

Watton at Stone

Nursery and Primary School Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

The Spring term is a short one and half term will soon be upon us! We have managed to fit a lot since we have been back and the children are all very proud of their lovely writing which is on display throughout the school.

Changes in Education: Many of you will be aware of the government plans for all schools to be academies and the move away from Local Authority control. While there has been less of a sense of urgency recently than was initially introduced, the cuts which are affecting the education budget will reduce the local authority's capacity to support schools. The Watton Governing Body is looking very carefully at the different options available to us at Watton. I know they will want to share the information they are researching with you as soon as it reaches a stage of consultation.

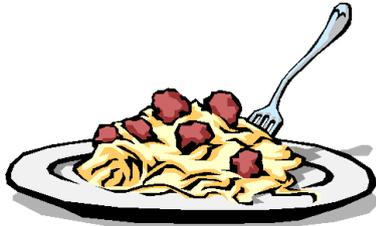
Friends of Watton: The Friends Of Watton are already busy raising funds for the school and on Friday night they had their Well Being evening. The Friends transformed the school for the evening and a range of lovely treatments were available. The event was a success and we thank all the Friends for their hard work and great organisational skills!

Year 3 and Year 4 performance in the spring term: As you are aware, we have traditionally had a Key Stage 2 performance at the end of the summer term which involves the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. It has become increasingly difficult (with our numbers growing) to fit everyone in the hall and having all four year groups involved also means that children often have to wait until Year 6 before they have a chance to have an acting or singing part. For these reasons, we have decided to make a change. At the end of the Spring term (during the last week of term – date to be confirmed), Year 3 and 4 will have their own performance evening.



Website: We are regularly updating our website with letters and upcoming events, please take the time to look at it. Please ensure you have given your child's class teacher your email address so you are able to view the class blog. This page contains homework and any important information of what will be happening in class in the next few weeks. These blogs are updated weekly.

School Lunch Debts: Any debts that we incur as a school for outstanding dinner money are collected from us by Herts Catering Ltd. This results in them making a deduction from our school budget. Any deductions need to be avoided as we want to ensure we use our entire budget effectively to provide the best education for our children at Watton.



Diary Dates: Updated diary dates for the Spring and Summer Term will be available to read on our website from the end of this week.

Parking: Once again may I just mention about considering our neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up times. Last week one of our parents had to wait for over 30 minutes to get to work due to a parent who had blocked her drive.

