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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a great start to the New Year. The children have come back eager to learn and have enjoyed telling us all about their holidays.

This term is a shorter one than the Autumn term, nevertheless it is going to be a busy one with lots of exciting learning going on and a variety of events.

Based on the feedback we got from you last term, we will be running a variety of sessions for parents over the next two terms.

Maths Information sessions – You will have already received a letter inviting you to a maths session on the 4th February.

Book sharing and E-safety evening:

We have decided to combine two different sessions at the end of this month. On Wednesday 27th January, we will be holding two E-Safety sessions for parents. On the same evening, we will also be giving you the opportunity to come along and see your children's books and the progress they have been making, as well as to have their new targets to work on. This is not a formal parent/teacher consultation evening; these happen in March after you have received the mid-year reports for your children. A letter which provides more detail on this evening should be with you today.

The weather:

The weather has definitely turned colder this week, so I think it is worth mentioning our cold weather closure procedures. We try to keep the school operating as usual as much as we possibly can in the cold weather. We try to keep our pathways clear and on occasions we may need to use alternative entrances to the school (as many of you experienced earlier this week). If it does snow significantly, there are a number of factors we have to consider, including the journeys staff and children have to make (a number of our staff do have to travel some distance). We do have to have a number of staff to enable us to open safely. If there is significant snowfall, we will try to make a decision as soon as we possibly can and we would inform you by text and by updating the website and the County site.

Attendance and punctuality

We are having a significant drive on improving our attendance and punctuality this term. Please could you support us in trying to ensure the children are on time for school every day. The whistle goes at 8.50 and that is when the children should be going in to the classrooms. The children all have early work as soon as they get into their classes – being late means they miss out on this and is also unsettling for the children. Please can you also support us by ensuring that your child/ren's attendance is as high as possible. Please do avoid holidays in term time as the children do miss vital learning and it can take some time for them to catch up. We would like our attendance to exceed 96% as traditionally it falls below the national average. We aim to be an outstanding school and excellent attendance and punctuality will support us in this aim!

A big thank you to everybody who purchased school photo's last term. As a customer to Braiswick Photographers we receive a percentage of the income to spend on resources for the school. Also for every order received they agreed to donate 50p to Cancer Research UK. As a result of your generosity £77.50 has been raised.

Zoë Hussain

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 27 th January	E-safety Evening and Book Sharing
Friday 29 th January	FOW Pamper Night
Thursday 4 th February	Maths information sessions
Thursday 11 th February	FOW School Disco
Friday 12 th February	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 23 rd March	Parents Consultation Evening
Saturday 19 th March	FOW Quiz Night
Thursday 24 th March	Parents Consultation Evening
Friday 25 th March	Bank Holiday
Monday 28 th March	Bank Holiday
Friday 1 st April	Easter Church Service / End of Term School Finishes at 12 noon
Monday 18 th April	Terms begins
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May	SATS Week
Tuesday 17 th May	Class & Team Photo's
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Tuesday 21 st June	Foundation Sports Morning
Wednesday 22 nd June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Monday 4 th July – Friday 8 th July	Year 6 Residential Trip to Caythorpe Court
Wednesday 6 th – Friday 8 th July	Year 2 to Cuffley Camp
Wednesday 13 th – Friday 15 th July	Year 4 Residential Trip to Hudnall Park
Thursday 14 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
To be confirmed	Meet your new teacher day
Friday 15 th July	Assessment Reports to go out
Monday 18 th July	Open afternoon for parents
Wednesday 20 th July	KS2 Production matinee & evening performances
Thursday 21 st July	KS2 Production evening performance
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service 9.15 / End of year – 12 noon finish

Academic Year 2015/2016

<p>Autumn Term 2015 Autumn Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October Second Half Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December Christmas Holidays :Monday 21st Dec 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 19th October 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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