

# Waterside Weekly

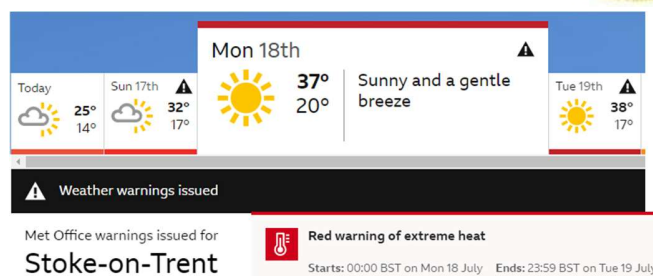
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## Dear Parents and Carers

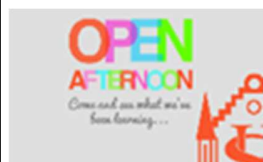
As you will already be aware, there is a **Red** weather warning that has been issued for Stoke on Trent on Monday and Tuesday. We will do everything we can at school to ensure that your children stay cool and safe. Please ensure that your child has their **sunhat, water bottle and that you have applied sunscreen** before they have arrived at school.



### In school we will ensure that:

- Children have access to drinking water at all times and will be actively encouraged to drink and fill up their water bottles regularly throughout the day
- There will be no vigorous activity either during lessons or at break/lunch times
- Shaded areas around the school will be maximized
- Teaching teams will keep classrooms as cool as possible by having blinds down, using paper flipcharts and non-electrical equipment to deliver lessons in the classrooms, lights off, large fans where needed, ventilation and will utilize the coolest areas around the school. Curriculum & timetable adjustments will also be made where necessary
- We will monitor your children carefully and if your child does not manage with these adjustments in place we will inform you immediately.

Children are still required to wear basic school uniform. **Ties, jumpers and blazers will not be required for these two days. Sandals will be permitted** (no heels or flipflops please as these create avoidable healthy and safety risks).



For health and safety reasons, we have also taken the decision to **postpone the open afternoon until September for all year groups except Year 6**; as extra people in the classrooms will increase the heat/temperature levels. We will organise an alternative event very early on in the new year for EYFS, Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

**If you have an urgent query about your child's report please contact the class teacher via Class Dojo so that a telephone appointment can be made.**

The whole team here at Waterside wish you a very happy weekend!



## Sports Days

What a privilege it was to be able to open the school gates to share and celebrate these terrific milestone events with our families. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and grandparents able to join us and cheer the children on!

Special thanks to Bee Active who supported us with these events and, of course, to Ms Marsh who served the ice-lollies to keep the children cool in the warm weather!



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## End of Year Events Reminder

!Please check previous Class Dojo, Text Messages and Fliers for further details!  
**Early Years Foundation Graduation** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 9:30am  
 (Reception Parents Welcome)  
**Awards Evening** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 4-5pm (by individual invite only)  
**Year 6 Leavers Assembly** – 9:30am- 10:30am (Year 6 parents welcome)

### **Attendance Target: 97% or above**

Whole school attendance for this academic year has been 93.6%. 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. Mrs Willis or Mrs King directly.



***TERM DATES*** for the new academic year 2022-23 and 2023-24 have been published on the website and can be found under the 'About Us' tab or by following this link:

<https://www.waterside.stoke.sch.uk/term-dates/>

**Please take special note of holiday dates and inset days when planning any family holidays as we are not able to authorise any holiday absences during school term time. Thank you for supporting us!**

*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.*

<b><u>Help with Learning</u></b>	<b><u>Help with Behaviour</u></b>	<b><u>Help with Safeguarding</u></b>	<b><u>Online Safety</u></b>
<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>Book a time slot with the class teacher if it is about your child. At school we do not tolerate unkind behaviour.</p> <p>If you are still concerned please book an appointment with the DHT or Headteacher.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>01782 235100</b> (Stoke)</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></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mrs King (Principal)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>or Mrs Willis (Deputy Headteacher)</b></p>	<p>Online safety is particularly important as the children move into the summer holidays and will, no doubt, be engaging with a number of social medium platforms to keep in touch with their friends.</p> <p>If you would like further information on how to support your child to keep safe then please contact Mr Grocott (Y5)</p>



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