



# Waterside Weekly

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## Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back at the start of the Spring Term 2023. We all hope you had a wonderful Winter Break and are now looking forward to welcoming the longer and brighter days.

We have had a fabulous first few days of term with the children and have already introduced our new areas of studies for the weeks ahead. Curriculum overviews should now be with you. If you would like to ask any questions about the curriculum content for this term please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via Dojo and they will be very happy through to talk you through this.



## We are delighted to welcome some new members to our team!

Mrs White, who will be taking over from Mrs Cawley when she goes on maternity in mid-February, is already working alongside the teaching teams to support both classes in Year 2. The children are already getting to know her really well and are thoroughly enjoying having another teacher amongst them to further enhance their learning opportunities.

Similarly, Mrs Whitehurst has already been very warmly received by our youngest children in the Nursery. You would think she had always been with us!! They do, of course, miss the wonderful Mrs Morray (who is currently on maternity leave); even though they have re-settled extremely well and are already thoroughly absorbed in their latest learning opportunities!

Ms Seadon has joined our Reception Team this term and also is already a firm favourite of the children. It really is wonderful to see how our children here at Waterside embrace new adults with such enthusiasm! And finally, another huge welcome to Mrs Twigg who is working across the whole school as our new Child Welfare and Protection officer. Already a proactive part of our Inclusion Team, working closely alongside our SENCo (Mrs Joinson-Spencer) and our Deputy Head and Inclusion Manager (Mrs Willis), Mrs Twigg has a particular focus this term on children's attendance. Within this remit, she will be working in partnership alongside our children and families to remove any barriers to attendance as we aim to ensure that every child is in school, accessing a world class education which will enable them to secure the brightest of futures. Mrs Twigg will begin by supporting some of our lower attenders to equip and empower them with the help that they need to ensure that their attendance increases.

Together we will continue to work hard to reach our whole school target of 97% and above. Following this week's individual meetings with some families we have already seen a marginal increase to 95%.



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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.

Again, we will be considering how this impacts us as individuals, influences us through our relationships and develops our resilience and ability to achieve our personal and collective goals.



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.



**A reminder that half term takes place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. For further term dates and bank holidays please access the website which outlines both this academic year and also the academic year 2023 – 2024**  
<https://www.waterside.stoke.sch.uk/term-dates/>

## 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 Craft	STEM		Art	Dance 2023
Friday				French	Dance 2023 Sports	Dance 2023 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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