



June 2017

Dear parents and carers,

It was good to see so many of you at our recent sports' mornings. The children all put in a real team effort (despite the range of weather conditions) and thank you for all your positive comments about both events. As the rain stopped us from finishing on Tuesday Mrs Stevens let the children know (in assembly this week) that this year the winning team are the Yellow Team.

Special visitors to the school:

We have been really lucky to have some great visitors this week. On Monday morning, the Richard Hale band performed for all the children who thoroughly enjoyed listening to the pieces of music they played. On Wednesday we had the pleasure of Ian Rose, a Paralympian, visit us. He spoke to the children about motivation and resilience and he was truly inspiring! He talked to the children about having their own goals and 'being a penguin' not a 'polar bear'. Ask them about it and I am sure they will enjoy explaining this to you in more detail. He will visit us again in the autumn term.



Today (Friday) we have the K'nex challenge for our Yr5 and Yr6 pupils and on Monday we will have some birds of prey coming to visit our younger children in the Early Years classes. These experiences all enrich our curriculum and making learning fun.

FOW Pamper Evening this evening: We will be having the Friends of Watton Pamper Evening tonight. It's not too late to even turn up on the door tonight!

Classes for next year: I am aware that some parents will be very keen to know about classes for next year and are also keen to know about the teachers your children will have. The children will be meeting their new teachers in the week beginning 15th July. For many classes, they will stay together as a class and the main change they will experience will be of having another teacher (and another classroom). We will share our plans for the children currently in Reception and Year 1 via a parent meeting on Wednesday 5th July. For parents of children currently in Year 5 and Year 2, we will also share our plans with you via letters very soon.

Supporting your child/children with their learning:

We have had two successful evening events recently – supporting your children at home with reading and another session on maths. Those parents who did attend found these sessions useful and informative.



It is nearly the end of the year so we have time for just one more coffee morning which will take place on Thursday 13th July – the focus will be maths for younger children.

Payments and debts:

As we come towards the end of the term, we encourage parents to pay off any money owing to the school. We do not like to have to chase parents about debts but have no choice but to do so. Our budget is extremely tight this year and we cannot afford to have anyone not paying outstanding monies. Please see the office staff if you are having any problems with payment.



Attendance and holidays:

We thank all parents who choose not to take holidays in term time. Every day of your child's education is really important and even missing a day can mean it is so much harder for your child to catch up. This also means teacher time is spent supporting your child with catching up where they shouldn't need to do so. I do meet with all parents who take holidays in term time and we will soon be reviewing our attendance policy with the governors to consider introducing the use of fining for parents who continue to take holidays during term time.



End of term:

Just a quick reminder that term ends on Friday 21st July at **2.15pm.**

Date	Day	Time	Event/Activity
3 rd – 7 th July	Mon - Fri		Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
5 th – 7 th July	Wed - Fri		Cuffley Camp Residential – Year 2
12 th – 14 th July	Wed - Fri		Hudnall Park Residential Trip – Year 4
13 th July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
14 th July	Friday		Assessment updates to parents
17 th July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
18 th July	Tuesday	6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
19 th July	Wednesday	2pm and 6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
21 st July	Friday	9.15am	End of Term Church Service
		Early finish 2.15pm	Summer term ends