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Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a busy half term so far with lots going on at school.

Year 6 SATS and assessments: The year 6 pupils have finished their SATs last week and we were very proud of how much effort they put in and their positive attitudes! They also enjoyed some treats and fun activities on the Friday as a reward for all their hard work! Assessments will be happening for other year groups over these next two weeks, including the Year 2 pupils who also have SATs.



Weather: Many of us have been pleased to have some warmer weather. We would encourage children to now bring in sun hats. Children are permitted to wear sunglasses if they wish, but we ask that these are not expensive ones and the children have to be responsible for looking after them. Please can you also ensure you apply sun cream for your children in the morning at home, as we cannot apply this at school. The preschool does have a separate sun cream policy. The lunchtime supervisors will encourage children to drink more water and to make use of our shaded areas during the warm weather.

Our train and boat: Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to our wooden train and boat in the playground. They were getting very old and worn and Mr Starkey repaired them many times. Due to the deteriorating condition of the wood, we had to make the decision to have them removed. We will be asking the children for ideas for the playground again soon and we are sure they will come up with some great ideas – maybe even a new boat or train?

Forest School: A couple of weeks ago under the guidance of Mr Starkey, we were lucky to have some volunteers from Tesco head office help us in clearing an area just outside the school, which we have been given permission to use for future Forest School work. Mrs Goodman was very excited about how well the area was cleared by the volunteers and Reception have been using the area one or two sessions a week this half term. Reception will be inviting the rest of the school to join them in the new area, giving them a tour so that the other classes will be able to benefit from this fantastic outdoor learning opportunity.

Purple Day: We are really pleased to have raised £235 on our Purple Day – this money goes to Kidney Research UK.

Citizen Badges: As you all know, each week two children are selected from each class to be citizens for the week and they get to wear a citizen badge which they return after a week. Unfortunately, we are finding that we don't always get the badges back and we have gone through all of our spare badges. We really want the children to always have a badge to wear so we will now be keeping a much closer track of the badges being returned. Regrettably, if we do not have a badge returned we will have to ask for £1.50 to partially cover the cost of ordering the new one.

Enriching our curriculum: The teachers are all being creative about enriching our curriculum further - please do look out for a variety of activities that will be taking place. In June we will be having a 'Watton Science Week' which Mrs Roberts is organising and in July Mrs Goodman is planning an Art week which will lead to an Art Gallery of the children's work. This week, the Year 1 and 2 pupils have been participating in a Greek Olympic Day and Year 5 are currently learning all about 'The Flying Scotsman'.



Our staff car park: It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents are using the staff car park as a 'walk-through' with their children. Please could all parents and carers refrain from using the staff car park in this way as we do not want any accidents. The staff who drive in to school come in to the car park at a range of times up to 9.00a.m. and so it is not safe for children to be walking through this area at all (even when accompanied by an adult).



Dates for your diary:

Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Thursday 9 th June	Woodhall Park Trip
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 Hudnell 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
Tuesday 19 th July	KS2 Production evening performance
Wednesday 20 th July	KS2 Production matinee & evening performances
Thursday 21 st July	Yr 6 Visit to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service 9.15 / End of year – 12 noon finish

Academic Year 2016

<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>Autumn Term 2016 First Half Thursday 1st September to 21st October Autumn Half Term Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October Second Half Monday 31st October to Wednesday 21st December</p>	<p>Inset Days</p> <p>Monday 25th July 2016</p> <p>Thursday 1st September 2016 Friday 2nd September 2016</p>
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