

Welcome back to our last autumn term in two buildings! This is an exciting year for us. Midas are up to date with the build programme, and we look forward to being able to show you inside the new building before Christmas.

We have been delighted to welcome to our team some new members of staff. Miss Atkinson and Mr Leon are working as SEN Teaching Assistants, and we are pleased to welcome Miss Gifford to our team of permanent Teaching Assistants. Our admin team has been joined by Mrs Dickinson, who you will mostly find in Meadow Site office. In a couple of weeks we will welcome Mrs Faulks to our lunchbreak team at Meadow Site. We hope that they will all be very happy at Watermore.

We also have some new names for you to get to know, as two of our teachers have got married over the summer. Miss Curtis is now Mrs Morton, and Miss Collings is now Mrs MacSorley. Congratulations to them both!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children to school next week. We are also pleased to have welcomed Sienna to Woodpecker Class and Aiden to Starling Class.

### PARENT LINK

Mrs Sharon Flint, our school pupil counsellor and trained 'Parent Link' now works in this role all day on Thursdays and Friday mornings. You can use this confidential service to discuss any worries about your child, either in school or at home. She offers a listening ear, practical advice and support and can also help you to find other sources of external support. Call or email the school offices to arrange an appointment. Mrs Flint is also very happy to speak to parents on the phone if you can't get into school.



### PTFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parents and friends of the school are invited to a social time and meeting of the Parent Teachers and Friends Association on

**Thursday 26th September  
7.30pm at the Orchard Site  
(Drinks from 6.30pm)**

This is an important opportunity to meet other parents and have a say in what the PTFA does this year and how it spends the money it raises. Whether you are keen to be on the committee, might have a few hours to help during the year, or just want to hear about what is going on, please join us.

We especially invite the parents of the new Reception children to come along and get to know other parents.

### SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Plans are all in place for our 10k race, rainbow run and BBQ. However, the committee need a few more volunteers to help it run smoothly. They need some people to help on the school site and others to be marshals along the route. Please contact the school offices or email them directly if you can offer to help, or would like more information: [watermore10k@gmail.com](mailto:watermore10k@gmail.com)  
We hope to see you all there!



### MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

**Tuesday 10th September until 4.00pm  
Thursday 12th September until 4.00pm**

Teachers are always ready to speak to you at the beginning and end of the day, but there is not always much time to do this. We invite you to come along next week after school on Tuesday or Thursday (or both if you'd like to meet both job-share teachers). This will give you the chance to see the classroom as well, and also pick up the term plans and home learning booklets for the class.

## SCHOOL MEALS

School dinners for junior children are now £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

Please make sure that you keep up to date with payments. If you go £12 or more in arrears, we will ask you to provide a packed lunch for your child until this has been paid. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The menu continues as last term until the end of October. After the half term holiday there will be a new menu, which will be sent to you in advance.

## SNACKS

Toast continues to be 10p per day. Fruit snacks in the morning for infant children now cost 25p.

Juniors may buy a carton of fruit juice for 25p.

If junior children are not buying toast, they may bring a snack from home. We prefer this to be fresh fruit, but they may also bring a healthy (not sugar laden) cereal bar. Biscuits, crisps etc. should not be brought in.



## SESCO

Mrs Powell, our SENCO is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She will again be inviting all parents with children on the SEN register to come into school to meet her, later in the term.

If you would like to make contact with her before these dates, please get in touch and she will be pleased to speak to you.



One of the most popular events in the school calendar is always the Macmillan Great Coffee morning. We are a bit short of space this term, so we are planning to hold the event this year in January - put this in your diaries for **Friday 24th January**. It will be a great opportunity to welcome the community to our new building.



Our Walk to school badge scheme will be re-started in October, once it has been introduced again to the children in an assembly.



## CROSSING PATROLS

Please make sure that you always cross at the patrol points at both sites. This keeps everyone safe and sets a good example to the children. We particularly ask Year 2 parents to use the crossing at Meadow Site at all times.

Please note that there will be **no crossing patrol at Meadow Site** between 20th - 27th inclusive. The South Gloucestershire team do not currently have enough relief staff to cover for absences.

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME - Update

Please remember that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. After several years of very low numbers of children being taken out for term-time holidays at Watermore, we have seen an increase this year. Because of this, the governing body have discussing again the policy of asking the local authority to fine parents for unauthorised absences. The GB was of the unanimous view that we should follow the South Gloucestershire policy of fining for term time absence. Any holiday that we have already been informed about last year will not be eligible for a fine. However holiday (and any other unauthorised) absences this year will be considered on a case-by-case basis for consideration of a fixed penalty.

Whilst we understand the reasons for term time holidays, we ask that you please make a priority of ensuring that your child is in school every day, unless they are ill.

A high attendance level has been proved to lead to better progress, and children being happier in school.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS



These will be elected in the next few days and announced in the next newsletter.





# WATERMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Term 2019



Further dates for activities and events will be published in fortnightly newsletters throughout the term

Mon 9th Sept	Reception children start
Tues 10th Sept	'Meet the teacher' until 4.00pm PTFA Committee The Rising Sun 7.30pm
Thurs 12th Sept	'Meet the teacher' until 4.00pm
Sun 15th Sept	PTFA 10k race, children's races and family barbecue
Mon 16th Sept	Reception children stay to lunch
Wed 18th Sept	Year 4 ukulele sessions begin (10 weeks) Christian Explorers Club starts for Years 3 & 4 (lunchtimes) Violin lessons begin
Thurs 19th Sept	Woodwind lessons begin
Fri 20th Sept	Clarinet lessons begin
Mon 23rd Sept	Reception children full time Meeting for Year 6 parents - Morfa Bay residential trip 3.30pm
Thurs 26th Sept	PTFA AGM 7.30pm Orchard Site (drinks from 6.30)
Mon 30th Sept	Year 4 swimming starts (10 weeks)
Tues 1st Oct	Full Governing Body meeting 6.15pm
Mon 7th Oct	Walk to School assemblies on both sites
Tues 8th Oct	Parent Forum: Watermore Curriculum - 2.00pm and 7.00pm
Fri 11th Oct	Coffee morning for Reception parents with Sharon Flint (Parent Link)
Wed 16th Oct	Parents meeting for Reception admissions 2020 9.15am
Thurs 17th Oct	Meeting for Reception parents: Reading and phonics 9.15am
Fri 18th Oct	Christmas card making day (PTFA fundraiser)
Wed 23rd Oct	Flu vaccinations Years 1 to 6 Year 1 Home Learning Showcase Parents meeting for Reception admissions 2020 7.30pm
Thurs 24th Oct	'Safer, fitter, greener' workshops for Year 4 classes
Fri 25th Oct	'Be bright, be seen' road safety assemblies
28th October - 1st Nov School closed	
Tues 5th Nov	First 'Sing Up' session for Yr 5 (then four following Wednesdays)
Wed 6th Nov	Meetings with SENCO and teacher for parents of children with EHCPs
Fri 8th Nov	School photographer - individual & sibling photos
Wed 13th Nov	Parents Consultations 1.30 - 4.00pm
Thurs 14th Nov	Parents Consultations 4.00 - 7.30pm
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need
Tues 19th Nov	Meetings with SENCO and teacher for SEN children (not those with EHCPs)
Wed 20th Nov	Parents meeting for Reception admissions 2020 7.30pm

Wed 27th Nov	Home learning showcase Years 1 to 6 Full Governing Body 6.15pm
Fri 29th Nov	Christmas Fayre
<b>Christmas dates:</b>	
Tues 3rd Dec	Year 1 / 2 nativity (afternoon)
Wed 4th Dec	Year 1 / 2 nativity (morning) Reception nativity (afternoon)
Thurs 5th Dec	Reception nativity (morning)
Mon 9th Dec	Reception Stay & Play 1.30 - 2.30pm Opportunity for parents to visit the new building 2.30 - 4.00pm
Tues 10th Dec	Orchard Site Christmas lunch Junior Concert 6pm (to be confirmed)
Wed 11th Dec	Meadow Site Christmas lunch Christmas parties for Years 4 to 6
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas parties for Reception to Year 3
Fri 13th Dec	Last day of term for children
16th - 19th Dec	Move out of old buildings and into the new building
Fri 20th Dec	Training day



Congratulations to the first Special Award winners of the new school year:

#### **Orchard**

Owls: Evie and Tommy  
Woodpeckers: Parker and Lainey

#### **Meadow**

Heron: Otto and Sam  
Puffin: Ellie, Dylan and Emmy  
Swift: Gracie and Chloe  
Starling: Aiden, Gabriela and Jude  
Eagle: Elliott and Carys  
Jay: Mikey and Stanlee  
Skylark: Lewis, Bella and Skylark Class  
Nightingale: Haydon and Amelie  
Kingfisher: Zack and Millie

#### **YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED - DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CURRICULUM**

Throughout this year we will be working to develop our curriculum. The children have told their teachers what they love learning, what else they would like to learn about. We want to make the best opportunities for learning offered by our new building. We are also discussing developing more local, national and international links for the children, as well as having more themed weeks.

We would love to know parents views on this. What do you like best about our current curriculum? What would you like us to develop or include? Do you have any ideas for resources or local links? What else can we do to support learning at home?

If you would like to contribute your ideas, please come along:

#### **PARENT FORUM**

#### **DEVELOPING OUR WATERMORE CURRICULUM**

Tuesday 8th October at 2.00pm

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We will give parents who are not able to attend the chance to contribute ideas in writing .