



# Spring Term 2019

## Newsletter



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### **Message from Chris Crunden - (Chair of Governors)**

Happy New year from the Governors!

It was lovely to see all the happy, smiley faces of the children returning.

I had the opportunity to meet our new Executive Principal, Mrs Harvey, yesterday and I am really excited about the coming term. As you may be aware, there will be interviews this term to appoint a permanent principal for Waterfield Primary School.

We look forward to working closely with you all in the coming year.

Kind regards,  
Chris Crunden  
Chair of Governors

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### **Message from Linda Harvey - (Interim Executive Principal)**

I am delighted to have been asked by the Collegiate Trust to lead Waterfield this term. I have been made very welcome by the children and staff. I am looking forward to spending time with the children in their classrooms during lessons. There will soon be a suggestion box in the school entrance if you would like to let me know of any ideas you may have for improving our school.

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### **Newsletter organisation this term**

This will be the last Newsletter for a few weeks. We have decided to send this Newsletter out in paper form as we are aware that only 50% of Parents and Carers are using our "Ping" system for school communication. If you have not got a user name and password please come to the school office and we can help you log on. Thank you.

Your children will be bringing home a Year Group Newsletter next week to share what they'll be doing this term in school and activities that the children can use to continue their learning at home. It's already been a busy start to the term with children finding out about their new topics and some very interesting discoveries around the school.

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### **Clubs**

Club letters will be coming out next week and most clubs are due to start in the week beginning the 21st January. Please look out for the letters and get them back to us as soon as possible if you wish your child to take part in one of the clubs.

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### Uniform

The weather has recently become a lot colder. Please can you ensure that your child has a coat in school?

Please can we also make sure that the children have a full uniform; including appropriate shoes, there appears to be an increase in the number of trainers being seen in school. These are not school uniform.

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### Snow

As the weather does get colder, there is always the risk of snow. If it does become necessary to close the school during the day, a message will be sent out to parents via SchooPing. Please ensure we have your most recent contact details in school. Please consider making alternative arrangements for picking up children if you live/work further away from the school.



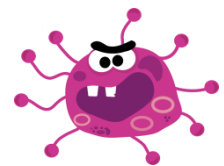
If the weather is bad overnight and you are unsure as to whether the school will be open, please check the website where there will be a clear message.

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### Health

At this time of year we also remind you to be vigilant of the Winter Vomiting Virus (Norovirus). If your child has an outbreak of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please keep them at home. They should not return to school for 48 hours after normal bowel habits have returned and/or vomiting has stopped. Please remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet.

If your child has a cold and they are well enough to attend please could they come with some tissues? We cannot guarantee there will be tissues in the classroom. Hopefully this will help them feel more comfortable during the day. If you do have spare boxes of tissues, we are always very grateful for donations! Thank you.



### Phonics

Very soon we will announce a date for a phonics workshop. This will share information regarding the Phonics Screening in Year 1 and also introduce you to our new phonics package "Song of Sounds". We hope to invite parents from across the school so you all have a clear idea of how phonics is delivered and assessed at Waterfield.

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### **School Gates**

Reminder – The gates are now closing at 8.50am each morning. Please come to the front office to gain entry after this time.

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### **Parking around the school**

We understand that parking around the school during drop off and pick up times can be very busy. However, for the safety of our children and staff, we would like to remind you to park safely around the school at all times bearing the Highway Code in mind.

Please do not park on yellow lines around the school, on grassed areas that are not prohibited for parking, block driveways or block in another car.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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### **Virgin Future Flyers and Expert Engineers event for 9 - 16 year**

Virgin Atlantic will host the above event on Saturday 9th February at The Base in Crawley.

The children had the pleasure to meet two representatives during assembly before the school half term break and received a short presentation. If your child is interested to attend this event, we have tickets at the office. You will need to register your interest as stated on the ticket. It is on a first come first served basis.

You can always email [futureflyers.expertengineers@fly.virgin.com](mailto:futureflyers.expertengineers@fly.virgin.com)

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### **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair last year. We raised £1283.23.

Happy New Year from the PTA

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### Term Dates

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Open	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Close	Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY – HALF TERM</b>		
Open	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Close	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2019

<b>(School closed Tuesday 23rd April – INSET DAY)</b>		
Open	Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
Close	Friday	24 <sup>TH</sup> May
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY BANK HOLIDAY &amp; to 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY HALF TERM</b>		
Open	Monday	3 <sup>RD</sup> June
Close	Tuesday	23rd July

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