



Watton at Stone Primary and Nursery School



10th January 2020

Great To Be

Gold

**WE ARE PROUD OF
YOU ALL**

Ruby H
Jenny W
Rhys D
George E
Darcy W
Henry C
Jamie H
Domenico M
Emily A
Eva R
Jessica J
Harry O'B
Isabella S
Eli B
Henry H
Summer AH
Jonah D
Ronny G
Finley M
Isabelle B
Bobby B
Dylan JA
Jack B



Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and peaceful New Year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children and staff back this week and hear how everyone celebrated and about the lovely gifts they received.

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity at Christmas. We were overwhelmed by all of the beautiful cards, lovely presents and much appreciated treats and goodies. These were not necessary but very much appreciated.

January and February are times of the year where we often have adverse weather and snow. Whilst the short-term forecast seems to be fair for now, I would ask you to ensure the school has accurate and up-to-date emergency contact information for your child in the unlikely event of school closure. It is important we have a mobile number on record for the main contact of every pupil so that we can make use of our text messaging system in these circumstances.

Interventions

Please have a look in your child's book bag this weekend to see if the class teachers have sent home any information sheet about additional support your child may be receiving in school to support them with their progress. If you have any questions or queries, then the class teachers will be happy to discuss these with you.

Attendance this week: I know it has only been a four day week but as it currently stands attendance for the week is 97.4% - lets' see if we can improve on this next week.

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Book donations

If you have had a sort out of your children's bedrooms during the holiday and have come across reading books that they no longer read, then we would really appreciate it if you could donate them to the school so that we can replenish our book shelves. These can be left at the main reception area. Please ensure books are in good condition. Many thanks.



Happiness

Empathy

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

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

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

WOW moments

Pre school - Verity C, Aiden S, George A, Eliza L, Isaac I, Arthur A and Joshua C, all of the children have started Preschool this week and done such a good job settling in. Well done, we are so proud of all of you.

Nursery

Henry O - for counting all 22 children in the morning without any help from Mrs Goodman

Alessia M - for her amazing listening and memory skills when playing The Shopping Game

Coming up next week

Year 4 class assembly

We welcome parents and carers to the Year 4 class assembly on Wednesday 15th January at 9am. The children have been learning about the Egyptians and would love to show you what they have been doing in class.



Friends of Watton

Happy New Year from FOW!

Our first FOW event this term is Music Bingo - on 31st January at 8pm. Say goodbye to January with a fun night out - hosted by DJ Abacus. Instead of your boring old numbers being called out in a normal game of bingo, we've replaced them with 15-20 seconds bursts of sing along songs from the past and present! The bingo will be followed by a disco and there will be a licensed bar too. To buy your tickets go to Classlist or visit <https://events.classlist.com/#/events/view/624681053>

The next event is also musical - our Winter disco for the children on Thursday 13th February - the last school day of the half term. Tickets are available to buy now on Classlist. If you're not yet registered on Classlist yet just visit Classlist.com - click *Join Now* and search for Watton and the school should appear in the list. Or alternatively search in your app store.

Purple Mash

I do hope that your child/ren have had a chance to login to our new Purple Mash online resource that we have recently purchased. This is a fantastic cross curricular learning platform and will enable the children to practice a wide range of skills. Teachers will also be using this to teach the computing curriculum for all ages. If your child is in the early years, then make sure you take a look at Mini Mash too. The teachers were given training during our INSET day and already I have heard that many children are accessing the resources from home. Look out for homework tasks too that are using Purple Mash this week.



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Community News

Thank you to everyone who brought presents for children in the local Women's Refuge and food for the Food Bank. Your gifts were greatly appreciated.

Always in a rush? stressed? Join us for a time of MINDFULNESS - 40 minutes in calm and quiet in Watton Rectory (Church Lane SG14 3RD) 7 30pm 22nd January and 19th Feb. For more info ring Rev Jenny on 01920830035 or email jennygrayrectory@gmail.com. All are welcome.

