



TERM DATES 2017-2018

Term 5 16.4.18 – 25.5.18

Term 6 4.6.18 – 20.7.18

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23.3.18 Year 6's Got Talent! 7:30pm

27.3.18 Year 5's Midsummer Night's Dream production, 2:15pm

28.3.18 Easter Service, 09:00, St John's. All children performing.

28.3.18 Drama Club performance in the hall, 6-7pm. All welcome.

29.3.18 FOWPS Easter Egg Hunt

29.3.18 Final day of Term 4

23.4.18 St George's Service, 9:00, flag

26.4.18 School photos Yrs R and 6

plus sports teams and music groups

27.4.18 Yellow Class Assembly, 10:10

4.5.18 FOWPS' Curry & Quiz, 7:30pm

11.5.18 Pink Class Assembly, 10:10

22.5.18 Spring Concert, 6:30pm

Advance TERM DATES 2018-2019

Term 1 5.9.18 – 19.10.18

Term 2 29.10.18 – 19.12.18

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

News Flash!

WANTED! Used toys, books and games in good condition for a Year 6 toy stall next term. Drop them in the collection box in the school entrance or directly to Lisa Glasscote.

Year 6 Cake Sale Tuesday, 27th March. Cakes on sale at lunchtime for children and after school for all, including parents who come in to watch the Y5 Shakespeare play, 2:15

The Watch Club Youth Group is a free club for young people aged 10 years+. Come along this Sunday from 4-6pm at the Village Hall for a Swing Train Session with Louise Nicholson to raise money for Sport Relief. Email lisaglasscote@gmail.com

FOWPS' Curry & Quiz Night rescheduled to 4th May.

Nettlestead & Wateringbury Pre-School is open 9-3 during the Easter Break. If you need childcare email: enquiries@nwps.org.uk or ring 01622 813120.

Dear parents, Thank you to the many viewers who admired the children's stunning pieces of art in the gallery last Friday. The children loved seeing their work professionally hung and these sorts of events give their artistic efforts a real sense of purpose.



Every child an artist in the Wateringbury Gallery

Indigo Class treated us to a wonderful class assembly last week with their drama, facts, diaries, news articles, poetry and song about the Great Fire of London. They showed great poise on stage as they demonstrated what they'd learned and sang London's Burning to actions.



Our e-Safety webinar evening on Tuesday raised interesting questions about how to find parental controls easily on such a variety of devices. The website www.internetmatters.org has a easy-to-use section under 'controls' where you can download simple guides to any device. Controls are designed to keep your child safe online by preventing them from seeing things that they shouldn't whilst allowing them the freedom to explore securely.

This is the final newsletter of Term 4 so I want to wish all of you a happy Easter and a relaxed and enjoyable holiday period. Term 5 is an important one for our Year 6 and Year 2 children as they take their national assessments in reading and maths. Our younger children will hardly know they're being 'tested', whilst the older ones will step up to the sort of exam conditions in secondary school. We are hugely proud of all our children and their excellent work.

Yours sincerely, *Chasey Crawford Usher, headteacher*

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Wateringbury is a forward-thinking school with a team dedicated to building on our strong 'Good' rating in all areas from Ofsted and continuing to move the school forward by improving the opportunities and outcomes for children. Ensuring we hold school leaders to account through strong and effective governance is a key part of driving those improvements. Our Chair of Governors Chris Clark has served on the Governing Body for 11 years and as Chair for the last 4.5 years. Chris will step down as Chair at the end of this academic year which means that the Governing Body is now succession planning. At a Full Governing Body meeting this week, governors agreed to break new ground by giving support, in principle, to the election of Co-chairs in September. Parent Governor Gail Isted and Local Authority Governor Mark Warren have stepped forward to take on the role together – a move which has the support of the Local Authority. Governors and school leaders will work together over the coming months to ensure there is a seamless transition in September and Gail and Mark will also undertake training for the role. Both are already Chairs of governing body sub-committees (Gail – Communications, Mark – Finance & Premises) and both are excited about the next chapter in the school's development.

In other news:

- **Good reception** – The reputation of our Early Years provision, endorsed by Ofsted at our recent inspection, has had a very positive impact on applications for Reception places. We expect to be oversubscribed for the first time in several years. Our Early Years setting continues to be held up as an exemplar by the Local Authority.
- **Curriculum development** – Governors have received presentations on Maths and Science teaching and learning in school from subject leaders, Sarah Jones (Maths) and Abi Woodhouse (Science). Our school is part of a Maths Mastery Teacher Research Group, which involves 6 primary schools working collaboratively to improve the teaching and learning of maths. We have access to a Mastery Specialist who comes into our school for lesson observations and training to support the deeper teaching and understanding of mathematics. We have also been updated on plans to develop further the Art, DT and Music provision in school.
SCIENCE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The school is keen to find a Science Sponsor or Sponsors from among the local business community to enable us to develop our science provision with better resources. If any companies or individuals would like to help with this, we are aiming to attract up to £2,000. Please email gisted@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk if you or a company you know would like to become the school's Science Sponsor. Due to the ongoing financial challenges faced by our school and others, we have to look to generate more income through sponsorship, grants and other means to ensure our school continues to offer children the best education possible.
- **Team spirit** – Governors would like to extend their congratulations to all those who compete in sporting fixtures for Wateringbury School, in particular the recent football and netball fixtures. We would also like to thank our sports coaches, volunteers, parents and other supporters for everything they do to inspire and support the children's enthusiastic endeavours. Well done Team Wateringbury!
- **Surveys** – We have recently conducted our annual staff survey in school and we will hold a feedback session with staff after the Easter break. Communication, leadership and management, priorities for investment, appraisals and staff workload are some of the issues we examine through the survey.
- **New chapter** – Governors met with children on our school's Library Committee yesterday (Thursday) to discuss their ideas for our new-look library. Designers will now be briefed on their likes and dislikes!
- **Farewell** – Governors would like to thank our caretaker Barry Reynolds for all his efforts and good cheer during his six years at Wateringbury and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Happy Easter to you and your families.

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CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Our Christian value for this term is **WISDOM**

In worship this week, Father Nick told the story of the prophet Elijah in the desert whilst the children were the special effects team. They will certainly remember the gale-force wind, the earthquake and the rising fire!

Our Easter service is at St John's church on Wed, 28th March at 9:00am. The children will be performing a 'new' Easter story, The Tale of 3 Trees. Children should be dropped at church at 8:45am and please stay to enjoy the service.

Easter Fun with Faith is an annual Easter activity/craft morning at St John's, held this year on Saturday, 31st March from 9:30am-12:30pm. Drop your child and return at 12 noon. The cost is just £2 to cover materials (pay on the day). Contact Debbie Bond debs5rs@btinternet.com for details.



SPORTS NEWS



It was with much sadness that one of the Tag Rugby club's coaches, Rick Schembri, made his last coaching appearance on Friday. Coaches and children, past and present, thank him for his time and wish him good luck for the future.

If there are any parents who might be interested in helping coach tag rugby on Fridays after school, please contact either Mr Evans, Mr Cornford or Mrs Brown.

Netball News!

Following an extravaganza of netball in our Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Relief Tournaments on Tuesday afternoon, we subsequently hosted Ryarsh Primary School for our third netball league fixture of the season.

This week netballers - Felix, Jacob, Noah, Tilly, Poppy, Emily, Macey, Neve and Grace - continued their amazing form together and, as the final whistle was blown, had amassed an incredible score of 14-1.

Deservedly, Wateringbury are top of the inter-school table with three more matches to play before the end of the season.