



*“Working together to achieve high standards in a welcoming, caring community, where everyone feels valued, respected, safe and happy.”*

## **NEWSLETTER 1 – SEPTEMBER 2017**

The first week flew by and the children seem to have settled really quickly into their new classes. It has been lovely getting to know our new reception class children, who have made a great start to school.

We also welcome, Nathan, Max, Jake, Elliot and Harry who have joined our year 2 and 3 classes in the last week.

### **Volunteering / Transporting children**

We are looking to add to our list of parents interested in helping out in school and/or providing transport for children to events either during school time or after school. For transporting children, you will need to have a current MOT certificate, a valid insurance certificate and driving licence. For both volunteering in school and transporting children we would carry out the DBS check.

If you are interested please contact the school office: [admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **School Games Award**

We have just been notified that Waverton has once again achieved School Games Award Goldmark This is recognition of the opportunities afforded to our children to take part in competitive sport both during and beyond the school day. Special thanks goes to Mrs Gordon as PE coordinator whose passion and commitment has helped ensure our children are actively involved in sport. We now have the opportunity of working towards the School Games Platinum Award, one of only two schools in Chester invited to do so

### **Family Support Worker**

For a while now we have been able to seek advice from a family support worker, Pauline Kent. In recent years she has advised and supported a number of our families and children on a whole range of issues including: family bereavement, parental divorce, bullying, anger management for children, relationship issues for children and child protection.

Pauline only works with children after seeking permission from parents. This may follow a recommendation from school or through direct contact from a parent. She visits the school for an afternoon on a fortnightly basis. Pauline is also happy for parents to contact her directly. Her details are as follows:

[ppkent@btinternet.com](mailto:ppkent@btinternet.com) Tel no : **01829 270596** or mobile **07742 538544**

### **Medication/Inhalers/Allergies**

It is important that the school is kept up to date with existing medical conditions and informed of any new medical conditions. If your child requires an inhaler for Asthma, please ensure that an inhaler is available to be left in school permanently and also one in After School Club if they attend. A Medication form and Asthma Card needs to be completed.

School will only administer doctor/hospital prescribed medicines.

Please inform the school if your child has any allergies that we should be aware which will enable us to give your child the correct care and ensure we have the correct paperwork completed.

## School Lunches

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.  
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 are payable at £2.30 per day.

### **Your child may be entitled to receive Pupil Premium Free School Meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
- Universal Credit



The Pupil Premium is extra money given to your child's school to spend on resources such as one to one tutoring, music lessons, extra curricular clubs and school trips. For 2017/2018 this is **£1320 per pupil**. Funding is based on children registered for a free school meal, further reinforcing the importance of making sure all those who qualify are actually registered.

## Dates

**An Events letter will be sent out in due course which will include Harvest Festival, Class Assembly dates etc.**

Dates in the diary to date:

15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-	Year 5 History Workshop
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-	Year 1 visit from Mr Fisher – Steam Trains
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-	Year 2 – Visit to Llandudno
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-	Year 1 – Visit to Llangollen Railway
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	-	Reception Class phonics reading meeting for parents – info to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	-	Year 3 – Chester Roman Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	-	Pupil Individual Photographs

## Other

*I am pleased to report that the motorcyclist involved in the collision on Eggbridge Lane, outside school this morning, is safe and well. Thanks to all who helped at the scene.*

*I am sure, like others, my heart skipped a beat this morning, fearing one of our children or loved ones may have been the one injured lying in the road.*

*While not wishing to be over dramatic, this does serve as a reminder to all of us on the school run that appropriate parking and low speed around our school is key to our children's safety. Please, please leave a little extra time in the morning or afternoon on the school run, and don't just chance it on the double yellows or zigzags!*

*Hopefully you've all had a safe and enjoyable day.*

*Andy Smith. Safeguarding Governor. Local police officer and proud Dad to two.*

**Value of the Month for September – RESPECT**

Simon Talbot  
Head Teacher