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Dear Parents and Carers

New Assistant Headteacher! We are delighted to announce that Mrs Naomi Rathbone will be joining Waterside on 17th April, following the Spring break, in the role of Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Rathbone is a very experienced senior leader who will bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to our already established team.

During the summer term Naomi will work closely alongside Mrs Willis and our Middle and Senior Leadership teams to get to know all our wonderful children, staff and families. We very much look forward to welcoming her and introducing her properly to you all.



As per the letter that went out to the parents and carers of children in Jellyfish Class last week, it is with sadness that I also announce that Holly French will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a middle leader position in another school further afield (and closer to her home).

We whole-heartedly thank Ms French for all her contributions to the life and work of the school over the past six years and wish her every success as she moves on to her new role.

Mrs Rathbone will be leading teaching and learning for this class as part of her teaching responsibilities following the break; ably supported by Ms Nisa and the wider Year 3 team. Already Mrs Rathbone has been working with Mrs Willis and the Year 3 team to get to know the class ready for an extremely smooth transition following the April holiday.



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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.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who have been SO supportive to us through the past few months of Industrial Action. We have really appreciated your understanding; particularly where classes have had to be closed in order to maintain safe adult to pupil ratios. You have all been truly wonderful!

Thanks also to our amazing staff team who have kept us informed and stepped in wherever possible to minimize the disruption for our families.



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Our School Ethos and Values – *Inspiration*



Our Vision and Values

Following on from last half term's focus on Determination, this term we are exploring Inspiration – thinking about those who inspire us and the values that shine through! We also consider how we can collectively share these as part of our fabulous team

During this focus we identify:

- What the term inspiration means
- What being inspirational looks like in practise
- How this affects our behaviour and friendships
- How we can inspire others

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.

through our other school values, for example, through hard work, courage and determination. And also through British Values.

Our exploration of this theme takes place in a wide range of different ways, including through inspiring stories, engagement in charitable events and activities and through a focus on inspiring people from a range of cultures, backgrounds and giftings.



Mrs Willis and Mrs Twigg are launching a new incentive for all children : **ATTENDANCE FORTNIGHT. ANY child who has 100% attendance in the last two weeks of this term will be entered into a prize draw. One child in EVERY year group will receive a prize alongside their usual 100% certificates.**

Thank you to all of the families invited to attend our attendance well-being sessions. Your engagement has already begun to reduce barriers to

attendance and encourage some of our lower attenders to understand how important it is to be in school every day! Unfortunately, the last two weeks have seen a whole school dip in attendance largely due to Influenza once again doing the rounds – 94%! Remind children to keep up with their healthy life-style choices to ensure that their immune system is as good as it can be! **We still have a way to go to meet our target of above 97% by the end of the academic year. I am certain that with your support we will get there! This week the class with the highest attendance was Puffins with 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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