

INTERIM HEADTEACHER

You will be pleased to know that the Governing Body has appointed an interim Headteacher to work from January to August. Once the news has been shared with this person's school, the governors will be able to let you know about them. We have every confidence in this person to lead the school for the rest of the year.

REPORTS AND PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

Many of you will have received a brief report on your child via email at the end of last week. If not you should receive it soon. There are a couple of classes where reports are not completed yet due to staff absence, but you should have received a message about this if your child is in one of these classes.

We are pleased that so many parents have signed up to speak to teachers in the next couple of weeks.

However, some of you missed the part in the message asking you to specify when you pick a time whether you would prefer a phone call or a Teams meeting online. If you have not stated which, the teachers will call you on the phone. If you think you didn't opt for a Teams meeting, but you would prefer one, please email the teachers, via the year group email addresses, to let them know.

Friday is Children in Need day. We will be holding a non-uniform day to support this very important charity. Please send your child in practical and warm clothes and shoes for school rather than fancy dress.



A member of staff will be at the front door as everyone arrives with a collection bucket. We don't want to put pressure on people who are struggling, so donations are entirely voluntary. Children should not take money into the classrooms. Thank you for your support.



Thank you all for supporting our request to wear masks at drop off and pick up. We know that there is no legal requirement to wear masks outdoors, but this has helped quite a few very anxious parents and staff members to feel less worried. For this reason alone we feel it is worth doing.

HELP OUT LOCAL PEOPLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Although we are restricting the number of things brought into school at the moment, we are all very keen to help out people in need over Christmas. The Yate Food Bank will be very glad to receive any of the items on the list below (not any other items at this time please):

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Tin / Sachet / Carton of Custard
- Large tinned ham
- Tinned salmon
- Boxes of stuffing
- Mince pies (dated January if possible, but certainly not November)
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Boxes / tins of biscuits
- Boxes / tubs chocolates or sweets
- Selection boxes
- Savoury snacks / nibbles / crisps etc
- Sponge puddings (not Christmas puddings)

They are unable to send out anything containing alcohol, so please don't send Christmas puddings, liquor chocolates, luxury mince pies containing brandy etc.

The deadline for donations is Thursday 26th November. You can send in items any time before then, and you and your child can drop them off at the front door on arrival in the morning, or in a box we will place in the hall for Breakfast Club

DO YOU NEED HELP FROM THE FOOD BANK?

The school is a partner of the Yate Food Bank, which means that we can issue a food voucher which you can take to the Food Bank to exchange for food for your family.

If you are on a low income, have delayed wages or benefits delays or a crisis in your family that means you need some help, please contact any member of the leadership team in confidence (Mrs Hoyle, Mr Hotchin, Miss Richards or Mrs Powell) or contact the office. Don't be embarrassed; a lot of families need a little help from time to time and we are delighted to be able to do this through partnership with the Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have been asked whether children may send Christmas cards to each other this year. We have taken the decision not to have the usual post box for Christmas, but to allow children to bring in cards for others in their own year group only.

These must be brought into school in the week 7th to 12th December only. They will be sent home with children the following week.



APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION 2021

We are unable to hold our usual visits and meetings for admissions to Reception 2021. Instead we are making a video with the information that we usually share in the meetings, and some photos and film of the school. This will be available on our website and Facebook page within the next week.

We will also hold meetings online via Teams. See the dates below - please share these with friends and family members who have a child who will be 4 by 31st August 2021. We have displayed these dates in local pre-school and shops. If you are able to display one somewhere else, please either print it or request a printed copy from the office.

Thanks for helping us get the message out to local families.

PARKING

We need to remind you again about parking outside school, particularly in the afternoons. There have been several times when the Winterbourne Academy school bus has been unable to drive down the road due to cars parked on both sides of the road. This inconveniences other parents and road users and makes the road less safe for our children. Please make sure that you never park (or even stop to let your child in or out) on the zig-zags, and that you make sure that there is room for a bus to drive down the road when you park.

Please do not use the entrance to the school car park for turning your car, as this is dangerous with many children using the pavements.

Finally, please encourage your children to stand back from the road. We are sorry to give so many instructions about this, but we want to ensure that everyone is safe outside school.



Welcome to

Watermore!

Reception open days for
September 2021

Meetings via Microsoft Teams:

Wednesday 18th November

&

Thursday 3rd December

at 9.30am, 2.00pm and 6.30pm

To book a place, or to speak to any member of the team, and for more information about available support

Call: 01454 867 135

Email: office@watermoreprimary.org.uk

TERM DATES

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Tuesday 1 September 2020	Friday 23 October 2020
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2020	Friday 18 December 2020
Term 3	Monday 4 January 2021	Friday 12 February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22 February 2021	Thursday 1 April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021

These are the term dates for this school year.

Watermore will be closed to children for three more staff training days this year, which will be:

Monday 4th January

Friday 12th February

Thursday 1st April