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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

# Newsletter

Please share this newsletter with your child

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and exciting half term for us at Watton. The children have all been working really hard and many have been making an extra effort in improving their presentation. I have been overwhelmed by the fantastic homework many children have also presented on healthy living and our three key words – respect, kindness and pride. Thank you to the many parents who have supported their children with this.

**Our Action Plan:** In September, we sent you a copy of our Ofsted Action Plan and we have been driving forward with all that we planned. As a staff, we have been developing our marking and feedback further and it is good to see the children regularly responding to feedback they have been given. The children's books show the quality learning that has been going on and clearly show the progress children have been making (you will get to see these at the parent consultation evenings). We have also worked closely with Herts for Learning Advisors to enhance our teaching further.

**Our Governors:** Our Governors have been working on the actions identified and had a very positive review of governance at the end of last month. The external review recognised that we have a strong governing body who knows our school very well. The Governors Day in September enabled governors to see lessons, talk to children and staff as well as a number of parents. Our Chair of Governors also shadowed a quality of teaching review that has been undertaken.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** Soon after the half term break we will be having our parent evenings (a letter should be with you today). During the evenings you will get the opportunity to see the work the children have been doing and also get the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teachers. The teachers will be providing you with targets the children are working on and explain how you can support with this at home. As always, there will be a range of information in the hall and we will be encouraging your feedback. Governors will also be in the hall during the evenings.

**Policies:** You will find updated policies on our school website. These include Safeguarding and SEND information report. The e-Safety policy will be available soon.

**Preschool:** The preschool has now been absorbed into the school and we are pleased that our excellent Early Years Leader, Mrs Anna Taylor, is leading the quality provision within the preschool. Miss Jo Farrelly is managing the preschool day-to-day.

**Easter Holidays:** As we have had a number of questions about the Easter holidays, I thought it would be helpful to clarify the dates. We have a long weekend for Easter (25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016), we then return to school for four days before having a two week holiday (4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016).

**Dates for your Diary:** On the back of this page you will see the dates for the year ahead. We do hope that you find this useful.  
Wishing you all a good half term break,

Zoë Hussain  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photo's
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	FOW School Disco & Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Consultation Evening 5pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Consultation Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Well Being Week
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Choir Concert at All Saints Church, Hertford
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Decorating Day in School
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY</b> – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Poetry Week
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Evening Nativity Performance
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Afternoon Nativity Performance
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Nativity Play
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime Trip for the whole School – Hertford Theatre
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Church Service / School Finishes at 12 noon
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term begins
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed to pupils
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Consultation Evening
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bank Holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Bank Holiday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Church Service / End of Term School Finishes at 12 noon
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Terms begins
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Class & Team Photo's
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Foundation Sports Morning
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip to Caythorpe Court
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 to Cuffley Camp
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Residential Trip to Hudnall Park
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Day
To be confirmed	Meet your new teacher day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Assessment Reports to go out
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Open afternoon for parents
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Production matinee & evening performances
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	KS2 Production evening performance
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service 9.15 / End of year – 12 noon finish

## Academic Year 2015/2016

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