



## Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a restful and relaxing Easter with your families. The relaxation of the lockdown restrictions which allowed us to meet up to 6 people outdoors came at the perfect time, with some warmer weather in the first week. In school however, for the foreseeable future, we won't be relaxing our procedures and arrangements. We have been reviewing our risk assessment procedures this week to decide on which of our COVID restrictions can be lifted safely without increasing risks. We have a busy term ahead of us with the key priority this term being on ensuring that we are focusing on the recovery curriculum as well as the safety and wellbeing of the staff and children.

### Community Garden Week 2021

Community garden week took place last week and celebrates the amazing community and school garden. As we were closed for the Easter break, we were unable to participate but next week every child in the school will be planting a seed which they will nurture and care for until it is large enough to plant in the school grounds. Thank you to everyone who has donated planting pots this week.

### St. George's Day

Next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) is St. George's Day and to recognise this event, we would like to invite all of the children to come to school dressed in red and white clothes instead of their school uniform.



### House Points

This weeks house points

Red House - 415

Blue House - 409

Green House - 421

Yellow House - 416

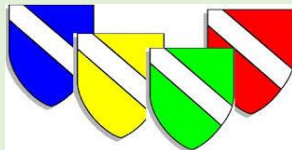
Total house points achieved so far:

Blue House - 1401

Green House - 1475

Red House - 1381

Yellow House - 1517



### Dangerous Driving

I have been approached by a parent and a local resident who has expressed their concern about the speed that many cars are doing as they approach the children's centre car park. Our site manager will be monitoring this closely and informing me of vehicles which appear to be driving dangerously. Please remember that Clappers Lane is a residential street which is occupied by many of our families. The best drivers are aware that they must always be aware.

### Attendance

Attendance for the whole of the school year is 97.6%. Attendance for the week is 97.3%. Huge congratulations to the Donaldson, Darling, Da Vinci, Beckham, Wonder and Attenborough class. This is amazing attendance - well done everyone.

## School Library

Recently, we have been unable to use the library with the children, due to COVID regulations, however, we are planning to start taking the children to the library for their weekly sessions very soon. During recent months, we have been busy revamping the library area to increase its size, improve the organisation and seating areas and increase the selection of books. The library has now nearly doubled in size so that more children can access it at the same time. Thank you to all of the staff who have helped me with this project recently. I'm sure that you will agree, that the library looks bright and inviting and that children will want to spend time choosing and reading books in there from now on.



## Holiday site works

During the Easter holiday, Mr Craik, our site manager has been extremely busy giving a much needed facelift to some of the exterior parts of the building and school site. Now that we are beginning to see some better weather, he will continue to work his way around the exterior of the school to improve the general aesthetics and appearance of the buildings.



## School Uniform

Thanks to the generosity of our parents and carers, we now have lots of items of nearly new and good condition school uniform which we would love to be able to give back to community. If your son or daughter has outgrown their school uniform, then please contact the admin team who will be able to let you know what we have in school and prepare the items for you to collect. It's wonderful that we can all support and help each other during these challenging and difficult times.



## Pre-School Equipment

This week, we were thrilled to finally have installed an amazing piece of outdoor play equipment for the pre school children to enjoy. This new piece of equipment will provide the children with opportunities to climb and crawl as well as developing their social and communication skills whilst they play with other children.



## Birthday celebrations

Wishing all the children who have celebrated their birthday this week a very happy birthday.

Logan T

17<sup>th</sup> April

Emily A  
16<sup>th</sup> April

Eliza H  
14<sup>th</sup> April

## Fundraising

As you are aware, our fundraising during the last year has been seriously affected due to COVID and we are hopeful that we will be able to start fundraising again really soon. In the meantime, we are excited to announce that the Friends of Watton have arranged the Happy School Bag clothing collection, where the school is paid for your unwanted items. The date for your diary is 12<sup>th</sup> May when the bags will be collected so please hold on to your bags until nearer the time as we have nowhere in the school to currently store them. Many thanks.



















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# COVID-19: Restrictions in England

From 12 April

## STEP 2

<b>MEETING OTHERS</b>  <p>You must not socialise indoors except with your household or support bubble. You can meet outdoors, including in gardens, in groups of six people or two households.</p>	<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>Domestic overnight stays are allowed, but you must only stay with members of your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools and colleges are open for all students. Students on practical university courses can return. Students and staff will be regularly tested. Other Higher Education students should continue to learn remotely.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>You should work from home if you can.</p>
<b>RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>All retail open. Hairdressers, beauty and nail salons open.</p>	<b>BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Open outdoors for groups of six people or two households. Those that serve alcohol must provide table service. Closed indoors.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Campsites and self-contained holiday accommodation open for visits with your household or support bubble only. Hotels, hostels and B&amp;Bs closed.</p>	<b>LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES</b>  <p>Gyms, indoor sports facilities and spas open for use on your own or with your own household or support bubble. Saunas and steam rooms closed.</p>
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Outdoor settings and attractions, such as zoos and theme parks open for visits of two households, or in a group of up to six people. Drive-in-events open for visits with your household or support bubble. Indoor entertainment closed.</p>	<b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>  <p>Libraries and community centres open.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>People who live in a care home in England will be allowed two named regular indoor visitors.</p>	<b>SHIELDING</b>  <p>Clinically extremely vulnerable people in England are no longer advised to shield, but should continue taking extra precautions such as minimising social interactions and shopping at quieter times of the day.</p>
<b>DOMESTIC TRAVEL</b>  <p>You should minimise travel as much as possible. Avoid the busiest times and routes - plan your journey and what you need at your destination ahead of time.</p>	<b>OVERSEAS TRAVEL</b>  <p>You must not go on holiday abroad. You could be fined £5,000 for travelling abroad without a legally permitted reason.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Places of worship open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix indoors with anyone outside your household or support bubble.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>Funerals can continue with up to 30 attendees. Weddings, outdoor receptions, and commemorative events such as wakes can take place with up to 15 attendees (in premises that are permitted to open).</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

COVID-19  
Let's take this next step, safely.



