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Waterbeach Community Primary School



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NEWSLETTER UPDATES

Our School Vision

Our school encourages each child to grow into a happy, confident individual, thriving in a supportive community where each is inspired to learn and discover through a kaleidoscope of opportunities, with space to imagine and to create.

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

It is great to see everyone back in school. The children have been so excited to tell us about their holidays and have settled in well. I hope that you all had a restful summer! I am sure that the sad news about our Queen has affected many of you and we will be talking to the children in a dedicated assembly on Monday. Our thoughts and condolences go to the Royal Family at this difficult time.

School news

I would like to welcome Miss Hinton to our staff team- she is working in Seals class, and I am sure would appreciate a friendly "hello" if you are passing.

I am hoping that the work that has been done on our school field is now starting to be effective. We do need to ensure that the grass is strong, so it is unlikely that we will be able to use the field this term. It is still quite patchy, and we do need to give it the best chance before over four hundred children use it.

Financially, we are now facing a worrying issue, with costs rising across the country. Our energy bills, like yours, are set to increase greatly and the staff pay awards (well deserved) have not been funded by central Government. From our calculations, these extra demands will probably use up all our reserves and more. I will be sharing more details about this soon.

I am aware that these increases also mean that we will have families who are struggling to manage with the rising cost of living. We will do all that we can to help and ask that if you think that your child may qualify for Pupil Premium funding you contact the school office as soon as you can. Please look out for details about secondhand school uniform sales in school in the near future.

Meanwhile, school life and our work with our wonderful children continues. The world may seem a little gloomy at the moment but there is a lot to look forward to and we want our children to be happy. I look forward to seeing you all at some point during term! 😊 Miss Green

Parents Activities 2022/23

Title of event	Proposed dates	Relevant for...
Year group letters	Every week	Each year group
Whole school newsletters	Every month	All parents
Emails access to teachers	5 working days response time	All parents
Parents' evenings	w/c 10 th October 2022 w/c 7 th November w/c 20 th March 2023	Year 1 - 6 parents EYFS parents Year 1 - 6 parents
Parent workshop weeks	w/c 21 st November 2022 w/c 16 th January 2023	Details will be sent out to all parents.
Open afternoons to look through children's work	26 th and 27 th June 2023	All parents
Mid-Year report	10 TH February 2023	All parents
End of year report	6 th July 2023	All parents
Parent forum meetings	6 th October 2022 (1 st date) (Please note change of date)	All parents – further details will be sent soon.
PTA events and committee	Ongoing	All parents who would like to contribute to our school in a practical way.
Sharing assemblies	Across the year	Year group parents

The workshop weeks will include several activities including the chance to walk around the school during the day with a senior leader, look at children's work and to learn about how we teach your child through talks by our experienced members of staff. Places for some activities may be limited and we will allocate on a first come first served basis.

Sharing assemblies will be an opportunity for year groups to share some of their learning from the term, they will not be a big scale performance as they have been previously.

Further dates of other key events throughout the year is attached to the newsletter.

Picking children up from after school clubs.

We have noticed that the small parking area, just in front of the Community Library building becomes very congested when the children are being picked up from the after-school club. We are now going to close one of the gates and no one will be able to drive through to pick up their child. Please understand that this is for the safety of the children. This area is so small and anyone who is walking has frequently had to dodge around reversing cars. Please try to pick up your children on foot whenever you can. Thank you.

Parent's Forum

The form for agenda items is here. <https://forms.office.com/r/MKPtP5UzRW>
If you have an idea about something you would like the forum to discuss, please add it to the form. We will be choosing items from the list on Monday 26th September in order to prepare answers for the meeting on 6th October. Further details will be sent separately, we look forward to seeing you there.

URGENT REQUEST

We have been concerned about the amount of PE that some children are missing due to forgotten or lost PE kits. As a result, we would like to equip each class with some spare kit so this could be remedied.

If you have any unwanted kit, in good condition, that your children have grown out of it would be great if you could donate it to our "Spare PE kit bank". This includes, T-shirts, plimsoles, shorts/ joggers etc. Spare kit will be regularly washed and stored so that teachers can access it easily.

Please bring any donations to the front office where we will collect it and distribute appropriately across the school. Thank you!

Our Curriculum

If you are interested in what your child will be learning in the Autumn term, please do access our Curriculum Captures which are located on our website – [here](#).

[Waterbeach Community Primary School - Curriculum](#)

If you click on the appropriate year group tab at the side of the page, you will see the overview and at the bottom of the page the blue tabs are for each area of the curriculum taught.



Volunteer Readers...

Do you have a little time to spare? Perhaps a morning or afternoon a week or just after drop off/before collection from school a few times a week. We would now love to welcome volunteers back in school to help support our children with their reading.

If you are interested, please email Mrs Ogilvie logilvie@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk letting her know your availability.

All volunteers need to have a current Disclosure Barring Check, if you are new to helping in school or have not been in school for more than 6 months this will need to be completed with Liz Bowen our Finance and Personnel Manager before helping in school.

We will be running some induction sessions to share safeguarding training and information reading.

Reading Books

Over the Summer, we have audited our books and we have found that many are missing - please check to see if you have any school books at home so that they can be reunited with their set. Thank you.

Important news about school lunches – please read

Due to rising costs our school meals will be increasing in price from 1st September 2022. **Please note that a school meal will now cost £2.35.** They are still great value when prices of catered food are considered, and our provider has not increased cost since 2015. Children who receive free school meals will obviously not be affected.

Sports days

We are glad to be able to have Sports days again which we would love for you to come and support your child/ren – these will take place on:

Thursday 22nd September am for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 children

Friday 23rd September am for Year 1 and 2 children.

A separate letter will follow with details of timings.

SIMS InTouch

The school office sends out our emails and text messages on SIMS InTouch. If you reply to this communication directly, we cannot ensure that we will see your message. Please always get in touch by the office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk email

Online Safety Top Tips

There are a wide range of links to resources to support parents on our [website here](#).

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Class teachers – lower case – the initial and surname of the teacher followed by @

waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk. e.g. – logilvie@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk for Mrs Ogilvie.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Are you aware that you could be missing out on financial support for your child? All children are entitled to free school meals until they leave year 2. HOWEVER, this has meant that many parents and carers do not realise that at any age you could qualify for Pupil Premium Funding. This may entitle you to free school lunches in any year group, free trips and support for school uniform expenses. Children with this entitlement may chose an after-school club which will be paid for. (This does not include wrap around care)

Please ask at the office for further information. Email-

office@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk