



Waterside Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers



Following on from last week's superb Christmas Jingle gathering around the tree, we have had a wonderful week of performances from the Early Years and Key Stage 1 based upon the Nativity. *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel* (performed by Nursery and Reception) and *The Inn-Spectors* (performed by Year 1 and Year 2) certainly brought different parts of the Christmas story alive.

The children were absolutely superb throughout. We were so proud of them! They looked great in their costumes, confidently remembered and spoke their words, played their acting parts and sang all of the songs so beautifully. Amazing to see how far the children have developed through their studies to be able to create, alongside their teaching teams, this magical moment for us all. Especially impressive was the singing and

solos from some of our youngest children; it was clearly evident that we have a significant amount of talent in our midst!

Also this week, we have celebrated the children's learning and achievements through our end of Autumn Term Golden time activities. Through this the children have been able to choose activities across the school demonstrating their fantastic skills in working together as community.



Celebrating Success! Earlier this term letters were sent out to the parents of children in Year 3 and Year 6 as we announced that both Mrs Place and Mrs Fraser will be leaving our school to take up promotional opportunities in other schools. Mrs Place has been successfully appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher at a Staffordshire school nearer to her home and Mrs Fraser has been successfully appointed to the role of Deputy Headteacher at another Stoke-on-Trent school.

Both Mrs Place and Mrs Fraser have served the children and communities here at Waterside for significant periods of their careers and have come to be well known and loved by our children and families.

Whilst we celebrate their incredible achievements, it is with much sadness that we see both of these very talented teachers move on to pastures new. We do hope that they will come and visit us at every available opportunity and wish them happiness and ongoing success as they continue to serve children and families in their new roles. Good luck to you both and thank you for your immense service here!

Turtles have already been working with Mrs Smith (already employed by our school) who will be taking over as the full-time teacher of our Year 3 class and Mrs Joinson-Spencer will, once more, add her Year 6 expertise to the current Year 6 team! Opportunities have been taking place over the last few weeks to ensure that there is a smooth transition for the children to ensure the very best start in January. As mentioned in the letters to the parents of the Year 3 and 6 classes an opportunity for the parents/carers of these classes to meet with the teacher will be provided early on in the Spring term.



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Our School Ethos and Values – **Friendship**



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.

To complete our series on the characteristics and values of Friendship, this week each class identified one child who had particularly exemplified 'Friendship' throughout the Autumn Term.

As you can imagine, it was an incredibly hard choice! The children receiving the Values Certificate for this term are:

- Year 6 – Hafsa and Travon
- Year 5 – Freya and Aroon
- Year 4 – Mudabbir and Max
- Year 3 – Sabahat and Samir
- Year 2 – Sami and Mario
- Year 1 – Jayden and Rumaisa A
- Reception – Antek and Aubree



A reminder that the Tuesday 3rd of January is an INSET day and school will be closed for children.

We very much look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 4th January 2023! Wishing 'one and all' a very happy, peaceful and restful winter break from all the staff here at Waterside Primary School!

Spring Term Enrichment (After school) Clubs and Activities

Our wide range of after school enrichment activities continues this half term across every year group. Please also remember that we have breakfast club running every morning. Details of this can be accessed via the school office

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		Sports					
Tuesday	Construction	Crafts	Puzzle	Sports	Art	French	
Wednesday	Puzzle	Construction	Sports	Craft	French	Drama	Drama
						Art	
Thursday	Funky Fingers	Puzzle	Construction	STEM		Art	Dance 2023
			Craft	French	Dance 2023	Dance 2023	
Friday					Sports	Sports	

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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