

# Waterside Weekly

## Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

Week 31 2021/22 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another extremely busy and fun-filled week of learning led by our phenomenal teaching team here at Waterside. During my learning walk drop-ins to several different classes this week, I had the pleasure of hearing all about Volcanoes, line art and Spiritual, Moral and Social and Cultural education alongside complex mathematical reasoning, story-telling and STEM (Science Technology Mathematics and Engineering)! Whilst all this amazing active learning was taking place, our Year 6 classes have been diligently and courageously engaged in end of Key Stage 2 assessments; the last of which were completed yesterday. Congratulations to them all for the respectful care and support that they have shown each other this week and for persevering through. They are now looking forward to transitional arrangements, activities and end of Primary school milestone celebrations to prepare them for the beginning of their new learning journey at High School. We also had our first School Council meeting of the Summer term this week where I was able to meet our current proactive, and proud, school council representatives. They articulately presented considerations from their classes about a number of possible whole school developments to further improve some of the school systems and the school environment. They have also proposed the introduction of new Eco-warriors! I look forward to further exploring these ideas with them in the weeks ahead. Furthermore, I am very grateful also for some of the fabulous suggestions that have already been put forward by some of our parents and carers in relation to the enrichment opportunities that we provide. I look forward to developing these ideas and concepts with you; some of which I intend to explore at the coffee morning next week.

**Value of the week: Courage!**



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.

This week we have been focussing on several aspects of **Courage**, linking this in with **Mental Health Week**.



We have been thinking about what courage means and how we can apply this in our daily lives: in our friendships and in the way we approach activities and events- however big or small!

**Attendance Target: 97%**

Whole school attendance this week was **93.9%** Whilst this is a slight increase on last week, we are still a long way from achieving our target!



I know that all of our families will continue to work hard to ensure that, whenever possible, children are in school.

**Road Safety!**

We have been talking to our children about road safety during this week as local children have been spotted out and about not using their bikeability training to keep themselves safe whilst out on the roads/streets – please remind them to use the highway code to keep self and others safe!




Whilst we are sympathetic to the disruption that has been caused during the earlier stages of the covid pandemic, the school remains **unable to authorise any holiday absences**. The unavoidable disruption to learning and learning behaviours – both academic and social – has been felt nationally with many children falling significantly behind in their learning. Whilst our families have worked tirelessly in partnership with the Waterside staff team to ensure that this impact on our children has been limited, we are still very conscious that we will all need to



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<p><i>continue to work very hard together to secure and embed the learning that our children will need to confidently apply in the new academic year.</i></p>		
<p><b><u>Dates for Week: 16/5/2022</u></b></p> <p><i>After school clubs and interventions continue next week:</i>            Multi sports            Explorers            Board Games            Construction            Performance Poetry            Computing  <i>Place allocations for each of these events will be sent out on Tuesday by text due to the bank holiday weekend.</i></p> <p><i>Year 5 swimming will continue on Friday mornings, so please ensure children have costumes and towels with them in the morning.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Dates for Week: 16/5/2022</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight checks taking place by the school nurse.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Selected children, age 5, will be engaging in a Local Dental survey in conjunction with the local authority.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 9am, I will be holding an open coffee morning</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>9am-10am, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</u></b>  <b><i>Come and meet the Headteacher!</i></b></p> <p><i>I am very much looking forward to welcoming you into the school to come and meet with me next week. This will be an opportunity to find out a little bit more about my vision for this next phase in the school's journey and for you to ask questions and share your suggestions and views.</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

**A REMINDER OF TERM DATES- full details of next academic year can be found on the website**

<p><b>Summer Term 2022</b></p> <p>Term Starts: Tuesday 26 April</p> <p>May Day: Monday 2 May</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June</p> <p><b>Inset Day: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July (5)</b></p> <p>Term Ends: Wednesday 20 July</p> <p>Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September</p>	<p><b>Autumn Term 2022</b></p> <p><b>Inset Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p><b>Inset Day: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b></p> <p>Term Starts: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>Term Starts: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</p>
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<p><b><u>Help with Learning</u></b></p> <p>Book a time slot with the class teacher.</p> <p>We hope to reinstate the weekly drop-ins in the new academic year.</p> <p>You can also use Class Dojo or 'contact us' on the class pages of the website.</p>	<p><b><u>Help with Safeguarding</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Come immediately to see:</b>  <b>Mrs King (Principal/Headteacher)</b>  <b>or</b>  <b>Mrs Willis (Deputy Headteacher)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>01782 235100 (Stoke)</b></p>	<p><b><u>Help with Behaviour</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
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<p style="background-color: #90EE90; padding: 2px;"><b>Please take extra care dropping off and collecting your children from the school.</b></p> <p><b>Thank you for working with us to keep all</b></p>		<p style="background-color: #FFFF00; padding: 2px;"><b>Please ensure you DO NOT park on the Zigzag lines outside the school gates.</b></p> <p><b>of our children and families safe!</b></p>
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