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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

# Newsletter

Please share this newsletter with your child

Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see so many of you at the parent/teacher consultation evenings last week. We do hope you found the targets you received useful in supporting your children at home. Many of you took the time to give us verbal feedback or added post-it notes to our 'What's going well/Even better if' display – thank you for your feedback as we use this information to advise us on what we are doing well and what we will be working towards.

Working in partnership with our parents:

We would like to ensure we are providing you with the information you need to support your children in their learning. Please could you take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire that will be coming home – it will help us plan future sessions with you.

Homework:

The weekly homework focussing on areas such as reading, spellings and times tables continues to be a priority, and, with the need to ensure our children meet the high standards set by the new curriculum, it is key for the children to master these skills. In addition to this, we have recently introduced homework from the Headteacher. This homework hopefully enables the children to be as creative as possible. We have been overwhelmed by the effort and hard work that has been put in to this. The fantastic pieces on healthy living and on our key values (kindness, respect and pride) are currently on display throughout the school. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking at the Beane Valley Children Centre:

We are pleased this car park is being used well by so many of you. However, please can we remind parents to park safely and considerately in this car park. Parents should not park in the area beyond the crossing, as this is just for staff. It has been reported that a small number of parents are parking alongside the kerb and can't turn round so they reverse up across the crossing – this is **very** dangerous as you cannot see the children crossing there.

Well Being Week:

Next week we will be having our Well Being Week. We will be looking at anti-bullying and reviewing our policy and procedures for preventing and stopping bullying. We will also be focussing on healthy eating, exercise and what makes us happy. There will be a variety of activities for the children during the week and we will also have some visitors to the school. There will even be competitions for the children to participate in. Please ensure that the children have their PE kits everyday next week.

Decorating afternoon:

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December we will be making Christmas decorations in the afternoon. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us from 2.00p.m. on that afternoon. A letter will come out shortly with more information.

Poetry assembly:

We now have a poetry week each half term and the children enjoy learning and presenting poems. In response to a number of parent requests, we will hold a special assembly at the end of our next poetry week, where each class can perform their poem to parents, carers and family members who would like to attend. This will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2.40p.m.

Zoë Hussain  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

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	Poetry Assembly at 2.40pm
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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