

# WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 94.5%

NO 3



Friday 13th October

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support and understanding this week with our unplanned school closure. I am incredibly grateful to everyone for their prompt response to our request for a school pick-up. Unfortunately, just occasionally, there is a requirement to close the school for health and safety reasons. This decision is never taken lightly.

Despite the disruption mid week, the children have worked hard and we were pleased to be able to proceed with parent's evenings which I hope parents and carers found as informative as teachers.

It has been wonderful to also be joined by a number of parents this week, who have been in for our parent sharing events. Thank you for all the valuable feedback and praise for the work the staff do. There are lots more events planned and dates can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Tomorrow, Miss Jacobs and I are opening to perspective Year R parents for next academic year and so if any of our school community are friends of a local family whose child will be four before next September, please encourage them to contact us and to book a tour. We will also be doing these on Monday 16th October and after half term.

With one more week before half term, I know the children are beginning to get tired and so I wish you all a restful weekend.

Many thanks,

**Emma Moakes**  
**Headteacher**



# IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



## Parent Engagement

### Parents Evenings

Thank you for all those parents of Year 1—6 children who attended parents evenings this week. Teachers have enjoyed sharing the great start to the year the children have made and discussing next steps moving forward. Year R parent's evenings can be booked via the school office or on SCOPAY and are scheduled for Tuesday 31st October and Thursday 2nd No-



### Year 6 Parent Drop ins

This week Year 6 parents have had an opportunity to sit and join in alongside their children within their day to day learning environment. One parent commented on how lovely it was to see what their child was up to in school—they really hadn't realised the depth of understanding and level of work their child was engaged in daily. Please see the 'Diary Dates' section at the end of this newsletter for other parental events coming up. We also welcome your feedback and any ideas for future sharing events.

### Year 4 Parents in Forest School

Year 4 pupils, who have had their Forest school sessions this half term, were delighted to share their final session with their parents and carers. It was brilliant to see so many parents getting stuck in alongside their children, sawing, cooking on the fire, tree climbing, shelter building, bracelet making and sharing in their children's learning. We thank them also for their positive feedback.

We look forward to welcoming Year 2 parents into Forest school on Monday and the other classes throughout the year.



# A rich and engaging Curriculum

## Year 3 Trip to Hilliers

Last week Year 3 enjoyed their class trip to Sir Harold Hilliers Gardens, where they were engaged in a number of activities related to their Stone- Age topic. The children had a wonderful day in the woods and took part in an archaeological dig where they found a variety of artefacts—leading to discussion about life in the period. The children were respectful and responsible and a credit to the school.



## Year 1 Trip to the Library

This year we are having a real push on reading for pleasure and experiencing a wide range of books and authors. As part of this push we will be encouraging and supporting children to use the public library. Last week, Year 1 walked to Hythe library where they had the opportunity to enrol at the library, choose a book and take it home. The children loved learning how the library worked and choosing their books and are excited to return with parents and carers to choose more!



### Year 5/6 Cross Country

Last week we took a team of 12 Year 3 –6 children to a New Forest cross country relay at Gang Warily. Despite other schools having more teams made up of predominantly Year 5 and 6 children, our younger pupils did exceptionally well to keep up and completely hold their own. We were really proud of all our team members who showed resilience and good team spirit. The girls team placed **17th** and the boys **22nd** of over 50 teams!

**Well done Team Waterside!**



### Year 6 Maths Challenge

Along with competing against other schools in a sporting context, we love the challenge of attending events for core curriculum subjects. Annually we are invited to attend a highly competitive event at Applemore where teams of Year 6 pupils compete to complete a range of complex maths problems in record time. I am proud to be able to announce that our team, made up of four Year 6 boys, not only performed well, but went on to win the competition against the other local schools! A huge congratulations to Harvey, Joe, Harry and Leo, who represented Waterside and came first out of 13 teams.



