



Newsletter 16th October 2020

There have been some coronavirus cases in surrounding schools, however, we have been fortunate at this time of writing to remain a COVID-free school. We do have plans in place should we be affected, and understand the impact this may have on you should we need to close bubbles or advise children to isolate at short notice. It is really important that we do everything we can to ensure the safety of all our children and staff, and to maintain as much classroom teaching as possible, and I am very grateful for your cooperation and support.

If you or your child have one of these symptoms, please go to the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>) for advice:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

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.

Forthcoming Fundraising Event

BREAK THE RULES

I hope your child is looking forward to our Break the Rules fundraising event next Friday. There has certainly been a buzz around school and the children have all been telling me which rules they plan to break!! This week, we have sent you a letter explaining how this event would run and the rules that the children will be allowed to break. For every rule broken, we would like you to pay a £1 fine. So, for example, if your child wants to break 4 of the listed rules, we would like you to pay the £4 fine via the Gateway. Please indicate clearly on the Gateway, which rules your child is going to break. This will make it much easier for the staff to oversee on the day. If your child doesn't like to break the school rules, then we are also offering another option of non-school uniform in exchange of a £2 fine. School uniform is expected to be worn by all other children (unless they have chosen the P.J option).

PLEASE COMPLETE GATEWAY REQUEST FORM AND PAYMENT BY THURSDAY 22ND

Great to Be Gold

In our assembly today, we celebrated this week's Great to Be Gold awards. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Pre School: Arthur A, has been a star this week with his resilience and perseverance with putting his coat on and taking it off all by himself.

Kennedy T, has been a kind and helpful friend. He has been helping his friends in the garden.

Harlen H has been a star with his listening, helping to tidy up, and his all-round positive attitude.

Well done all of you.

Nursery: Verity C - for being a kind friend and always a fantastic role model.

Ayaz P - for trying really hard to follow rules and routines in Nursery.

Reception: Beatriz - for showing great kindness to our new friend in Reception

Lily H - for outstanding progress in her reading in just one week!

Year 1: Sam B - for always listening to the adults and making the right behaviour choices.

Eddie - for his love for learning and trying his best with his reading and phonics.

Penny - for being an outstanding role model. Penny always tries her best and consistently follows the school rules.

Year 2: Mila for being a good role model and Billy for working to the best of his ability and being so sensible.

Year 3: Neave D - Outstanding attitude to learning.

Alfie C- Always following the rules

Harley - Outstanding attitude to learning.

Year 4: Lucy - Always following the rules in class

Freya - love of learning in all areas

Lucas - resilience and keep going when it gets tough so working to the best of his ability.

Year 5 (Wonders): Charlie C for listening to his next steps and carefully following the success criteria in writing this week. Also for being a supportive role model.

Lily A for going over and above with her use of Reading Plus.

Year 5 (Beckhams) - Elena- Working to the best of her ability. Trying her best in all lessons.

Amelie- Constantly makes the right choices. Trying her best with her reading and presentation. Always well mannered.

Sarah - for being an outstanding role model.

Year 6: Tegan S, Sadie S and Amber C.

They each deserve the award for their consistent effort to produce their very best work. They have made very pleasing progress due to their commitment to learning and they can be rightly proud of their achievements, particularly in their writing.

Headteachers Awards

Blake, Charlie and Jake in Year 4 who have all produced some AMAZING Egyptian homework this week. Well done

In year 5, Headteachers awards were also given to Matilda, Enzo, James, Jessica, Charlie MH, Elena and Harry who have all made very pleasing progress with their Reading Plus scores in the last half term.

School Dinners

Our full winter menu is being launched on 2nd November. We have attached a copy of the menu for you to look at.

Unfortunately, we aren't being provided with individual copies of the menu to send home but we have also saved a copy of the menu on the school website too.

Remote Learning

If your child is self isolating and waiting the results of a COVID 19 test or your child has had a positive COVID 19 test result and so therefore also self isolating, we have class work prepared and uploaded to the website so the impact on your children's learning is minimized.

