



Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school to all our children and families this week after what was a very special half term incorporating several events available to watch and enjoy around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As you can probably guess my favourite was definitely when Paddington met the Queen and they shared their hidden marmalade sandwiches over a very British cup of tea! Many of the children were full of stories of their engagement in various celebrations throughout the week. It was a joy to hear and see their enthusiasm as they knowledgeably retold their half term events.



Year 5 visit to the Apollo Theatre, London

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to our nation's capital city. They had a wonderful time seeing the sights; bringing to life, through retrieval and recall, their studies on contrasting localities.

The main focus of the visit was, of course, the link to their English Literature studies. These have been centered around The Wizard of Oz text, securing their understanding of comparisons between alternative narratives. The children were in awe of the stage and real life acting that unfolded before them; completely bringing their text to life.



The children and our school were thoroughly praised by several members of the public throughout the day's adventures for their exceptional behavior and conduct; especially in the theatre.

Year 4 Visit to Chester Zoo



What a privilege I had in joining our wonderful Year 4 on their educational visit to Chester Zoo.

As with Year 5, they were impeccably behaved throughout the day. Incredible learning was initiated through real-life observation, fact finding- using the information stationed around the zoo - and high quality discussion led by both teachers and pupils.

It was delightful to hear the children also sharing their personal travel experiences and drawing on their knowledge of cultures and climates as well as applying their map-reading skills as we negotiated the extensive Zoo grounds and enclosures.

Ongoing clubs and interventions this half term:

- Breakfast club
- English, Maths and Topic interventions
- Multi sports
- Explorers
- Board Games
- Construction
- Performance Poetry
- Computing

Year 5 swimming will continue on Friday mornings, so please ensure children have swimming costumes and towels with them in the morning.



Dates for the Week: 20/06/2022

Year 6 Educational Visits and Milestone events



Monday 20th June –
Year 6 educational visit to the Crocky Trail

Tuesday 21st June – Year 6 educational visit to National Forest Adventure Farm



Wednesday 22nd June – Year 6 Milestone visit to Alton Towers

Thursday 23rd June - Year 6 Milestone visit to the cinema
Friday 24th June - Year 6 Milestone visit to Inflato



Waterside Weekly

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Week 34 2021/22 – 6th June 2022



Advance Notice Events - Save The Date!!

A further reminder that we will be running the following parent workshops this half term:
Early Years and Ks1 Workshops: Mathematics on Wednesday 22nd June and Reading on Wednesday 29th June.

Years 3-6 Workshops: Mathematics workshops on Tuesday 21st June and Reading workshops on Tuesday 28th June as part of our 'Seeing is Believing' events.

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

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 26 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Inset Day: Friday 1st July (5)

Term Ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Autumn Term 2022

Inset Day: Monday 5th September

Inset Day: Tuesday 6th September

Term Starts: Wednesday 7th September

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Term Starts: Monday 31st October

Term Ends: Friday 16th December

Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Attendance Target: 97% or above

Whole school attendance this week was **95.8% an increase from last academic week's 94.6% 😊!** It is great to see our attendance slowly creeping back up again!

This week the classes with the highest rate of attendance were **the Jellyfish and the Stingrays; both with a fantastic 99.3%.**



We look forward to working with you next term towards our target of 97% or above. If there is any way in which we can support you or your family with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Mrs Willis or Mrs King directly.

*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.*

Help with Learning

Book a time slot with the class teacher.

We hope to reinstate the weekly drop-ins in the new academic year.

You can also use Class Dojo or 'contact us' on the class pages of the website.

Help with Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

**Come immediately to see:
 Mrs King
 (Principal/Headteacher) or
 Mrs Willis (Deputy
 Headteacher)**

01782 235100 (Stoke)

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.



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