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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

Dear Parents

The Easter holidays are drawing closer and will bring the end to an exciting and busy term.

Parent Consultations

It was very good to see so many of you at the Parent Consultation evenings and it was great to have the many positive comments we received during the evenings. Thank you also for the written feedback you took the time to give us – we will be using this feedback to ensure we continue what is working well and to also enable us to continue to improve.

The governors are currently compiling the information from the parent questionnaires and will publish the findings from this soon.

Red Nose Day Success

Many of the children thoroughly enjoyed the disco that we had after school last Friday evening and thank you to the Friends of Watton for organising this and to Joe Thomas, Year 6, for being a superb DJ.

Our new Bicycle and scooter Shelter

You have probably noticed that we have had a great new addition to our playground. We were successful in winning a bid for the shelter and would like to be using it to store scooters and bikes that children ride to school soon after Easter. The shelter will be open for children to place their bikes and scooters as they come in to school in the mornings and then be locked securely all day before being opened again at the very end of the day for children to take them home again. A letter will be going out in the new term to give more information.

Anti-Bullying work

Our parent working party has met once already and we are due to meet next week to discuss our draft policy which was created from the discussion in our last meeting. The children who wanted to have an input have also had their first meeting and will support us in our policy writing. We will be sharing our policy with you after the Easter holidays.

Website update

We are now in the final stages of the creation of our new website. We are currently building the content and organising training for staff and governors who will be supporting us in maintaining it on a regular basis. We will be launching the website soon after the holidays.

Foundation Stage 'Stay & Play'

We will be inviting the parents of Foundation Stage in to school on Thursday 25th April from 8.50 to 10am. More details to follow.

Beane Valley Beginner Bike Course

Beane Valley are running a Beginner Biking course on **Saturday 6th April** Session A will be **10 - 11am** and Session B at **11 - 12noon** at Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School. Dads Club will be running at the same time.

"A one hour session to help you teach your child to ride their bike without stabilisers. This session is run by qualified and experienced instructors on the playground at Watton at Stone Primary School. One adult per child. Children must wear a cycle helmet and all stabilisers must be removed before the session begins. This is a very popular and successful event – book early! £5 per child"

Please phone 01920 831053 to book a place.

Books and Biscuits

The Key Stage 2 Book Club will now be taking place on Thursdays 3.15 – 3.45pm after Easter (not Mondays). A local actor will be visiting us on Thursday 18th April.

End of term arrangements

We will all be going to the Church for our Easter service on Wednesday of next week and we plan to leave for church straight after registration in the morning. It would be lovely if you could join us there.

On Thursday, we will be having our Celebration Assembly at 9.00a.m. and the Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of this assembly. It would be lovely to see you then too if you can make it.

School will finish at 12 o' clock as it will be our last day of term. Year 6 pupils will not return from swimming until 12.15 and we ask Yr 6 parents to collect their children then.

I wish you all a very happy Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the summer term on Tuesday 16th April.

Zoë Hussain
Headteacher

Sports News (reported by Mrs Hodges)

Football training has now finished for this academic year. We are still competing in the Hope Cup – if we progress in this, further training will be organised and we will notify you of this.

Tag Rugby. We are taking part in a tournament on Thursday 25th April. In preparation for this there will be two training sessions after school on Wednesday 17th and Monday 22nd April finishing at 4.15pm. All Year 5 & 6 pupils are invited to attend. The teams will be selected after the training and children will be advised accordingly.

Netball training has now finished for this academic year.

Thank you to all pupils who have attended football & netball this season. It is often difficult to select teams as all children have shown dedication. Priority of the matches was given to Year 6 as this was their last opportunity to play and represent Watton School.

Diary Dates

24 th March	FOW and Beane Valley Family event
25 – 27 th March	FOW Easter Raffle – tickets available for children to buy on 25, 26 & 27 th March. Prize draw will be in assembly on 28 th
26 th March	KS2 Choir rehearsal in Ware (AM) Music Festival Performance (evening)
27 th March	Easter Church Service 9.15am
28 th March	End of term 12 noon finish
15 th April	Inset day – school closed to pupils
16 th April	Pupils return to school
19 th April	FOW Playout 3.15 – 5.30
20 th April	FOW Quiz Night
25 th April	Foundation Stage Stay & Play
30 th April	Class photographs
6 th May	May Day – school closed
10 th May	FOW Watton's Got Talent
13 th – 17 th May	SATs Week
27 th – 31 st May	HALF TERM
5 th – 7 th June	Year 3 residential trip to Hudnall Park
13 th June	Year 4 visit to Hatfield House
14 th June	FOW Father's Day Stall gifts from 50p to £5
15 th June	FOW Father's Day Car Wash
17 th – 21 st June	Year 1 phonics screening
19 th June	Year 5 & 6 K'nex challenge
24 – 28 th June	Dads to School week
26 th June	Foundation Stage sports morning
27 th June	KS1 sports morning
28 th June	KS2 sports morning
5 th July	FOW Playout 3.15 – 5.30
6 th July	FOW Adult Disco
8 th July	Nursery & Reception Induction meetings
9 th July	KS2 Production – evening performance
10 th July	KS2 Production – matinee and evening performances
11 th July	Secondary transfer day Meet your new teacher day
12 th July	Assessment reports to parents
15 th July	Key Stage 2 Inter-house Tennis Tournament 9.15am
19 th July	Foundation Stage reports to parents
24 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service 9.15 End of year – 12 noon finish

Academic Year 2013

Spring Term 2013

Monday 7th January to Thursday 28th March

Spring Half Term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

Easter Break: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Summer Term 2013

Monday 15th April to Wednesday 24th July

Summer Half Term: Tuesday 28th May to Friday 31st May

May Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Inset Days

15th February 2013

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