



**WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL
INFANT AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER**

**Being Kind, Confident Minds,
Ready for Life Long Learning
Summer Term Issue 1
Friday 21 April 2023**



Welcome Back!

We hope everyone has enjoyed the Easter holidays and you are all feeling refreshed and ready for a busy summer term!

Reception and Year 3 Allocations for September 2023

Parents of children in Nursery who are due to start Reception in September, and all children in Year 2 should have received an email from Herts County Council school admissions team with information about the school place your child has been given for this September. You will need to log onto the admissions portal with the details you used to apply for the school place to accept the place offered. If you did not get your first choice you should be given the option to be placed on the waiting list for any higher preferences.

No Photography

Please do not photograph your child or any other children whilst on the school grounds.



SEN Parent Coffee Morning

Mrs Preston is holding a SEN parent coffee morning on 4th May between 9—9.45am. The Communication and Autism Advisory Teacher Eilish Foley will also be in attendance. Please come along if you are a parent of an autistic child, or if you have any questions regarding your child's social development, friendships or interactions.

Summer Clubs

Clubs start next Monday - all clubs finish at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the school hall door. If your child has been allocated a club but no longer wishes to attend please let us know as soon as possible so we can allocate it to another child

Please make sure you have paid for your child's after school club by Friday 28th April. Payments via the Arbor app should be working now.

1 hour and 39 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.55am (doors open from 8.45am)

Nursery starts at 8.30am (morning / all day) or 12.30pm (afternoon) - please arrive on time as it's just as important for Nursery as School to be punctual!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28th April
Non Uniform Day (for Eid Celebrations)

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday (School & Nursery Closed)

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
(School & Nursery Closed)

29th May—2nd June
Half Term

Eid Celebration

We wish all our families celebrating Eid this weekend Eid Mubarak.

On Friday 28th April we will be celebrating Eid at school and this day will be a non uniform day.

Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 89.6%

Target for all children: 96%

This Week's Learnersaurus Awards

Nursery	Amaad (Hedgehogs)	Mila (Rabbits)
Nursery	Dani (Woodpeckers)	
Owls	Thavisha	Eric
Robins	Matei	Muhammad Hussain
Squirrels	Pablo	Aayat
Foxes	Lexi	Irfan
Kingfishers	Zainab	Liyana
Otters	Kushal	Steven

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Nursery

We have had a wonderful week with the arrival of our chicken eggs, we all watched the chick pecking at the egg shell and watched the crack get bigger and bigger. This took a while to completely go around the shell, then the chick uses its body to push its way out. The chick hatched with wet downy feathers that were all stuck together. We now have 10 fluffy chicks, the light yellow ones are the boys and the brown ones are the girls. We have 5 of each.



We were very lucky to have a sunny day for our sponsor bike ride, the children did really well and received their certificates, please start to collect and send in any sponsor money.

Reception

This week we introduced our new topic 'Our Garden' and found out what the children already know about growing/plants, using our topic box. We have read stories like 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and introduced 'The Enormous Turnip' for our Talk for Writing Unit this term.

We have also been very excited to observe the chick eggs and how they have changed and we can now see little fluffy chicks.



Year 1

In English, we started learning a new text 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs', as well as finding out our new topic 'A stomp Through Time!'. In Maths, we have practised counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and understanding the value of coins. In Science, we identified the signs of spring within our school environment. In D&T, we designed our own moving picture based on a traditional tale. As part of our Computing, we have moved on to Beebots, exploring their buttons.



Year 2

It was lovely to see the children back at school and listen to all the adventures they got up to over the Easter break. This week in Maths we have been very busy learning all about fractions.

In English, we were introduced to our new fiction text 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In History, we played detectives and used our historical knowledge to predict who/what we are going to be learning about.



WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

- Nursery** We will continue to look after our chicks by observing them and talking more about their features and the life cycle of a chicken. We will also be talking about Eid and how it is celebrated.
- Reception** Next week we will continue to explore in more detail our story The enormous Turnip and we will also make turnip soup.
- Year 1** In English, we will be deepening our understanding of 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs' through acting out parts of the story, answering comprehension questions and further learning the text. In Maths, we will be starting to look at multiplication through equal and unequal groups with remainders. In Science, we will be finding out how to classify birds and finally getting to have a close look and cuddle with the chicks! We will be beginning to make our moving pictures based on our designs in D&T.
- Year 2** **English:** We are going to continue to explore our new text 'Where the Wild Things Are'.
Maths: We are going to be continuing to learn about fractions.
Topic: We are going to be introduced to our new Geography topic.

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 24th April

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian) Additional Veg	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Caribbean Chicken	Organic Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork Loin with Gravy	Quorn Hot Dog (v)	Crispy Coated Salmon
GREEN	Veggie Burritos (ve)	Savoury Puff Roll (ve)	Quorn Fillet with Gravy	Special Fried Rice with a Spring Roll (v)	Margherita Pizza (v)
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans
BLUE	Tuna Sandwich	Ham Roll	Chicken Mayo Wrap	Cheese Sandwich (v)	Egg Baguette (v)

HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Please spend time with your child to explore this week's challenge. The teachers will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every Friday.

Nursery:

Talk about the life cycle of a chicken. What do you know about chickens?

Reception:

Try making a model of a flower this could be using playdough, art collage materials, boxes and yogurt pots, or construction toys. Think carefully about how you can make the stem, flower and leaves. We would really enjoy seeing any of the models you make.


Year 1:

Have a look at coins. Can you identify the value of all the coins? What coins can you use to make 20p? or 50p? Think about counting in 2s, 5s and 10s too!

Year 2:

Please can you complete the Grammar sentence worksheet sent home today. These will replace our weekly spellings as we have covered all of the spelling rules and will now be focusing more heavily on grammar.

COMMUNITY NEWS




Hello, Parents & Guardians!

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Hertfordshire Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.

We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Hertfordshire, and have new groups beginning in May.

CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE




Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
WALTHAM CROSS Hurst Drive Primary EN8 8 DU 17:45 - 19:30	ST ALBANS Camp Primary School AL1 5PE 17:30 - 19:30	HODDESDON St. Cuthbert's Church EN11 0PU 17:30 - 19:30	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Habletts Manor Junior School HP1 5J5 17:30 - 19:30
WELWYN GARDEN CITY Ridgeway Academy AL1 2AF 17:00 - 19:00	WATFORD St Meryl Primary WD19 5BT 17:30 - 19:30	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5BO 17:30 - 19:30	BOREHAMWOOD Meryfield Primary School WD4 4PA 17:30 - 19:30


April is... Stress Awareness Month

Stress is a very common human response when we are feeling overwhelmed by physical, mental or emotional pressure. It's important to try to manage our stress so that it doesn't build up and cause longer-term issues. This April is STRESS AWARENESS MONTH. We are encouraging everyone to #ACT (Action Changes Things). Choose one action that you and your family can do to support your physical, mental, or emotional health and reduce your stress.


What can we do to help manage our stress?




Try taking a few deep breaths or follow a guided meditation




Enjoy a healthy, balanced diet including a wide variety of different foods




Connect with family and friends



Dance it out! Listen to your favourite music and have a boogie.



Go for a family walk



Take a social media break

*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Hertfordshire and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

Find out more at www.stress.org.uk/national-stress-awareness-month

School Contact Details

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Email (Absence)

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*If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you **must** inform*