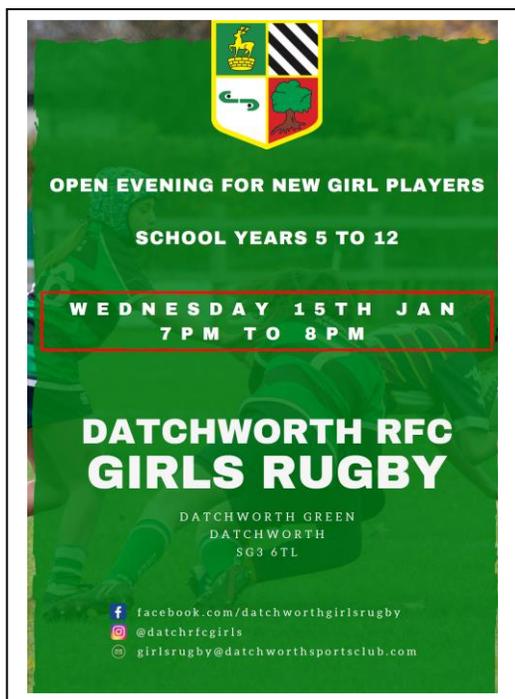
Jenny

Watton at Stone Holiday Club needs your opinion!

A questionnaire will have arrived in your emails this week to give you the chance to tell us what you think about our service. We want to ensure we meet your childcare needs and that Holiday Club is popular, fun and good value for money. Most importantly, we want to know what would make you book sessions during 2020.

**** If you complete and return the questionnaire before Friday 17th January you will be in with a chance of winning £10.00 off a booking during February Half Term. ****

Even if you don't currently use Watton Holiday Club we want to hear from you. Anything you share with us will be useful! If you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire then you can pick one up from the school office.



HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

Do you know the best place to get help when you have an urgent health concern?

The Urgent Care Centre at the New QEII Hospital in Welwyn Garden City is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Urgent Care Centre can treat lots of health problems, such as burns, scalds, sprains, minor cuts and suspected broken bones; but it isn't the right place for everyone and there is a more limited service staffed by nurses after 11pm. If you're unsure about whether the Urgent Care Centre can help, please call NHS 111 before you travel. Calls to NHS 111 are free from any phone.

NHS 111 is available 24/7 over the phone and online. Trained advisers will ask you questions about your symptoms. Depending on your health need, they will give you advice, may put you in touch with a doctor or nurse over the phone, or make you an overnight or weekend appointment with a GP at the New QEII Hospital, if you are assessed as needing one. They have all the health information at their fingertips and will know the best place for you to receive care.

Dates for the Spring Term 2020

January

13th - Nursery tours (prospective parents) 1.30pm

15th - Year 4 class assembly 9am

27th - Sports and mental health assembly

30th - Year 6 Lancaster model (school nurse visit)

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February

- 3rd - Year 3 Roman workshop
- 4th - Mad science after school club assembly
- 6th - Nursery tours (prospective parents) 2pm
- 10th - Feeling Good Week (mental health and wellbeing)
- 11th - Safer Internet Day
- 13th - Friends of Watton winter disco 3.15 - 5pm
- 13th - Non-uniform day
- 14th - INSET day (school closed)**
- 17th -21st February - Half term holiday**
- 24th - Years 5 and 6 KNEX challenge day
- 26th - Mad science after school club for KS1 starts
- 27th - Mad science after school club for KS2 starts

March

- 2nd - Year 5 class assembly 9am
- 3rd - Parent consultations 3.30pm - 7pm
- 4th - Parent consultations 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 5th - World book day. Dress up as your favourite book character
- 9th - Sports relief week
- 11th - Whole school performance from Saltmine theatre Company followed by Years 5/6 workshop
- 16th - Whole school assembly (neurodiversity)

April

- 3rd - 9.15am - Church service
- 3rd - End of term 2.15pm