

Waterside Weekly

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

Week 32 2021/22 – 16th May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Wow – this week seems to have flown by in another whirlwind of activity! We have had a focus on physical health this week alongside our usual planned curriculum opportunities; with NHS height and weight checks for two of our year groups and also dental health screening.

We have also had some challenges to face in the absence of a Site Supervisor. However, I am delighted to say that, following successful interviews this week, we will be welcoming Phil Hurst to this role. Following his notice period, Phil will be joining us on Monday 20th June. Phil is an experienced Site Manager of over 20 years who will bring both practical maintenance and creative expertise to the role.

*This week's value of the week: **Excellence!** We have been working hard with the children to understand that 'Excellence' is more than just doing good work...and that it can, and should, instead infiltrate all aspects of our lives in the way that we approach and care for each other in our relationships, to excelling in sport, music, the arts or any other passion or area of interest. You can further support your children in developing their understanding of this concept/value by encouraging them to approach and celebrate daily activities within the home and community in a fully and consciously committed. Also, please do share examples of excellence with your children from your own lives.*

Thank you so much to all of the parents that were able to join me and other members of the staff team at our Parents' coffee morning this morning. It was lovely to be able to speak with you and set out some of our vision for the new academic year. If you missed this opportunity, you will be able to catch up on some of the key messages from this morning as they will be featuring in next week's newsletter. Can I particularly ask you to look out for communications about a new PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends' Association) which we intend to launch in the new academic year. Details will be distributed by Miss French very soon, inviting you to sign up to help us make even more of difference for our families and community.

Value of the week: Next week we will be focussing on **Inspiration**



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.

We will be thinking about **inspirational** role models; including famous people and people from within our own community.

We will also be thinking about how each of our children can be **inspirational**, linking this directly to the pursuit of excellence and the need for courage.

Please do discuss with your children: Who is inspirational to you? Would you still be the same person if you hadn't met them or heard of them? How has this changed you?!

Attendance Target: 97%

Whole school attendance this week was 93.7%. Unfortunately this week's attendance has been impacted by a sickness and diarrhoea bug. We hope all those affected will be feeling better soon.



*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 work in partnership to secure and embed learning for the new academic year.*



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<p><u>Dates for Week: 23/5/2022</u></p> <p><i>After school clubs and interventions continue next week:</i> <i>Multi sports</i> <i>Explorers</i> <i>Board Games</i> <i>Construction</i> <i>Performance Poetry</i> <i>Computing</i> <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><u>Date of the Week: 2/5/2022</u></p> <p>Please remember that we will be celebrating the Jubilee on Friday 27th May. Children are invited to come in wearing red, white, blue or a combination of the three.</p> <p>There will be a £1 for wearing their own clothes with the children being given a commemorative bookmark to take home at the end of the school day.</p> <p>We will also be having an ice-cream van on site. If you would like your child to access this then a further £1 charge will apply.</p>	<p><u>Advance notice dates for the term ahead!!</u></p> <p><i>8th June – Year 5 educational visit to London</i></p> <p><i>9th June – Year 4 educational visit to Chester Zoo</i></p> <p><i>20th June – Year 6 educational visit to Crocky Trail</i></p> <p><i>21st June – Year 6 educational visit to the National Forest Adventure Farm</i></p> <p><i>22nd June – Year 6 Milestone celebration visit t Alton Towers</i></p>
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A REMINDER OF TERM DATES- full details of next academic year can be found on the website

<p>Summer Term 2022</p> <p>Term Start: Tuesday 26 April</p> <p>May Day: Monday 2 May</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June</p> <p>Inset Day: Friday 1st July (5)</p> <p>Term Ends: Wednesday 20 July</p> <p>Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September</p>	<p>Autumn Term 2022</p> <p>Inset Day: Monday 5th September</p> <p>Inset Day: Tuesday 6th September</p> <p>Term Starts: Wednesday 7th September</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October</p> <p>Term Starts: Monday 31st October</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 16th December</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January</p>
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<p><u>Help with Learning</u></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><u>Help with Safeguarding</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come immediately to see: Mrs King (Principal/Headteacher) or Mrs Willis (Deputy Headteacher)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01782 235100 (Stoke)</p>	<p><u>Help with Behaviour</u></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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