



September 2017

Dear Parents and carers,

We are now coming to the end of our second week of term and it has been lovely to see the children settling in to their new classes. They are all working hard and I have been very impressed with the quality of work they have been producing!

It was good to see so many of you at the **parent information sessions** last week – the presentations will be available on the website and hopefully you have all signed up for the **blogs** now (or will do by the end of next week). We have recently provided you with a **brown envelope** that contained lots of information to return to us. Please can you ensure you do return these as soon as possible if you have not already done so – it is so important we have your current address, current phone number and an email address.

Harvest Festival:



Please do come along to the Church for the Harvest Festival on the 29th September. A separate letter will come to you shortly with more details.

Dates for the Diary:

We have created our new 'Diary Dates for 2017/8' and we hope you find these useful! We will add more important dates along the way and will endeavour to always add these to the newsletters.



Our Clubs will start next week – week beginning 18th September!

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

The Year 5 pupils are going to be organising a coffee morning and you will soon receive letters asking for cake contributions and to come along and join us. As The Bull are running a coffee morning on the 29th, we will hold ours a couple of weeks later.





Well Being Week:

In November (13th – 17th), we will be running our annual Well Being Week (in line with national anti-bullying week) and we will be focussing on healthy eating, exercise and being happy (mentally healthy). The national theme for this year is **'All different, All equal'**. In the past we have had a range of activities like smoothie and fruit tasting, Hertford Rugby Club running sessions and extra aerobic sessions on the playground! If you would like to get involved by helping with a club or exercise session, reading to the children or preparing healthy food, please let the office or Mrs Stevens and Miss Stevens know!

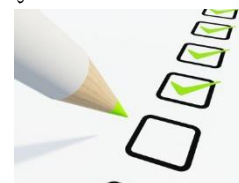
Homework:

We are trialling some new homework this term and we would really value your feedback! We would like the biggest focus for homework to be reading as many times as possible in a week and for parents to read with children as much as they can (even if they are older). Children will also get weekly spellings and number bond/times table work to do. The biggest change is that we will be now giving a half term sheet for homework in Year 1- Year 5 which gives a range of options to choose from. We are hoping this will make the homework more enjoyable and fun! Year 6's homework will be slightly different in light of preparing them fully for the year ahead and for transition to Year 7.



Attendance:

We are aiming to beat the national average in attendance this year, which currently sits at 96%. Last year, we got close to this but didn't quite make it. We have mentioned recently that we will be introducing fining as part of our attendance policy – this will be introduced in January 2018. We will be sending more information to you soon to explain clearly how this will be introduced.



Friends of Watton:

Please see the events the Friends of Watton are planning on the flyer sent out to you earlier in the week. Your support is needed and everything raised goes towards benefitting the children! Please do help where you can!



PET BLESSING SERVICE

Where? St Andrew and St Mary, Watton at Stone.....

When? Sunday 1st Oct 9 30am

Bring your PETS (or cuddly toy animals) to be blessed in our All Age SERVICE action songs, short talk, candle prayers. The service lasts 30 minutes with refreshments afterwards (large animals blessed outside) EVERYONE welcome

Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School

Diary Dates 2017/18

Date	Day	Time	Event/Activity
4 th September	Monday	8.50am	START OF AUTUMN TERM
18 th September	Monday		Clubs commence
29 th September	Friday	9.15am	Church Harvest Festival
4 th October	Wednesday	7.30pm	FOW A.G.M
11 th October	Wednesday	4pm – 8pm	Parent Consultations
12 th October	Thursday	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent Consultations
23 rd - 27 th October			HALF TERM BREAK
1 st November	Wednesday		Individual School Photographs
1 st December	Friday	PM only	Decorating afternoon
1 st December	Friday	3.20pm – 5.30pm	FOW Christmas Bazaar
12 th December	Tuesday	6.00pm – 7.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
13 th December	Wednesday	2pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
15 th December	Friday	10.30am	Foundation stage Christmas Performance
19 th December	Tuesday	9.15am	End of term Church Service
	Tuesday	2.15pm	END OF AUTUMN TERM
8 th January	Monday	8.50am	START OF SPRING TERM
12 th – 16 th February			HALF TERM BREAK
14 th March	Wednesday	4.00 – 8.00pm	Parents Consultation Evening
15 th March	Thursday	3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening
27 th March	Tuesday	2.00pm	Years 3 and 4 school production
27 th March	Wednesday	6.00pm	Years 3 and 4 school production
29 th March	Thursday	2.15pm	END OF SPRING TERM
3 rd – 13 th April			Easter Holiday
16 th April	Monday	8.50am	START OF SUMMER TERM
7 th May	Monday		SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
W/C 14 th May			Assessment Week
15 th May	Tuesday		Class and Team Photographs
25 th May	Friday		KNEX challenge – Yr 5 and Yr 6
28 th May – 1 st June			HALF TERM BREAK
4 th June – 8 th June			Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
18 th June	Monday	9.15am	Foundation Stage Sports Morning
20 th June	Wednesday	Whole day	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
11 th – 13 th July			Yr 4 Hudnall Park Residential Trip

12 th July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
13 th July	Friday		Assessment updates to parents
16 th July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
17 th July	Tuesday	6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
18 th July	Wednesday	2pm and 6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
20th July	Friday	9.15am	End of Term Church Service
		2.15pm	SUMMER TERM ENDS