

WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 93.6%



Friday 15th March, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been lots going on over the past couple of weeks and there is plenty planned for the lead up to Easter.

As well as all the usual fun end of term activities, we will be carrying out our termly assessments in every class and using these to plan for summer term. Parents can also expect to receive a summary of your child's progress in our termly interim report. These will come out on Thursday 28th March.

Thank you as always for your continued involvement and support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Moakes
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



Attendance

In our last newsletter, I said that I would be recognising classes where there had been an overall improvement in attendance. Current data from across the school can be seen in the grid below. The aim would be that each class aims for improved attendance and a class figure above 95%.

Where the class attendance is at or above 95% it is shown as green. Where there has been an improvement since the last newsletter, it will be shown as blue. It would be lovely if we could aim for every class to be green or blue on the next newsletter!

Year group	Attendance percentage to date
Year R	93.9%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	91.2%

**Let's keep
aiming high!**

**Let's 'Be the
Best that we
can Be!'**

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like some support with anything associated, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our senior leadership team.

Parent user agreements



As most of you will be aware, we have recently rewritten our internet safety and as a result of this have done a great deal of work with the children about safe internet use. In classes the children have been introduced to safe user agreements and having talked them through, most children have signed. Earlier this week, Miss Jacobs sent home complimentary parent agreements, that we would be grateful if you could sign and return as soon as possible.

Further information is available on our website as are copies of all the relevant user agreements.



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World Book Day

Thank you for the massive effort put in by families last Friday for World Book Day! There were so many amazing costumes and it was lovely to hear children talking excitedly about their favourite books and stories.

We are working hard to enhance our reading areas around the school and hope that will impact children's attitudes to books and reading.

Please continue to hear your child read regularly and if you would like to know more about how we teach reading and promote reading for pleasure in school, then please talk to classteachers or a member of the senior leadership team.



Design a book cover competition!

Which book cover would you choose?

What catches your attention?

Could you recreate your favourite book cover or even design your own?



Reading Ambassadors are looking for your entries to decorate our library!

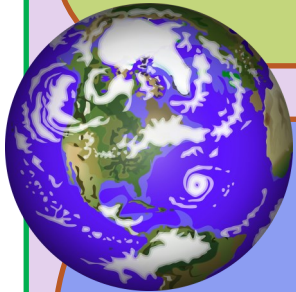
Closing Date 28th March 2024—all entries to Miss Jacobs

(Judging for prizes will commence straight after the Easter holidays)

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Sport shall competition

We are thrilled to share the news that Waterside Primary School came first in the New Forest Sports Partnership's sportshall competition last week! Team members who were from across Key Stage 2 competed against other schools on the Waterside in a range of indoor athletic events. The team were all presented with gold medals in our celebration assembly last week. Thank you to the parents that came and supported us and to Mrs Marsh who trained and accompanied the team to the three competition dates at Testwood School.



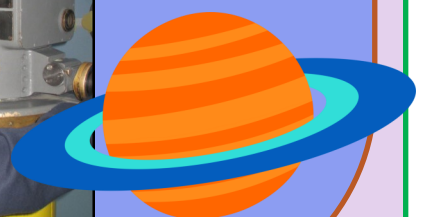
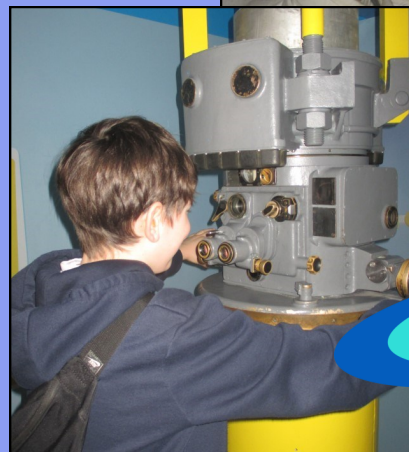
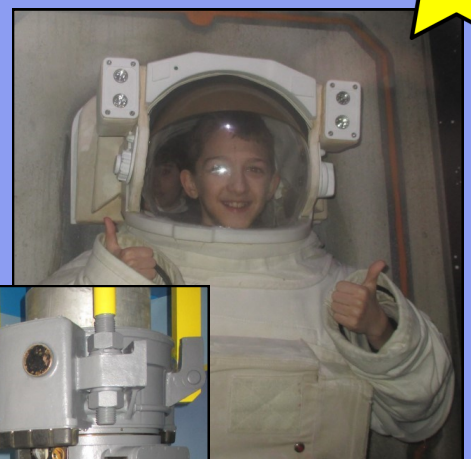
Year 5 visit to Winchester Science Centre

Last week, Mrs Gilder and Miss Jacobs took Year 5 to The Winchester Science Centre.

The trip was planned to reinforce and bring to life their current science topic on Earth and space.

The children got to experiment on the many exhibits as well as visiting the planetarium.

Many thanks to parents for supporting this trip.



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Parent sharing sessions

Teachers continue to invite parents in for the termly sharing events and this term we have mixed it up a bit, inviting parents to see a variety of different elements of the curriculum.



Yesterday it was really lovely to welcome some Year 4 parents to a session Ms Mulley held on PE and gymnastics. The parents that came got really stuck in, supporting their children to perform challenging balances to their peers.

Thank you so much for the engagement we are seeing. It means a great deal to teachers and of course to the children.

Comic Relief—Red Nose Day!

It was a sea of red in assembly this morning and for a minute I thought I'd walked into the wrong school!

Thank you to parents for supporting Comic Relief 2024!

We raised an amazing £132.72! Well done everyone!



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

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School office manned 8am—4pm

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There is an answerphone for any messages left out of hours.

20.3 Build a Book Event at Noadswood
(invited pupils) only

21.3 Year 4 parent sharing event

21.3 Year 3 parent sharing lunch (12 noon)

22.3 Year 3 parent sharing lunch (12 noon)

27.3 Year 1 parents to singing (9am)

28.3 PTA Easter egg hunt

28.3 Break up for Easter holidays

15.4 Back to school

24.4 Year R parents to singing (9am)

25.4 Bridge Day Y5/6

1.5—Jumpstart Johnny visit

2.5 School closed for polling

13.5 SATS WEEK for Year 6 begins

13.5—17.5 Bikeability Year 5

22.5 Class photographs

24.5 May Half term begins

3.6 Back to school

7.6 Year 1 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum

28.6—Inset day—school closed

1.7—Inset day—school closed

23.7 Last day of summer term—Summer holi-



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