Teachers have prepared a daily maths, English and topic activity which is in line with what learning is happening in class. Don't forget also that the children will have homework to complete, daily reading and access to any Purple Mash activities. KS2 children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars. The learning is accessible on the children's page of the website. <https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/remote-learning-autumn-2020>

Pupil Premium Funding

We would like to make you aware that if you are in receipt of one or more benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meal funding. Children entitled to Free School Meals (also known as pupil premium funding) can access free school meals and subsidies for trips and visits. In addition, the school budget benefits from the grant which is used to impact on children's progress and development by allowing school to improve teaching and learning facilities, resources and training. If you are the parent/carer of an infant child, even though you are entitled to Universal Free School Meals you may still be able to claim pupil premium that supports the school budget. Please enquire for further information. To apply please go to:

<https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/statutory-info/pupil-premium>

School uniform

At the beginning of this term, we requested that all children were to be wearing full school uniform (apart from their outdoor P.E day) to school. Whereas most children are still looking very smart in their uniforms, we are noticing that some children aren't wearing uniform as stipulated in the uniform policy.

If we notice your child not wearing the correct uniform, then we will be sending home a uniform text in the first instance to ask that the incorrect shoes/clothing/jewellery etc be addressed immediately. We appreciate your support to ensure that your child is looking smart at all times.

Attendance

We have had another excellent week of attendance we currently sit at 97.4% for the week. Overall attendance for the term is 96.8%.

Special congratulations this week go to the Donaldson and Da Vinci class with 100% attendance.

Well done everyone!

School Photographs

Next week, we welcome the school photographer to school who will be taking individual photographs of the children.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any sibling photographs this year. This is due to social distancing and not being able to have children of different year groups in the hall at the same time. We have calculated the time required to organize this in a safe way is more time than the photographer would actually be on site. Because the siblings aren't in the same year groups, the photographs would have to be taken individually to avoid contamination of bubbles.

This also applies to younger siblings who don't attend the school as we are unable to accommodate parents on site at present. Thank you for your understanding.



All year groups will be expected to wear full school uniform please, including Year 1 who would normally come to school in P.E kit.

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

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

Happiness

Equality

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

House Points this week

Red - 264
Blue - 296
Yellow - 288
Green - 291

Total house points this term

1st Place green (1653)
2nd place red (1631)
3rd place yellow (1606)
4th place blue (1593)

Dates for your Diary

October

19th - 23rd - Black History Week
Week beg 19th - Pupil Parliament Week
21st - Science Day - Science Boffins workshops
22nd - Individual school photographs
23rd - Break the Rules Day (fundraiser)
26th - 30th Half term

November

2nd - children return to school
5th - flu vaccinations
11th - Remembrance Day
16th - 20th - Anti bullying week/well being week
24th - No Pens Day
25th Book fair arrives for 1 week
27th - Enterprise Day
30th - 4th Dec - Assessment week

December

16th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (depending if mass gatherings are permitted by this date)
17th - Last Day of autumn term

January

4th - INSET Day 2
5th - Children return to school
18th - 22nd - Creative Arts Week

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Headteacher: Mrs N.Etienne Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

February

3rd - No Pens Day

9th - Internet safety day

15th - 19th - Half term

March

4th - World Book Day

5th - 9th - Science week

12th - Comic relief/sports relief

15th - 19th - Assessment Week

16th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm

17th - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm

22nd - No Pens Day

26th - Last day of spring term

April

12th - INSET Day 3

13th - Children return to school

23rd - St. George's day

May

3rd - 7th - Geography fieldwork week

21st - No Pens Day

31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET Day 4

10th - Sports Day

17th - Reserve sports Day

30th - Book fair arrives for 1 week

July

2nd - Enterprise Day

5th - 9th - Assessment Week

12th - No Pens Day

14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers

21st - Last day of summer term

22nd - INSET Day