



**23rd November Newsletter – 2017**

Dear parents and carers,

We don't usually have 2 newsletters in a month, but on this occasion we have lots of key information to share with you.

**Well Being Week:**



Last week's Well Being Week was a huge success, thank you for all your support. During the week we focused on being happy, keeping physically and mentally healthy and eating healthy choices. We had a range of activities including American football, rugby, fruit tasting, food

hygiene, hockey and of course the wonderful Tim Peake Challenge. So far the sponsorship money has raised an amazing **£1,246.30** and it is still rising! All money raised will go towards the development of the new school building and playground improvements, so thank you to everyone who has supported the children in their efforts. Finally, we ended the week's activities with a Mindfulness Cosy Day on Friday.

**Nursery Admissions for 2018/2019:**

We are pleased to announce that our new Nursery Admissions information is now available on the website. For parents of children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 we will be holding information sessions next week to talk you through the new application system and will be available at the end to answer questions or help fill out forms. The sessions will be at school on:

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6.00pm  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 9.10am

We will be accepting applications from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Please let any friends or neighbours know about the information sessions if they have children of this age.



**Nursery Hours for Spring Term:**

Please could all parents **eligible for 30 Hours childcare funding check their codes** ready for the Spring term and let us know of any changes. We will be writing to all Nursery parents soon regarding their requirements for additional hours in the Spring Term so that we can finalise our arrangements.

**Published Admissions Number (PAN):**

As many of you are aware, for some time now we have had a PAN of 34, which means that our maximum admission number for each year group is 34. As we have shared with many of you in the past, this has staffing implications for our Reception and Key Stage 1 classes as there is an infant class size limit of 30. We have coped with this by having 3 classes in Key Stage 1 for the last 3 years but this does have a financial impact for the school with the cost of an extra teacher in Key stage 1.



Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019/20 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed change:

To reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) of Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School from 34 to 30.

The consultation period runs until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2019) for more information and to respond online.

#### **Generous donation:**

Friends of Watton have been given a generous donation by the family who are building a house on the site of the old Playschool, to apologise to parents for any inconvenience that may be caused over the next year during the build.

#### **Christmas Dinner Day with Christmas jumpers!**

Don't forget that all pupils and staff are welcome to wear their Christmas/seasonal jumpers (or hats or headpieces) on our Christmas Dinner Day, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December next week.



#### **Friends of Watton:**

The Friends of Watton Christmas bazaar will be here before we know it, so please keep a note of these donation dates:

24<sup>th</sup> November (this Friday) - Bring a decorated jar to school - filled with sweets or toys



1st December - Bring a cake to school (for bazaar)

*Please note times have changed to 5.30pm to 7.30pm.*

#### **Safe Driving & Parking**

As we are all concerned for the safety of our children - please can we ask everyone to drive and park considerably in our Children Centre car park and surrounding school areas. Thank you.



#### **Safe Scooter and bike riding to and from school:**

A number of our children use their scooters and bikes and do so in a very safe manner. Recently, some members of our community have let us know that some children are not being as safe as they could be and not choosing the safest places to cross pathways and roads. Please could you ensure that you do talk to your children about this (we will also do so at school) so they are thinking about road safety at all times.



#### **December Coffee Morning – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December:**

It has been a little while since we had our last coffee mornings and we would like to re-establish these. We will hold a coffee morning on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00a.m. (Please come to the school office for 9.00am if you would like to attend). At this session we will be asking you to come and join us to let us know what you think is going well and how we could improve things further. We will look to plan some future coffee mornings for the Spring term and decide on some of the themes you would like us to cover. We look forward to seeing you there!




**Zoe Hussain – Headteacher**

## Watton at Stone Primary & Nursery School

### Diary Dates 2017/18

Date	Day	Time	Event/Activity
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Friday	PM only	Decorating afternoon
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Friday	5.30pm – 7.30pm	FOW Christmas Bazaar
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Christmas Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	6.00pm – 7.00pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	2pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday	AM	'Rapunzel' – Hertford Theatre
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	10.30am	Foundation stage Christmas Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	9.15am	End of term Church Service
	Tuesday	2.15pm	<b>END OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	8.50am	<b>START OF SPRING TERM</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February			<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	4.00 – 8.00pm	Parents Consultation Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents Consultation Evening
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	2.00pm and 6.00pm	Years 3 and 4 school production
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	2.15pm	<b>END OF SPRING TERM</b>
3rd – 13 <sup>th</sup> April			<b>Easter Holiday</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	8.50am	<b>START OF SUMMER TERM</b>
7th May	Monday		<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY</b>
W/C 14 <sup>th</sup> May			Assessment Week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday		Class and Team Photographs
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday		KNEX challenge – Yr 5 and Yr 6
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1st June			<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June – 8 <sup>th</sup> June			Caythorpe Court Residential Trip – Yr 6
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	9.15am	Foundation Stage Sports Morning
20th June	Wednesday	Whole day	KS1 and KS2 Sports Day
11th July -13 <sup>th</sup> July			Yr 4 Hudnall Park Residential Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	Whole Day	Secondary Schools transfer day – Yr 6
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday		Assessment updates to parents
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	2.00pm	Open Afternoon for parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	6.30pm	Yr 5 and Yr 6 End of Year Production
18 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>SUMMER TERM ENDS</b>

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- **A further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw EVERY WEEK**
- **Start supporting NOW for only £1 a week!**

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