



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the Headteacher of Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School and to welcome you to what I am sure will be a very busy and exciting year ahead.

I was certain from my first visit to the school and during my interview, that Watton at Stone was the perfect choice for me as Headteacher and since starting my post this week I have been tremendously impressed by the whole school, especially the children. Every time I go into a classroom or the playground I am welcomed by a sea of inquisitive smiley faces, each desperate to learn and immensely proud of their school.

Since my appointment in March, I have been actively involved in shaping the direction for the school with the school leaders and Governors.

I believe Watton at Stone is a school of huge potential and I am determined to secure an outstanding future for the school. I have the very highest expectations of the staff and all the children and it is my intention by working together we can make our school the best it can possibly be.

I will be holding 3 coffee mornings on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00a.m. Refreshments will be served and I welcome the opportunity to meet you all in person and hear your thoughts about the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parents/carers who have made me feel so welcome this week, your well-wishes and positive comments have been greatly appreciated. Looking forward to working closely with you in the future.



Mrs N. Etienne

## Meet the teachers

Next week we welcome parents with children in years 1,4,5 and 6 to meet the class teachers and to find out some key information to support your child with their transition into their new classes.

9<sup>th</sup> - Yr 1 transition meeting 9am

10<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 transition meeting 9am

11<sup>th</sup> - Yr 4 transition meeting 9am

12<sup>th</sup> - Yr 5 transition meeting 9am

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

## Good to Be Green

This week we have launched our new behaviour strategy called 'Good To Be Green'. This has been well received by the staff and the children and we are already seeing the children setting their expectations high so that they can be 'Good To Be Green' all day or excel themselves and be 'Great To Be Gold'. Please take a few minutes to read the guidance (which was emailed to you earlier today) for more detailed information so that you are fully informed about how this behaviour strategy works.



### Class Assemblies

This year all the children in years Reception to Year 6 will take part in a class assembly. The assembly will be based around a theme or topic that the children have been learning about so this is a great opportunity for you to see some of their work and hear about what they have learnt. Dates to be published next week.

Our school value this month is 'Happiness'.



Friday 20th September @ 3pm - march through Watton-at-Stone to show your support and call on the government to take action on climate change. Children around the world are getting involved and it will be beneficial for the children of Watton to get involved too. As a school we are supporting this cause and if you would like your child to attend then you may collect your child at 2.30pm and meet at 2.45pm at church ready to march at 3pm.

The march will start at:  
St Andrew's & St Mary's Church  
And will end at:  
Scout Hut, Mill Lane  
If you would prefer your child to remain in school then they will finish at the normal time.

**Please let your child's class know by Thursday 19th if you will be collecting your child at 2.30pm on 20th September.**

For more information contact Jess on 07935 976636

We look forward to a good turnout

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.

Happiness

Equality

Achieve Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful & Responsible

Truthfulness

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## Dates for the diary

### September

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Yr 1 transition meeting 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 transition meeting 9am
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Yr 4 transition meeting 9am
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Yr 5 transition meeting 9am
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Yr 3 transition meeting 9am
- 19<sup>th</sup> - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Yr 1 parent phonics meeting 2.45pm or 6pm

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Rec phonics parent meeting 2.45pm or 6pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - parent consultations 4pm - 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> - parent consultations 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival visit to Church
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Individual photographs
- 28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> November - Half term

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - Anti bullying week
- 13<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Reception Nativity performance
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Nativity performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Whole school to visit Hertford Panto - Castle Hall
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Whole school visit to church
- 20<sup>th</sup> - School Closed - Occasional Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Xmas holiday

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