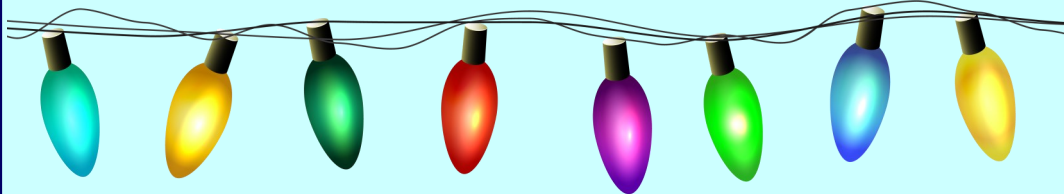


WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE— 93.8%**

Friday 24th November, 2023



Dear Parents and carers,

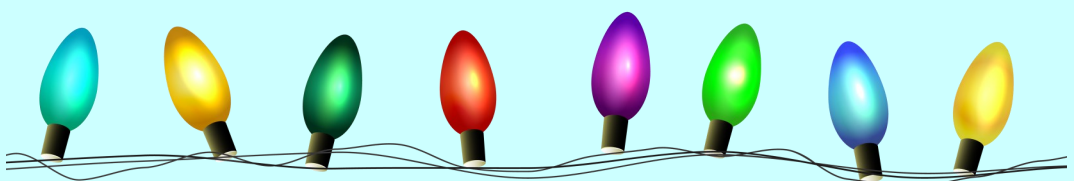
It's Friday again!

We are well and truly beginning to think about Christmas now and pupils from across the school are making decorations and beginning to learn Christmas songs. At lunchtime today, I went with Mrs Reeves to put up our Christmas tree in St John's church and couldn't help but feel just a little bit festive!

A whole page of this newsletter is dedicated to our Christmas arrangements, but look out for additional letters and ParentMail, as it is always such a jam packed time of year.

Despite the celebrations, we know that this not always the easiest time of year for families and with the additional pressures around the cost of living we understand the stress that can come with Christmas preparations. Please come and share any worries and concerns, if you are able, and we will do all we can to support you and your children at this time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Emma Moakes
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DAY TO DAY INFORMATION



New website

We have a new website!



The site is still being built and information updated, but we are hoping that this new website will work better at keeping parents and those interested in the school updated. The website can be found easily by searching Google for the school and the front page has useful links to the school calendar and latest news.

There is lots of information available to parents via the site, but we are also looking to develop year group blogs which will include updates as to what classes have been doing and where possible pictures of learning in action. Under the 'News and Events' tab there is also a page named 'Whole School Events'. This will be created by myself and Miss Jacobs and will hope to capture some of the enrichment activities the children are involved in. Newsletters can also be found under the 'News and Events' tab.

We are constantly looking as to how the site can be improved and developed and Mrs Reeves has added a link that can be used to inform us of absence. This can be used instead of ParentMail and can be found under the 'Parents' tab.

We are also looking at how we can create links to letters and forms. We will keep you informed of any new functions as they come online and all feedback welcomed!



A rich and engaging Curriculum



Parental engagement

Since the last newsletter, we have had Year R parents join us for their sharing event and Year 5 parents join us for singing assembly. It always a pleasure to see so many visitors and to receive their feedback and comments. Many of these are displayed in the entrance hall. Keep them coming and together we can work to 'be the best that we can be'!

Mrs Baird also held her first Coffee, Cake and Chat event for parents with children on the SEND register. The group talked about a range of topics, but especially about inclusion and about the school's responsibility to be inclusive.

"Inclusion is not about tolerance but unquestioned acceptance."



Children in Need—Spotacular!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Children in Need collection last Friday! A wonderful school effort to create our Pudsey bear. A massive 'thank you' too, to our school council who planned the day.

I am thrilled to announce that we raised £142.84!



Inset days

As you are aware every school can pick five days throughout the school year to be inset days. These are used for staff training.

We have already had the first of our days on Friday 1st September. The other four days will be as follows:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024



Christmas in coming!

A quick guide to how we will be celebrating in school.

Christmas tree festival at St John's Church

Waterside children have been working hard to decorate a Christmas tree that will be on display at the Christmas Tree festival running from Saturday 25th November. The tree will be displayed with other community trees in St John's Church in the village centre.



Praizin' Hands Puppet Show

Praizin' Hands will be bringing their Christmas show to school on Thursday 7th December.

Lower School Christmas Production

Lower School will be performing their Christmas show 'Hey Ewe' to the rest of the school on Friday 8th December and to parents on Monday 11th December at 3.30pm and Tuesday 12th December at 2pm. Tickets are available to the office (two per child).

Christingle Service

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Christingle service at St John's Church on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm. The service will last around one hour and children can be collected from the church. Letters will be coming out with further details and so that parents can advise as to whether they will be attending.

Christmas lunch

Letters have been sent home regarding Christmas lunch. This must be booked in advance and is open to all staff and pupils on Thursday 14th December. Please book by sending back the response slip on the letter.

Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day and we will plan to have a film afternoon following our lunch.

Last day of term

Our last day of term is Friday 15th December and each class will have their own activities to fill the day.

CHRISTMAS

Fair & Grotto

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

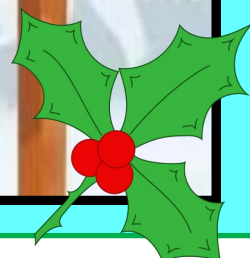
WATERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME ALONG AND JOIN US
FOR GAMES, TOMBOLA,
RAFFLE, TOYS, TASTY
TREATS, KNITWEAR, MUSIC,
UNIQUE GIFTS, SWEETS, &
OF COURSE...

SANTAS GROTTO!

Waterside Primary School, Ashford
Crescent, Hythe Southampton, SO45 6ET

11.00-2.00



Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

Useful contacts:

Emma Moakes (Headteacher)

E.MOAKES@waterside.hants.sch.uk

Kira Jacobs (Deputy Headteacher)

K.Jacobs@waterside.hants.sch.uk

Lesley Ralls-Baird (SEN/Inclusion lead)

L.BAIRD@waterside.hants.sch.uk

School office manned 8am—4pm

023 80842143

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



29.11 No Pens Day

29.11 Year 6 parents invited to singing (9am)

7.12 Praizin' Hands puppets

9.12—Christmas Fayre

11.12 Flu immunisations

11.12 Listen2Me concert Year 4/5 (2pm)

11.12 Lower School Christmas production (3.30pm)

12.12 Lower School Christmas Production (2pm)

13.12 Christingle Service—St John's Church (2pm)

14.12 Christmas lunch

15.12—Break for Christmas

2.1—Inset Day

3.1—Back to school

17.1 Cinderella panto

18.1 Census day

9.2 Break for half term

19.2 Back to school

22.2/23.2 Calshot visit for Year 4

26.2—Inset Day

13.5 SATS WEEK for Year 6

13.5—17.5 Bikeability Year 5

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

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

Although our official visit dates have passed, we are still making individual appointments.

Applications should be completed online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

The application window for Year R places runs from 1st November 2023 to 15th January, 2024.



**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

www.waterside.hants.sch.uk

www.waterside.hants.sch.uk