

### HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT

We hope that you have already received a letter from Colin Thompson, Chair of Governors, regarding the fact that interviews for a new Headteacher could not go ahead this week. We would like to assure you that the Governing Body and the Local Authority are both committed to working for the best possible solution for our school. The Governing Body will keep you fully informed as soon as they have more news to share. The school has a strong staff team, and we are confident in the future for our school

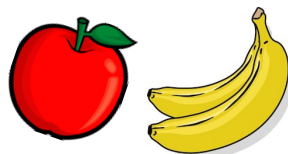
### NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN

We have been delighted to welcome our new Reception children to school, and considering that they have missed so much of their pre-school experience, they have settled in very well. Reception parents - please make sure that you look at your Tapestry account every week to see what your child has been doing. Please post their achievements on the site as well, so that Miss Richards and Ms Oughton can see what the children have been up to, and talk to them about it.



### BREAKTIME SNACKS AND WATER BOTTLES

As we are not serving fruit and toast at the moment at morning break, some of the children are saying they are hungry by mid-late morning. If your child previously had a morning snack, please send in something healthy for morning break to keep them going until lunchtime.



As the water fountains are also out of use at the moment, please also make sure that your child has their named water bottle every day - if not a school bottle, this should be of a type that will not spill if it is knocked over.



### KEEPING IN TOUCH

We are missing being able to talk to parents so easily as before, and you may find it harder to talk to teachers than usual with the restrictions this term. We do not want you to be worried about anything to do with your child, so please get in touch before a small worry becomes a big problem. The year group email addresses are still in use, so you can contact the teachers this way to ask a question or let them know something:

[Reception@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Reception@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year1@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year1@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year2@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year2@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year3@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year3@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year4@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year4@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year5@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year5@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

[Year6@watermoreprimary.org.uk](mailto:Year6@watermoreprimary.org.uk)

If you need an immediate reply on the same day, please give us a call or email the office address, and teachers or a member of the leadership team will be happy to speak to you on the phone.

### WELCOME TO WATERMORE

We will soon be delighted to welcome Mrs Cifuentes, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bartlett to work as Lunch Break Supervisors. We hope they will be very happy working at Watermore.

### DOGS

We'd like to remind you that dogs should not be brought into the school grounds. Please tie them up outside the school gates and our crossing patrol will keep an eye on them.



### INHALERS

We still have several children who had inhalers in school last year who have not brought in new ones yet this year - please send these in as soon as possible, and sign the permission slip, or tell us if your child no longer needs one.

## WALK TO SCHOOL SCHEME

The Walk to School scheme will begin again in October. For our new parents, this is a challenge we participate in throughout the year to Encourage children to use 'Active Travel' to get to school (walking, scooting or cycling.) The children earn a badge each month if they have used Active Travel three or more times every week. To support any families who live further away, we also have a Park and Stride map, which will be sent out in the next few days. This shows clearly where to park your car in order to give your children the opportunity of between 5 and 10 minutes walking to school; this also counts towards the badge.



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Here is a reminder to check here to see if your child might qualify for a free school meal:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=96T2gCAk10A#free>

All infant children receive a free school meal. However, if you are on a low income you should still apply so that the school can claim Pupil Premium. This is extra money paid direct to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals, due to the household being on a low income. It is used to support your child's education.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

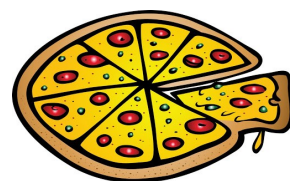


Whilst we are unfortunately unable to do a lot of the activities we would normally do to mark Christmas, we are still able to create our annual Christmas or Holiday cards, supported by the PTFA. Every child in school will have the chance to design a card, which you are then able to order as a batch to send out. The money raised goes to the PTFA.

Whilst we are not able to create sibling cards in school this year, a blank card will be sent home for children with a sibling in school, to give them the opportunity to design one together at home.

## SPECIAL MENU NEXT THURSDAY

On Thursday 1st October, we will have a delicious menu change! Children will be offered pizza and wedges, followed by a chocolate cup cake, instead of chicken pie.



**Special request to KSI parents** - This is census day, a very important day for school funding. The school receives funding in the next financial year for every KSI lunch taken on Thursday. Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if children in Years R, 1 and 2 opt for a free lunch on this day, even if your child normally has sandwiches. As you will appreciate, every penny really counts at the moment for our school budget. It may persuade your child to try a free lunch on other days too!



Many thanks to the PTFA 10K committee for running the virtual event this year, making a profit of approximately £800. we all hope that the fabulous full event will take place again in 2021.

## Covid Testing

Please remember that if your child or anyone in your household is showing ANY of the three main symptoms of COVID19, the person showing symptoms should immediately start looking to get a test and the whole household should self-isolate. The three main symptoms are still:

- a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you or your child does become in ill and you need to self-isolate, you must call us to let us know. We would also really appreciate if you could keep us up to date on when you get a test and of course as soon as you have your result. Thank you.