



# Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## Great To Be Gold

Congratulations to these children in Year R - Year 6 this week who have gone 'over and above' with their behaviour.

**WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL**

Rhys D  
Aaliyah O  
Henry C  
Hollie A  
Lily A  
Jessica J  
George S  
Isabella C  
Luke P  
Blake S  
Isabella S  
Reggie Mc  
Lenny S  
Eve W  
Noah H-J  
Penny J  
Leo T

## Welcome back

We do hope that you all had a wonderful half term break with your families. It was lovely to welcome all the children and staff back this Monday. We have a very busy half term leading up to Christmas and we are very much looking forward to parents joining us with many of our planned events.

### Anti Bullying Week/Well being week 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Next week we will be having an anti-bullying week/wellbeing week and we have planned for a wide range of activities for the children to take part in.

**Wellbeing** - We will be having Stevenage Borough Football Club in to lead dodgeball lessons on Monday. On Tuesday we will be focusing on friendship and making positive affirmation cards for someone else in the class. On Wednesday, we have organized a bike run challenge where the children are challenged as a school to cycle 717 kilometres to a space satellite. Watch this short video to find out more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qGK9NuNJDs> Wednesday is also a 'No Pen's Day' where the children will engage in lots of practical learning all day. On Thursday and Friday, we will be having a healthy eating focus.

**Anti-bullying** - Throughout the whole week we will also be having a greater focus on anti-bullying. Children will all be having a cyber-bullying lesson, acting out scenarios in drama, writing a bullying story in literacy and giving their views about bullying in school through a class discussion and survey.

### Children in Need

Children are invited to wear something yellow next Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) (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.

Attendance this week Attendance for whole school this week is 95.6%. Huge congratulations must go to Herons and Badgers for both achieving 100% attendance.

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## Friends of Watton School

Don't forget to book your tickets on Classlist for our Xmas Movie night next Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>). The children have chosen Arthur Christmas for Foundation and KS1 and The Nightmare Before Christmas for KS2. Tickets are £3.50 and include popcorn and unlimited drinks (children need to bring their bottles from classrooms so please make sure they have one in on Thursday). Classlist is open till 6pm on Tuesday 12 November or cash can be accepted by 4pm in the office on Tuesday, with the leaflet from the bookbags.

This year at the Christmas Bazaar (29th Nov) we will have pottery Christmas Decoration painting. The kids love painting a decoration or two for special gifts (and you can too if you're feeling crafty!) There's a gingerbread man, penguin, angel and snowman to choose from.

Each decoration is £6 each including paint, brushes and firing.

Book now on Classlist to make sure you get your chosen decoration (and to make sure we don't run out before you get there!)

Happiness

Empathy

Achieve  
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.  
In November the school value we focusing on is **ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL.**

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &  
Responsible

Truthfulness

### Remembrance Day

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov the whole school will take part in remembering those who fought for our country in the wars. We will be taking part in a 2-minute silence at 11am to show respect for Armistice Day and holding a special remembrance assembly in the afternoon. Teachers are planning to talk about remembrance day in more depth in class with children producing work for a whole school display.

### SEND Parent Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9am, Mrs Hawkins will be hosting a coffee morning where she will welcome parents of children on the SEND register as well as parents who are concerned about their child having specific needs. This will be an informal, supportive group where Mrs Hawkins will be able to talk to you about your concerns and signpost you to further agencies as well as discussing support available in school.

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### Preschool and Nursery wow moments

Pre School - Riley E has done really well with his potty training this week - we are so proud of him. Shiva M has just amazed us all with how well she has settled in to Preschool.

Nursery - Ethan S for helping another child when they fell off their bike. Grace F for her amazing maths learning. Connor P and Frankie H for their fantastic tidying skills. Lillie C for always doing the right thing at the right time without being reminded.

### Headteachers Awards

On the Friday before half term I had the pleasure of seeing work from Finley S who had worked so hard on his handwriting and letter formation, Edie M who wrote a fantastic story in a book she had made, Darcie C who had completed some lovely writing in P.S.H.E and Charlie P and Charlie MH who also brought some wonderful writing and were really pleased with their handwriting and presentation. This week, I have seen Callum R and Cornelius D who had also tried really hard in their literacy lesson and produced some great writing.



### October Half Term Holiday Club

A number of children from Watton and surrounding schools came and enjoyed lots of fun activities over the half term holiday. On Monday, Holiday Club worked in teams to build amazing dens in the hall using P.E. equipment, mats, blankets and pegs. We then had a crafty afternoon making stick puppets! Our Mad Hatter's Tea Party was enjoyed by everyone and included party food, making crowns and playing games like pass the parcel and musical bumps. Well done to the children who won medals for their awesome dancing! Holiday Club also spent a lovely morning watching Toy Story 4 and eating delicious popcorn. We finished our week of activities by making pizzas covered in cheese, ham, pepperoni, olives and pineapple!

We are already thinking about the exciting activities we will be offering in the New Year and always appreciate your feedback on the service we offer. To make suggestions about Holiday Club and the activities we offer, be added to the Holiday Club mailing list or ask questions about our service please contact the team by emailing: [clubs@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk)

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We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of parents who are using their mobile phones on the playground before and after school. Please may we remind you to not have your phones out at school as this is a safeguarding issue. This is in our online safety policy as quoted below:

Parents/carers may only use personal mobile phones and devices in designated areas unless otherwise informed, e.g. for specific events and activities. Under no circumstance should images be taken at any time on school premises or on off-site school events and activities of anyone other than their own child, unless there is a pre-specified permission from the Headteacher. When a parent/carer is on school premises but not in a designated area, their phone/s must be switched off and out of sight.

### Dates for the diary

#### November

11<sup>th</sup> - New to Reception Tour 1.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - Well-being and Anti bullying week (for further info see above)

13<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

14<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Watton school Movie Night 3.15 - 5pm

14<sup>th</sup> - New to Reception Tour 1.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> - Children in Need. Dress in Yellow. £1 donation

19<sup>th</sup> - SEND Coffee Morning 9am

21<sup>st</sup> - New to Reception Tour 1.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> - New to Nursery tour 2pm. New to Nursery admissions meeting 2.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> - New to Nursery tour 5.30pm. New to Nursery admissions meeting 6pm

29<sup>th</sup> - Friends of Watton school Christmas Bazaar 5pm - 7.30pm

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## December

- 4<sup>th</sup> - parent coffee morning (meet the Headteacher) 9am
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Nursery/Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Nursery/Reception Nativity performance 10.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Dress Rehearsal - time to be confirmed
- 11<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Nativity performance - 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Dress Rehearsal - AM (TBC)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 3/4 Christmas concert - 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Panto Hertford
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 5/6 Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Yrs 5/6 Christmas Concert - 6pm
- 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