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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

The second half term is already well underway and there are a lot of great things happening for our children. Last week the Year 6 pupils attended the Crucial Crew afternoon at Morgans school in Hertford. The children took part in interactive scenarios which encourage model behaviour and good citizenship. They learnt about real life situations including first aid, rail safety, fire, cyber bullying and water safety.

Today the Year 5 and 6 children took part in the K'Nex challenge which supports their design and technology learning. Both classes very much enjoyed creating Mars Rovers. The machines that they created showed both great imagination and the ability to design a machine that could successfully explore the Martian surface.

On Wednesday an author, David Gatward will be visiting us and working with Years 1 to 6 to do some creative writing. We are also looking forward to meeting all your vegetable story book characters.

Preschool update: to keep you all updated, the governors of Watton Primary and Nursery School have decided to move forward with the school lowering its admission age to two years old. As mentioned in the earlier consultation letter (sent out in December), this would enable the school to take more active role in the management and development of the current Preschool and ensure its future. This move would also ensure a smoother transition throughout the early years for our children in Watton (2-5 years). The preschool would still be located in the new building in which it currently runs. We are hoping that these changes will be seamless for all the families and children involved and will be in place for September 2015.

Parent consultation evenings: next week you will all be getting letters to sign up for a time slot for parent's evenings which will be held on Tuesday 17th March from 5.00pm to 7.30pm and Wednesday 18th March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. The teachers are currently working on the mid-year reports and you will have these in time to discuss these with the teachers when you meet them.

Parking: Just a reminder that parking is available at the Beane Valley Children's Centre.

Zoë Hussain
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

17 th March 2015	Parents consultation evening – 5pm to 7.30pm
18 th March 2015	Parents consultation evening – 3.30pm to 5.30pm
2 nd April 2015	Easter church service End of term school finishes at 12 noon
20 th April 2015	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
4 th May 2015	May Day – school closed
6 th May 2015	Class & team school photos
11 th – 15 th May 2015	SATs week
25 th – 29 th May 2015	Half Term
8 th – 12 th June 2015	Year 6 residential trip to Caythorpe Court
22 nd June 2015	KS2 production matinee and evening performance
23 rd June 2015	KS2 production evening performance
24 th – 26 th June 2015	Year 4 to Hudnall Park residential trip
1 st – 3 rd July 2015	Year 2 to Cuffley Camp
3 rd July 2015	Foundation Stage reports to parents
7 th July 2015	Foundation Stage sports morning
8 th July 2015	Sports day
9 th July 2015	Secondary transfer day Meet your new teacher day
10 th July 2015	Assessment reports to parents
15 th July 2015	Open afternoon / parents evening appointments
21 st July 2015	Year 6 leavers service 9.15 End of year – 12 noon finish

Academic Year 2014/2015

<p>Spring Term 2015 Monday 5th January to Thursday 2nd April Spring Half Term: Monday 16th to Friday 20th February</p> <p>Summer Term 2015 Tuesday 20th April to Wednesday 22nd July Summer Half Term: Tuesday 26th May to Friday 29th May</p>	<p>Inset Days Monday 20th April 2015 Wednesday 22nd July 2015</p>
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Academic Year 2015/2016

<p>Autumn Term 2015 First Half Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October Autumn Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October Second Half Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December Christmas Holidays :Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2016</p> <p>Spring Term 2016 First Half Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February Spring Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February Second Half Monday 22nd February to Friday 1st April</p> <p>Summer Term 2016 First Half Monday 18th April to Friday 27th May Summer Half Term: Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June Second Half Monday 6th June to Monday 25th July</p>	<p>Inset Days Wednesday 2nd September 2015 Monday 4th January 2016 Friday 12th February 2016 Monday 25th July 2016</p> <p>Occasional Days Monday 7th December 2015</p>
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