



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

NEWSLETTER – JANURY 2018

It has been a busy few weeks since we started back and like all schools we have had our fair share of coughs, colds and flu like symptoms, amongst both staff and children. Hopefully things will settle down as the weather starts to warm up. Can we remind you that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, the Public Health Agency guidance on infection control in schools, is that your child should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea. This also applies to members of staff.

Library

We recently installed some new software for the school library system and the children are once again using the library to borrow books. Each class is allocated a lunchtime during the week when they can visit and exchange books with help from our Year 6 library monitors. All books should be returned to school after a week and when they can be exchanged for a new one.

500 words

Mr Simpson recently held an assembly for all the children on the 500 words story competition organised by BBC Radio 2. The year 4 children are taking part as a homework activity however the competition is open to children aged 5-13. If your child is interested in taking part the details can be found here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

In 2015, one of year 4 children, Andrew Parkinson, reached the final 25 from over 100,000 entries and was invited to the final at St James's Palace. He also had his story read out by an actor from the BBC Drama Company:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/58jsBdCbSdFmXvSFQ2K7Wvc/trouble-in-arctic>

Sports Results

Since Christmas the school has been involved in the following sporting events:

15 th Jan	Football – Waverton v Huntington – 4-1 win
17 th Jan	Football league v Bluecoat – 5-0 win
22 ^d Jan	Y5/6 League Match v Guilden Sutton 3-1 win
24 th Jan	Y3/4 Netball v St Martins -
25 th Jan	Y5/6 Basketball @ Upton – Chester Schools Tournament Winners – now through to County Finals

The U11 Girls' team took part in the County Finals at Alexandra Soccer Centre, on Friday afternoon. They played three games and came second in their group, only failing to qualify for the quarter-finals on goal difference.

Parent pay

May we please remind you to clear any outstanding amounts on your Parent pay account.

After School Activities

Please ensure that your child is collected from after school activities on time. We have an increasing number of children who are waiting to be collected. The sports coaches have other club commitments after leaving our school. Some new clubs have started this term, including Healthy Hearts and Gymnastics. Any feedback from parents is welcome.

Childcare

Waverton School Governors are looking to broaden the wrap around care provision that the school currently offer to parents, including school holiday provision. Governors are keen to ensure that Waverton School remains an attractive choice to parents in the locality, not just in academic achievements, but ensuring that childcare provision is the best in the area whilst remaining at an affordable cost to our families. After provisional discussions with the Pre-school Committee, we feel there is value in School and Pre-school exploring options together. The focus for both settings is ensuring a sustainable solution for the future of childcare provision within the village. With this in mind we will shortly be sending out a consultation document to canvass your views before we move forward.

Online Safety

[NetWare](#) is a great resource for parents from the NSPCC and O2. It gives a very simple overview and risk rating of the most popular apps and games that children are using. It can also be a great conversation starter with children about what they like to do online and how they stay safe. As part of the partnership between the NSPCC and O2, parents can take a device in to any O2 shop (they don't have to be a customer) and ask for an appointment with a guru, who can show them how to set up safety settings. There is also a helpline that offers advice and support about online safety Tel: 0808 800 5002

History visit

Our year 2 class recently had a visit from our local historian, Ed Abrams. They learnt lots of new things about the Great Fire of London and enjoyed constructing Wattle and Daub panels with mud and dung. I know they particularly enjoyed seeing Ed trampling the mud/dung mixture with his bare feet!

