected, in their PE Kits on Tuesday. Despite the disruption, our office team were able to ensure that all the children had the opportunity to pose for the camera in full school uniform; and didn't they look superb! They were so smart and proud of themselves! There are some truly delightful individual and family photographs for you all to enjoy, use as gifts and hold onto for posterity. Mrs Baker has full details in the office for all those planning to put in and collect their orders.

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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