

# WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 93.8%**

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you for what has been a really positive start to the summer term. This term is always extremely busy and we certainly have a lot planned for the weeks to come!

With the brighter weather, comes further opportunities to be outside and we are now making full use of the school site at all times. It has been a pleasure to see the older children supporting the younger children in play and children enjoying having the space of the school field.

I know the summer term can also bring anxiety , as we begin to think about transition. This is very much a focus of our curriculum and we will of course keep parents informed when ready, of staffing and class responsibilities for next year. We do have some dates for secondary transition and we will use these with children moving from year group to year group within school too.

I am hoping that in the next few weeks we will be able to provide dates for future parent sharing events and we look forward to welcoming you all this term.

Have a good weekend.

**Emma Moakes**  
**Headteacher**





# IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION

## Attendance

It has been another really great couple of weeks and attendance has taken an upturn! We have seen a reduction in the number of children dipping below 90% and an overall improvement in attendance. We just need to keep on going!

**Thank you to everyone for their support in getting children into school and learning.**

As usual I have looked at attendance to date. Where attendance has improved the percentage is recorded in blue and where it is above 95% (which is wonderful) it is recorded in green!

| Year group | Attendance percentage to date |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| Year R     | 94.5%                         |
| Year 1     | 94.4%                         |
| Year 2     | 93.6%                         |
| Year 3     | 95.8%                         |
| Year 4     | 94.7%                         |
| Year 5     | 94.3%                         |
| Year 6     | 91.2%                         |



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.

## Interim reports and parent's evenings—BOOKINGS OPEN!

We hope that parents found the interim reports that children brought home before the holidays useful.

By way of a follow-up, we held parents evenings for Year 6 last week and parents from years R—5 are now able to book parents meetings for either Tuesday May 7th or Thursday May 9th. These bookings can be made on SCOPAY in the usual way.

Parents will be given the opportunity to look at their child's book as well as having time to talk to teachers about their child's progress .



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## Parent Forum

**What does well- being mean to you?**

**How do you think well – being is promoted at Waterside Primary School?**

**What factors do you believe impact well- being?**

**Is there anything you think Waterside could implement to improve the well – being of pupils at Waterside?**



Have a view on any of these questions? Then join us for our next meeting! We really value and want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

9—10 am Wednesday 1st May 2024.

Unable to attend? Complete the parent questionnaire sent out by parent mail or found in the parent forum area on the school website.

## Summer Term Assessments

Throughout the year , teachers use assessments to identify how they can best support your children and ensure that gaps and misconceptions are identified and next steps planned for. Additionally there are a number of statutory assessments carried out at key dates, set nationally. The dates for these assessments can be seen below and we would ask that children are in school for these assessments as a matter of priority, so that they do not have to access the tests separate to their peers.

**Key Stage 2 SATS (Year 6) - Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May inclusive**

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check—Monday 3rd June—Friday 14th June**

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check—Monday 10th June—Friday 14th June**

# A rich and engaging curriculum

## Promoting a love for reading

New reading areas have popped up all around school—including this wonderful new nook in the entrance hall being beautifully modelled by our reading ambassadors!



On World Book Day our ambassadors launched a competition to design or recreate book covers which would be displayed in our library. They have been disappointed by the lack of entries and therefore are re—launching the competition with a new closing date of **Friday 10th May 2024**

This half term the reading ambassadors will be thinking about and trialling different reading incentive schemes to get children across the school reading for pleasure. Watch this space!



## HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads      A student who reads      A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**1.8 MILLION**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**90th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to  
**282,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**50th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to  
**8,000**  
words per year  
and is more likely  
to score in the  
**10th PERCENTILE**  
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

 **SCHOLASTIC**



# A rich and engaging curriculum



## Year R parents join us for singing

Thank you to all the Year R parents who joined us for singing this week. Singing practice on a Wednesday is always a special and enjoyable time of the week and this week it was lovely to be able to share it .

Later this half term—Year 5 and 6 parents will be invited to join us.



## Awards



Rewards and praise are really important to children and we are very grateful to Hythe and Waterside Rotary who help us recognise different skills, talents and attributes to those our usual reward systems recognise.

In our end of term assembly, Lacey from Year 4 was recognised for her sporting accomplishments both in and out of school, and for her resilience and commitment to her gymnastics club.



Tobias in Year 1 was recognised for the work he has done, with the help of his mum, to keep the community clean and tidy.

Encourage your child to talk about what they do out of school and to share with us their interests and successes. We are always looking for new award winners!



## Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

### Useful contacts:

Emma Moakes (Headteacher)  
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Lesley Ralls-Baird (SEN/Inclusion lead)  
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School office manned 8am—4pm

**023 80842143**

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

- 1.5—Jumpstart Johnny visit
- 1.5— Parent Forum—Well—being—9am
- 2.5 School closed for polling
- 6.5 Bank holiday
- 7.5 Year R—5 Parent's evening
- 8.5—Year 5 Singing**
- 9.5 Year R—5 Parent's evening
- 13.5 SATS WEEK for Year 6 begins
- 11.5 **PTA Car boot sale**
- 13.5—14.5 Bikeability Year 5**
- 22.5 Class photographs**
- 22.5 Year 6 parents to singing**
- 24.5 May Half term begins**
- 3.6 Back to school**
- 5.6 Tea party for new year R parents**
- 7.6 Year 1 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum
- 12.6 Year 4 parents to singing**
- 15.6 PTA Summer Fayre**
- 18.6 Year 2 to farm**
- 19.6 Sports Day (weather permitting)**
- 26.6 Year 3 parents to singing**
- 4/5.7 secondary school transition days**
- 8.7 Activity Week Year 6**
- 16/17.7 US production**
- 28.6—Inset day—school closed**
- 1.7—Inset day—school closed**
- 23.7 Last day of summer term—Summer holidays begin**



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# CARBOOT SALE



**SATURDAY 11th may**

10.00AM - 12.00PM  
£5.00 PER CAR  
Cash Only Please - Pay on Arrival  
SELLER SET UP FROM 9.00AM  
WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASHFORD CRESCENT, HYTHE,  
SO45 6EU



**Saturday 15th June**

**WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# SUMMER FETE

## 11.00-2.00

**BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN - £15 PER PITCH**

Contact: [shelley@cargowire.net](mailto:shelley@cargowire.net) (PTA Secretary)

Please include a description/photographs of the stall/display/activity you would like to attend with to help us avoid duplication. Thanks!