



# Waterfield Primary School Newsletter End of Spring Term



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a staffing change for the summer.

Mrs Smith will be leaving the school at the end of the spring term. She will be moving on to new challenges in a different school on the south coast.

She has had such a positive impact on the school. Children who have been lucky enough to work with Mrs Smith have benefited from her enthusiasm and energy. In addition to the music, she has also been a force in the development of maths across the school; we cannot thank her enough for that.

We wish Mrs Smith all the best in her new adventures and hope that she is able to find a choir as good as ours in her new school!

### **Messages from the Waterfield Governors**

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Smith who will be leaving us to join another school nearer to where she lives. We would all like to say a huge "thank you" to her for her hard work commitment to Waterfield over the past 5 years and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs Harvey will be stepping down from her role as interim Executive Principal, to make way for our new Principal, Dr Hope, who starts at Waterfield after the Easter break. Mrs Harvey has been totally committed to Waterfield since she started in January and has worked with the school to secure many improvements. We would all like to thank her for her many contributions to the school. Waterfield will still benefit from her expertise as she will be working closely with Waterfield and Dr Hope next term.

Many parents have attended the recent parents' evenings to discuss their children's progress. The new reporting system has been welcomed by parents who feel well informed about their child's progress. Governors wish to thank everyone for taking time to attend and fill in feedback forms. We value your opinions and will be analysing these over the next week. Have a great Easter, let's hope the good weather lasts!

### **Gates Opening Times**

As a reminder, the school gates are open between 8.30 – 8.50am. After the closing time please exit the school via the front office doors, rather than jumping any gates that might be locked!

### **School Council - Red Nose Day**

**RED NOSE DAY** This year the School Council organised a Red Nose Day Talent Show at school. The children showcased their many talents. We raised £289.00 for this very worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

### **Library News**

It is never too late to say thank you for helping us to raise an incredible £477.66 during the Travelling Book Fair. The school was able to purchase 80 new books! Wow! Thanks a billion



We will be holding a second hand library book sale on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15pm on the playground. The money we raise will go towards new library books.

### **ECO Club – Grow your own chips!**

Eco Club had the pleasure to be invited to take part in "Grow your own chips!" scheme run by Squires garden centre. Squire's believe it's so important that children learn where their food comes from through a fun and interactive potato planting sessions.

Each child was given a brightly coloured pot, compost, and three chitted potatoes, which they were shown how to plant and look after. The children got to take their pot of potatoes home. They will take their pots back to Squire's in June to see who has grown the heaviest potatoes. Their potatoes will be turned into chips in Squire's Café Bar for the children to enjoy. Delicious!



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#### **Snack Shack**

Snack shack is very popular with the Key Stage 2 children and we are working on introducing new products. We are now selling Babybells for 40p. We would like to assure you that all items, including flavoured milk, is school compliant as stated on the carton. The Trust catering team is working hard on sourcing more healthy snacks.

#### **Jogging Bottoms**

As part of the Uniform policy review the school would like to introduce black jogging bottoms for children to wear from next term. Nursery children will be able to wear them all day as part of their uniform, children from Reception upwards can wear them during P.E. when it is cold outside or for activities where additional protection is required.

These can be bought from any retailer and should be plain black with no logos.

#### **Sports News**

Children from Year 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to take part in the badminton festival at K2 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. They had great fun learning and practicing various activities broadening their sporting skills. Mr Lockton also praised the children for their great effort and good behaviour during the festival.

#### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

On the last day of term children are invited to join our East Bonnet Competition. They can make a bonnet at home and bring it in to be judged in class. All children will have the opportunity to show their creations in our Friday assembly.

#### **Energy Kidz**

We are very excited to introduce Energy Kidz Out of School Club providers. They will be providing after school care to busy parents from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please see their introduction letter below.

#### **Fun filled and action packed clubs for 4-11 year olds**

Energy Kidz is a leading provider of out of school childcare for primary school aged children, offering fun and affordable childcare delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Our qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and are experienced in and passionate about the activities we offer.

All our clubs follow the playwork principles and offer lots of free play and free choice activities. Children can try a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, or just chill out and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. We encourage children to try something new, but understand that not every activity suits every child so an alternative is always available.

A healthy snack is provided, details of which can be found on our website.

All prices and timings are on the website at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/crawley-waterfield-primary-school/>

Sibling discounts are available and childcare vouchers are accepted.

If you book more than 2 months in advance you can pay just £1 to secure your space.

For further information call 0333 577 1533, email [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) or visit our website at [www.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://www.energy-kidz.co.uk).

#### **Attendance**

We are sending home an 'Every day Counts!' leaflet in an effort to bring the school's attendance up to the National level. You will find useful information on the most common illnesses that can effect school age children.

#### **Term dates**

**1<sup>st</sup> April** Reception Godstone Farm visit

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Bonnet competition

**8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April** Easter break

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** INSET Day

**24<sup>th</sup> April** Back to school

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

**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

**4<sup>th</sup> September** – School reopens