



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 8.10 Harvest Service, St John's, 9am
- 19.10 Guy making, Hall, 1:15pm
- 19.10 End of Term 1
- 30.10 Start of Term 2
- 2.11 Bonfire Night, 5:30pm
- 5.11 Carpet of poppies, St John's
- 6.11 School photos
- 7.11 School relay marathon, Field
- 9.11 Remembrance Service, St John's, 9am
- 13&14.11 Parent Consultations
- 11&12.12 KS1 Christmas nativities, 2pm
- 18.12 KS2 Carol Service, St John's, 2pm
- 18.12 Stories Round the Tree, 6:45pm
- 19.12 Christmas Lunch and end of Term 2, 3:15pm dismissal

Advance TERM DATES 2018-2019

- Term 1 5.9.18 – 19.10.18
- Term 2 30.10.18 – 19.12.18
- Term 3 3.1.19 - 15.2.19
- Term 4 25.2.19 – 5.4.19
- Term 5 23.4.19 – 24.5.19
- Term 6 3.6.19 – 19.7.19

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

News Flash!

Harvest Service is Monday, 8th October at 9am in St John's Church, Wateringbury. Please stay (when you drop your child at church at 8:45am) to enjoy this lovely service with all classes participating. It will end by 9:45am.

Absence : if your child is absent due to illness or a medical appointment, we require a written note from the parent upon the child's return to school.

FUN DAY menu on Thursday, 4th October. Have a delicious burger or veggie hotdog and look under your plate for the special sticker – four prizes to give away!



Dear parents, Homework is one of those issues that is guaranteed to spark a strong reaction. We've all been made to do homework; we all have our own experiences of it; and we all have our own views about its benefit for our own children. If I were to do a table of the homework pros and cons that I've heard over the years, it would look something like this (in no particular order):

| Reasons for homework | Reasons against homework |
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| Supports and reinforces learning | Little evidence that homework benefits primary-aged children |
| Develops responsibility and independence | Creates family arguments and conflict |
| Establishes good routines and self-discipline | Sets up failure for those who can't or won't do it and erodes confidence |
| Prepares children for secondary school | The majority of children in primary are too young |
| The school will be looked down upon by outside world if we don't have a strong homework ethos | Prevents children getting outside and running around in fresh air |
| Children won't learn spellings and times tables as quickly | Adds to an already long and tiring day |
| We've always done it | Puts pressure on already-busy parents |
| Parents expect it | Creates additional workload for teachers with questionable benefit |
| Homework forces children away from electronic devices and screens | Impacts on quality family time |

I am sure you could add to these columns. I am keen to hear parents' views, both for and against and mixed, and would like to explore the issue from a wide perspective. If you would be interested in being part of a working party (small time commitment, no homework given out!), please email me at headteacher@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk Once I know who is interested, I will email to find the best day/time for an initial meeting.

Thursday is Census Day when the number of Yr R, 1, 2 children taking school dinners is counted – the more children who eat a school dinner, the more money we receive from government to fund them. Our school cook, Esther, has planned a FUN DAY menu (burgers, veg hotdogs, potato wedges, bbq baked beans) that should appeal to everyone and we urge you to take up a school dinner. Years 3 – 6 can also join in the dinnertime fun and both dining hall sittings will have specially 'stickered plates' with prizes!

Yours sincerely,

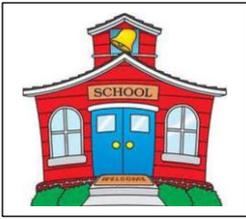
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KLZ : www.klz.org.uk, then log-in with your child's log-in (in Homework Diary)

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SCHOOL NEWS



Armistice Centenary : 1918 - 2018

As part of the village commemorations, the children will be making a poppy for each Watringbury boy and man who served in the First World War. There are 213 soldiers who returned and 52 who lost their lives. These poppies will be displayed around the village near their homes and places of work. Each poppy will be named. We are grateful to the village Crafters for their help and expertise over the next two weeks. They have put a huge amount of effort into preparing the poppy materials so the project is manageable.

The village of Teston is also organising special events over the weekend of 9-11th November. There will be an exhibition which will include any personal stories about family members from the First World War. Pupils are invited to find out family stories and present their ancestors' histories in stories or photos. The organisers would need any submissions by Wednesday 7th November and for more details, please email: dawnrebecca@btinternet.com

OUR WEEK IN PICTURES



Mrs Fraser took 5 members of the Library committees to see Christopher Lloyd's new book: Absolutely everything! He had a coat full of pockets. He asked for helpers from the audience and Anna got picked! She had to turn around while Christopher wrote a famous person on a piece of paper and then she read his mind.
By Anna, Emily, Lucy, Louie and Bertie

This week, Yellow Class have been using lots of different resources in maths to show the various methods of representing a four-digit number. They had fun using dienes, place-value counters and place-value strips to show the number 2,345.



Pink Class

This week we have started learning our first sounds in phonics.



CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Our Christian value for this term is
LOVE

In worship this week, we thought about the colour yellow and its significance as a colour of joy and sunshine and also a colour of deceit and treachery. Ask your child what colour Judas was wearing in a very famous painting by Giotto of the moment of betrayal.

Deputy and SENCo Karen Down will be leading worship weekly and will focus on each term's Christian value.

We continue to enjoy singing assemblies with Mrs Ryan. The 'fruits' of her labour will be evident during our Harvest Service on 8th Oct.

SPORTS NEWS



The Football Team played really well on Tuesday, strangely better than last week, but we weren't able to take advantage of our opportunities in front of goal and Mereworth were more clinical. 3-0 to Mereworth but it was heart-warming to see how our players congratulated Mereworth on their goals. Such good sportsmanship!

We really enjoyed visiting Mereworth. They have lovely pupils with similar values as ours, and everyone left having enjoyed the game.

The Cross-Country runners did splendidly at Mote Park this week. We had five athletes representing Watringbury at the third and final Maidstone Schools 1.2k race at Mote Park on Sunday. They all ran really well and we were very proud of them. Congratulations to Seb Brown, Tray Morris, Robyn and Noah Lacey, and Arianna Smith. We would now like to encourage anyone up for the challenge to enter the Kent Schools Cross Country Race. This event normally takes place in the morning on the second Saturday in November, but the date is yet to be confirmed for this year. Years three and four run 1.2k, years five and six 2.2k. Please let Gary Evans know if you would / your child would like to take part.