



# Waterfield Primary School Newsletter Summer Term 1



Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter. It is with great pleasure that I write our first Newsletter, which will detail some upcoming news for this Half Term. It is hard to comprehend how much of a short half term this is, however, although short in length the learning opportunities and experiences for our children are abundant.

In just a few weeks our Year 6 children will begin their SAT examinations. The SATS are used as a measure of the children's progress in certain areas of academia. The Year 6 children have certainly been working hard preparing for this, however it is important to remember they do not measure all areas of achievement. We should all take time in reminding the children of the other areas of success they have celebrated and highlight the skills they have developed over the course of their time at Waterfield.

During this first week of school, the children will receive their class newsletter and curriculum map. These documents highlight key information about your child/children's class and give you an insight into the curriculum content of the exciting learning journeys the teachers have planned. These can also be found on our website. Please do keep reviewing our website as we update it with event news and learning resources – Year Four have particularly enjoyed Mr Lilley's 'Multiplication Rock Songs' that can be sung along to at home.

Other events in this half term will see the launch of our Reading Challenge, Sporting events and not to mention our 'Welcome Coffee Morning' (please see the section below).

Plans are also underway at school to redecorate and remodel our school hall, which will be launched sometime after the May holiday.

A friendly reminder to all families that you should have received a leaflet containing information on how to sign up for Energy Kidz Afterschool club – the purpose of which responded to parental feedback requesting extended child care hours to support flexibility. We are hoping to receive confirmation of feasible numbers of children who wish to attend in order that this remains a viable club to run.

Thank you once again for a successful start to the term and the welcome yourselves and the children have given me.

Warm wishes,  
Dr Harry Hope

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## **Mr Moss**

I know you will all join us in wishing Mr Moss congratulations on securing a new leadership position from September 2019, he will therefore be leaving Waterfield at the close of the Summer Term. Mr Moss has worked at Waterfield over many years, building relationships with our community and dedicating himself to enhancing provision for our children. I know the 'Bike It Crew' will be working especially hard to continue his hard work promoting sustainable and healthy travel. We wish him every success in his new position. He would like to share a few words below:

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving Waterfield at the end of the summer term. I have had some wonderful experiences whilst working here and worked with some amazing people, not least the children – they are the people I tell everyone about whenever I get the chance. They are so loyal and loving – I will really miss them. However, I have been here seven years now and it is time to take on a fresh challenge and use my skills in a different setting with different children, who I hope are as brilliant as yours. I know Waterfield is going to go from strength to strength with Dr Hope and I wish everyone the best of luck in what I think will be a very exciting and positive future for the school. Keep up the cycling!

Mr Moss

### **Key Stage 2 SATS**

The Year 6 SATs Week commences on Monday May 13th.

During this time we will be inviting the Year 6 children into school early to share a light breakfast with their teacher. Enabling them to feel comfortable, chat with their friends and become settled before they engage their brains and embark on showcasing their

knowledge. Breakfast will be available from 8:15am in the Upper Key Stage 2 building. Children will be able to come into school from 8:15am and enter via the front office doors. Mrs Handley will be giving more information, however should you wish to inform us of any dietary requirements beforehand please do let Mrs Handley and the office staff know.



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## **Year 6 French Day**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will be having a French Day to celebrate all their hard work in their Key Stage

Two SATs. The children will be invited to dress up in anything French themed for the day. We will share a French breakfast in the morning, followed by a day of French activities. This day was a huge success last year and we would anticipate the children enjoying it equally as much this year.

## **Energy Kidz After School Club – Lauching Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Energy Kidz is offering a fun and affordable childcare. Our clubs follow the playwork principles and offer lots of free play and free choice activities for example, arts and crafts, sports, or just chill and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. Childcare Vouchers are accepted and we offer 5% Siblings Discount.

Energize Kids require viable numbers in order to provide the club, please book online: [bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk) or contact them for more information on [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk)

## **Welcome COFFEE MORNING**

Dr Hope and Mrs Crunden (Chair of Governors) would like to invite the community to an informal coffee morning on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:00am** in the community room. Do feel free to come straight round after drop off. Tea, Coffee and cakes will be provided as a courtesy.

This will be an opportunity for the community to come together, meet our new Principal and connect with the Governors.

There will be a short introduction by Dr Hope and then we hope the conversation will flow providing a warm and enjoyable event.

Please feel free to bring along any pre-school aged children and start the bank holiday weekend with a light conversation, cake and a smile.

## **Buster's Book Club**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, we had a Whole School Assembly to launch an exciting new reading initiative, called 'Buster's Book Club'.

Waterfield, along with Gossop's Green School, are the first schools in West Sussex to start this scheme.

'Buster's Book Club' is to promote and encourage a love of reading! Every Wednesday, children will need to read at home with an adult. (Although of course, we know the value and importance of reading every day!)

This can be a book, a magazine or a comic, as well as the reading books from school. Child/ren

can read to an adult, or the adult can share a book with children who are not yet confident to read. The number of minutes read will be recorded on the book mark that your child/ren will receive on Wednesday, along with a letter to give you more information. These book marks will then be returned to school every Thursday. Teachers will collect this information and there will be a winning class from Reception/ Key Stage One each week to be announced every Friday.

There will be other prizes such as badges and vouchers for money off attractions in the West Sussex area!

Please support us by reading with your child every Wednesday and we are confident that this will have a positive impact on children's enjoyment of reading and also on their progress.



## **School Council – Easter Bonnet competition**

We were amazed by all the colourful bonnets the children wore to school. The School Council team found it very hard to pick the winners. Well done everyone!

## **P.T.A.**

We would like to thank you for supporting the Mother's Day gift sale. With your help the P.T.A. raised £202.00.

## **Dogs/Puppies**

Just a friendly reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on school premises.

## **School Clubs**

Clubs will start on the week beginning **6<sup>th</sup> of May**. Please look out for the club letters going home next week.

### **Dates to remember**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May – Coffee Morning**

**6<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday – school closed

**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May** SATs week

**17<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 French Day

**14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May** – School Book Fair

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential Trip

### **Term dates**

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May** Half Term break

**3<sup>rd</sup> June** Back to school

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** Last day of school

### **Autumn Term**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – INSET Days