**The boys showed both excellent teamwork and mathematical skills solving 23/ 25 problems correctly in the allocated time!**





## World Mental Health Day

This week in assembly, but also in classes, we have been thinking about what it means to have good mental health. I started the week by talking to the children about the wide range of emotions and feelings we all experience (sad, happy, excited, worried, angry, upset...) and how all of these are completely normal (even the grotty ones!).

We talked about the things that make us happy, sad and anxious and how sometimes when we feel sad or anxious it can make us angry.

We then went on to think about what can help us when we feel like this and especially how it helps to talk about how we are feeling to someone we trust.

We talked about how having good mental health is also about being able to make good and healthy choices. For example, when we are feeling sad or anxious, trying to do something small that makes us happy to balance things up.

This unit of work is something we address revisit throughout the school year. There are also some useful resources which parents may wish to access using these links:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/programmes/families-children-and-young-people/resources>



## **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 20th October at 2pm, we will be holding our annual harvest festival. There will be limited spaces, but we are inviting parents from all classes to join us for this whole school sharing event.

The children will be sharing their singing as well as some research, poetry and art work.

As part of our celebrations we will be collecting for the Waterside Food-bank, which is a local resource which has never before been so important to so many in our local community. We hope that this year we will be able to collect a record breaking number of items, which will be collected and taken to the Blackfield foodbank.

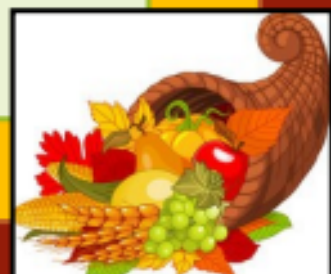
A list of the most needed items can be found on this page and we ask that no fresh items be bought in to school.

Children can bring in items from this Monday and we will be displaying items in the school hall, so we can watch the donations grow!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Please see our list of most needed items:

UHT Milk  
Toilet Rolls  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Meat and Fish  
Sponge Pudding/Custard  
Biscuits  
Milk Powder  
Instant Mash  
Tinned Soup  
Tinned Pasta  
Tinned Pulses  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Coffee 100g  
Pasta Sauce  
Small Savoury Snacks  
Fruit Juice long life 1litre  
Cleaning Sprays and Wipes  
Washing powder, washing liquid etc  
Shampoo and Conditioner  
Washing up liquid  
Shower Gel  
Large Nappies sized 5, 5+ & 6  
Dry and Wet Dog Food



## 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.**






14.10/16.10—New Year R (2024) tours  
16.10—Year 2 Forest School for parents 11-12  
17.10—Year 6 to Gosport Search Museum  
17.10—PTA Discos R,1,2 - 4.30—5.15  
3, 4, 5,6, -5.30—6.30  
18.10—Year 1—Parent in class 2.30 pm  
19.10—Year 5—Viking Day (optional dress up) - parents in 2.30  
19.10—Year 4—Parents in class 2.15  
20.10—Harvest Festival 2pm  
**20.10—Break for half term**  
30.10—Back to school  
31.10 / 2.11—Parents Evening (Year R)  
1.11—Year 3—Parents in class 2.30 pm  
**1.11—Parents Forum 3.30 pm**  
3.11—Year R Parents in class 1.30 –2.45  
8.11—PTA Bingo Night  
9.12—Christmas Fayre  
**15.12—Break for Christmas**  
**2.1—Inset Day**  
**3.1—Back to school**  
**26.2—Inset Day**

## Do you know a child who is 4 or who will turn 4 before 1st September 2024?


Having already received a great deal of interest, we have put some dates in the diary where prospective parents will be able to visit before making applications for September 2024.

**Appointments can be made via the school office or by calling 023 80842143**

Applications should be completed online at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)



**WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OPEN DAY FOR CHILDREN STARTING  
SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 2024**



**Is your child due to start school in September 2024?**

Please come along to our open day at Waterside Primary School where you can meet the team and look around the school.

Please ring the school office (023 80842143) to book a tour at one of the following times:

Saturday 14th October—9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am or 12.30 pm

Monday 16th October—9.30 am, 10.30 am or 11.30 am

*Applications open on 1st November 2023 and close 15th January 2024*

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