## Great to Be Gold

Following the recent period of lockdown, the staff have been really impressed with the behaviour and learning attitudes of all of the children who have remembered our Great to Be Gold values and expectations. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

Great to Be Gold	
Pre Sch	<p>Ellis K - he has been a superstar at tidying up this week we are all very proud of him for helping to keep preschool tidy and looking after our toys. Well done Ellis.</p> <p>George A - he has been extremely engaged in learning this week. He has made us proud with his questioning and understanding when we planted some seeds. Well done George.</p>
Nur	<p>Iris and Riley - for helping to tidy up the classroom without being told and it wasn't even tidy up time! Iris collected up all the water bottles after snack and put them back in the tray. Riley tidied up the whole of the carpet area by himself. He started picking things up, put them in a box, went back and did this again and again until the whole carpet was tidy.</p>
Rec	<p>Alessia M - for her fantastic reading and great attitude to learning.</p> <p>Erin B and Izzy G- for always being ready to learn, keen to find out more and give everything their best - outstanding role models. Thank you, girls - we can always rely on you!</p>
Year 1	<p>Verity S - for constantly making the right choices and being a fantastic role model.</p> <p>Gracie D - for working to the best of her ability and trying her hardest with her phonics.</p>
Year 2	<p>Finley S and Monty for paying attention to all adults and listening well.</p> <p>Finley M for working to the best of his ability this week. Mila for her resilience and positive attitude towards her learning.</p>
Year 3	<p>Brendan - for his real improvement in the presentation and volume of his work.</p> <p>Harley - for her incredible effort, making positive steps to achieving her potential. Harley always listens to adults and follows the rules.</p> <p>Lewis - for his amazing attitude to his learning and his lovely manners.</p>
Year 4	<p>Jack: such enthusiasm and love of learning on returning to school, working hard on presentation.</p> <p>Jasmine: fabulous partner work and taking pride and care in her work - love of learning.</p>
Year 5W	<p>Emily A- meeting the great to be gold criteria.</p> <p>Enzo K- Making progress in his reading comprehension.</p>
Year 5B	<p>Gracie M- For being an outstanding role model.</p> <p>Dylan E- For always working to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Jessica J- Showing resilience and perseverance to achieve a goal.</p>
Year 6	<p>Anna S - demonstrates the qualities so important in a growth mindset. She works consistently hard and is never complacent; she continues to challenge herself to improve her ideas, methods and approaches across all areas of learning. Her many achievements are a testimony to her focus and dedication.</p> <p>Darcie W - has received our Great to be Gold award for her enthusiasm for learning; it is so wonderful to see, not only the focused effort she puts into every area of learning but also the thrill she experiences from achieving work she is truly proud of. Her attitude is inspirational.</p>

## Inspirational Children

On returning to school this week, Eva R (Year 5) approached me about a charity fundraiser that she had organised and asked if she could talk to the whole school about this during one of our whole school virtual assemblies. She spoke so passionately to me about her plans to raise money for the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) and told me how she had organised a photograph competition. She had written approximately 30 letters to different companies to ask them to donate prizes and told me about some wonderful prizes that she had managed to secure as a result of her letters, including a brand new camera.

I asked her about the how the competition would run and she explained that children would need to pay a minimum donation of £1 to submit a photograph that they had taken which depicted nature. The photographs would then be submitted via an email address and following the closing date, the photographs would be judged to see who the winners were. She had already chosen the judging panel and approached them to ask for their support.

Eva had thought of everything and planned this event in detail. She really is inspirational and has great leadership skills. This morning she spoke to the whole school during our celebration assembly and shared her fundraising plans. I'm excited to hear about how many children enter this competition and can't wait to see the photographs myself.

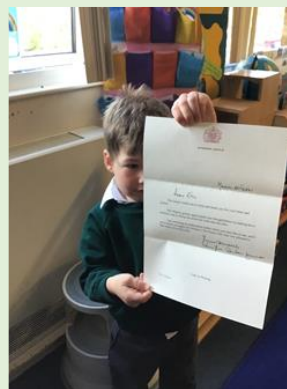
Good luck Eva and I hope you raise lots of money for your chosen charity.

For more details please take a look at [Facebook.com/Watton Photo Competition](https://www.facebook.com/WattonPhotoCompetition)



## Inspirational Children

During the most recent lockdown the Nursery children were asked to think of a challenge for themselves. Eric decided that he would like to write a letter to the Queen. He even made a necklace for the Queen. During the Easter holiday, he received a reply from Buckingham Palace. He shared his letter with everyone in Nursery this week. The children were very interested in the Queen's crest at the top of the paper, which then led to us talking about Watton at Stone school crest on our jumpers.



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## Dates for your Diary

### **April**

19<sup>th</sup> - Whole school Pupil Parliament

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Community Garden Week 2021

23<sup>rd</sup> - St. George's day. Children can wear red and white clothing.

28<sup>th</sup> - Parent forum 3

### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Geography fieldwork week

12<sup>th</sup> - Happy school bag clothing collection

17<sup>th</sup> - Creative arts week

21<sup>st</sup> - No Pens Day

31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half term

### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> June - INSET DAY 4

30<sup>th</sup> - Book fair arrives for 1 week

### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Enterprise Day

5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week

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

14<sup>th</sup> - End of Year reports to parents/carers

21<sup>st</sup> - Last day of summer term

22<sup>nd</sup> - INSET Day 5