



NEWSLETTER

Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School

25th October 2019

Great To Be Gold

Congratulations to these children this week who have gone 'over and above' with their behaviour.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL

Verity S	Libby F
Sam B	George
Isabelle B	Lily A
Harry C	Alessio M
Isabella L	Elena A
Poppy N	Charles B
Henry C	Nelson C
Caitlin S	Chaya G
Elsa D	
Sophie S-C	
Isabelle B	
Annabelle T	
Harley D-S	
Reggie M	
Alex B	
Jasmine L	
Daisy T	
Ruby H	
Joe A	

House point winners

And the
winners are....

Huge congratulations to red house who this half term have accumulated the most house points. This afternoon they enjoyed their reward...dvd and treats in the hall. House points are awarded by the staff for the children whose behaviour is green all day, who achieve great to be gold status, who are polite, who work to the best of their ability, who are resilient and independent learners and in assemblies too.

This half term

Red house earned 1,888 house points.

Blue house earned 1,786 house points.

Green house earned 1,734 house points.

Yellow house earned 1,857 house points.

Well done to everyone for working so hard this term.

Year 2 class assembly

This morning Year 2 led the first class assembly for their families all about the environment. We heard them singing, retelling a story and signing. It was a delightful assembly and I look forward to other class assemblies taking place throughout the year.

Meeting with Parents - Parent Forum

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of meeting with some parents, having a cup of tea with them whilst listening to their thoughts and opinions about the school. They told me about some of the strengths of the school including the nurturing environment that we have created for all children, the improved behaviour, the well-resourced playground which the children love and what amazing teachers we have in the school. I also listened to their thoughts about what the school could do to further improve and all of these ideas will be further discussed with senior leaders and staff. Thank you to everyone who came along. Your thoughts and opinions were welcomed and appreciated.

Attendance this week For the whole school attendance this week is 95.8%. Unfortunately no class achieved 100%.

Attendance this half term Our overall attendance figure for the 1st half of the Autumn Term is 96.7%. This time last year we were 96.8% for the same period. So a slight drop but we know we can improve on this in the second half of the Autumn term.

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Donations required

If you have old shirts that are no longer being used, then we would really appreciate these as we can use them as art aprons. Long sleeved shirts are the best as they give best clothes coverage to avoid paint and other dirt on school clothes.

You may have also heard that the midday lunch supervisors award raffle tickets to children at lunchtime for great behaviour, manners, being a good friend and helpfulness. If you have any small party bag gifts that are no longer required or surplus to use, then we would really appreciate these to add to our raffle prize box. Please send all donations via the school office please. Many thanks for your help.

Happiness

Empathy

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.
In October the school value we focusing on is EMPATHY.

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

Families First Portal

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst

Many parents and carers will need support and advice at some point. Families First provide expert, practical advice and support for parents. Find information on parenting courses such as managing challenging behaviours and supporting children with ASD. You can also find information on SEN as well as SEN support groups. There is also lots of advice about

- *health and wellbeing
- * keeping safe
- *education and employment
- *money and housing

Click on the above link and have a browse.

Children in Need

Children are invited to wear something yellow on 15th (please ensure that they are still warm enough to go outside at breaktimes). We are asking for a £1 donation and all the money will be sent to this amazing charity.



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Scooters and Bikes

This is a polite reminder that children shouldn't be riding their scooters and bikes once they are on the school site. This is for the safety of everyone. Children are to dismount their scooters and bikes before they come in the school gate and walk them to the bike shed. Thank you for your co-operation.

During the week beginning 11th November we will be having a Wellbeing week for the whole school. During this week we will be planning lots of great activities and also linking this to anti bullying too. On the 13th is National No Pens Day. Yes that's right.....a whole day where the children won't be using pencils or pens - a practical day engaging in their learning across the curriculum. More details to follow soon.

Aldi Kits for School

Please continue to send in the Aldi stickers after half term. You have until the 3rd November to continue to collect these in store and we have to return our completed posters by 18th November. At the moment we have filled up half of our poster so please, please ask friends and families too if we can have the stickers that they don't want either. Many thanks for your support.

Friends of Watton School

Thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts orders - we're hoping to get the items printed and back much earlier than in the past. We'll let you know roughly when to expect them soon.

Our next event will be the Xmas Movie night on Thursday 14th November - maybe a chance for you to do some Christmas shopping whilst the children enjoy a Christmas film and popcorn - last year's event was a big hit with the children - look out for more information soon on Facebook and Classlist.

Christmas Bazaar planning is well and truly underway - make sure Friday 29th November 5pm-7.30pm is in your diary!

Friends of Watton School Disco

Thank you to those who bought tickets for their children to attend the disco. We usually make about £700 profit from a disco but we only made £402 this time. We usually sell items at the same time as handing out food but unfortunately we didn't have enough volunteers to run the stall separately this time. We will make sure we request volunteers well before our next event and will also use our new volunteer WhatsApp group. Please message Friends of Watton on Facebook with your number or email friends-of-watton@googlegroups.com if you'd like to join the volunteer group.

Headteacher Award

Congratulations to Oliver G who showed me his fantastic science work this week.



Behaviour Policy

Great To Be Gold

- I **constantly** make the right choices.
- I pay attention to **all** the adults.
- I **always** work to the best of my ability.
- I am **always** well mannered.
- I show a 'love of learning' in **all** areas.
- I am **always** following the school rules.
- I am an **outstanding** role model to others.
- I show **impeccable** behaviour outside lessons.
- I **invite** lonely people to come and play games.

Awarded to

Date

Teachers signature

It has been half a term now since we introduced our new 'Good to be Green' behaviour policy. The children now clearly understand what is expected of them throughout the school and by all members of staff and many are reaching for the highest standards of behaviour for themselves.

I have been amazed at the number of children who have been awarded the 'Great to be Gold' certificates this half term. These children have gone 'over and above' and show excellence in different aspects of school life. Children are awarded 2 house points every time they are 'Great to be Gold' and 1 house point for being 'Good to be Green'. This half term there have also been lots of children who have received Headteachers awards, achieved the Secret Student trophy in class and raffle ticket prizes at lunchtime too. Congratulations again to red house who also accumulated the most house points this half term.

Paralympic Learning and Discovery Festival

On Wednesday 23rd October we went to Wodson Park to play Paralympic sports and it was really fun. We did different ways to travel, athletics, volleyball and all different other things. We had lunch at 12 noon. There was a boy there who had been in the Paralympics because he was good at sport but he had a disabled calf. He was representing Great Britain. The next Paralympics are being held in Japan in 2020. By Tegan - Herons class.

Dates for the diary

October

28th - 1 st November - Half term

November

4th - Children return to school

11th - 15th - Well being and Anti bullying week

13th - No Pens Day

14th - Friends of Watton school Movie Night 3.15 - 5pm

15th - Children in Need. Dress in Yellow. £1 donation

27th - Nursery admissions meeting 6pm

28th - Nursery admissions meeting 2.30pm

29th - Friends of Watton school Christmas Bazaar 5pm - 7.30pm

December

4th - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am

4th - Nursery/Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.30am

5th - Nursery/Reception Nativity performance 10.30am

6th - Enterprise Day

10th - KS1 Dress Rehearsal - time to be confirmed

11th - KS1 Nativity performance - 6pm

12th - Yrs 3/4 Dress Rehearsal - AM (TBC)

12th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm

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13th - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
16th - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm
17th - Panto Hertford
17th - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm
18th - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm
19th - Whole school visit to church
20th - School Closed - Occasional Day
23rd - 3 rd January - Xmas holiday