



KEY DATES

Autumn 1

October Half Term:

The children break up from this term on Tuesday 18th October (Wednesday 19th is an Inset day). Half term will therefore run from Wednesday 19th October to Sunday 30th October (inclusive). Children return to school on Monday 31st October.

Key Dates for the Year:

Please see the key dates sheet accompanying this newsletter. It sets out the key dates for the school year. We always endeavour to stick to these dates and changes will only take place in exceptional circumstances, of which we will notify you as soon as we can.

Trips and visitors this term:

Year 5 Trip – @Bristol, Tuesday 27th September
Year 3 Trip – Natural History Museum, London, Monday 3rd October



FOW (Friends of Waterwells)

If you are interested in becoming part of FOW (PTA group) please contact FOW directly to register your interest via their e-mail address: fow@waterwellspa.co.uk

They are keen to get new members. Relatives/family members of Waterwells or Hunts Grove may join, whether you want to be part of the committee or to help support at certain events – help is always appreciated.

Volunteers

Firstly, I would like to thank our volunteers that gave up some of their free time to come into school in the last academic year to help support the children, particularly with readers.

We are keen to continue and extend our links with parents and know that parental support in children's education has such a positive impact.

We are looking for parents that would like to support with:

- Parent readers
- Supporting with the library
- Forest schools
- Supporting clubs/sports fixtures

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above or if you have skills which you think you could offer the school, please register your interest and availability at the office and we will be in touch. Please note, we do not place parents in their child's year group.

WEBSITE

Curriculum overview – What your child is learning about this term

Remember, you can access curriculum overviews for each year group on the school website. This will give you a summary of the key things that your child will be learning during the autumn term.

Clubs

You can also find on the website, a list of the extra-curricular clubs on offer this term.

Staff running each club, will offer letters to the children for the applicable year group(s). It is the child's choice to take a club letter for a club if they are interested.

If your child is successful, you will receive a text to confirm they have a place in the club and your child will receive a slip to confirm this.

Clubs this term will finish the week ending Friday 14th October.

There are no clubs for Reception children during the autumn term to allow the children adequate time to settle and adapt to the demands of the Reception curriculum.

All newsletters are posted and can be downloaded from the school website.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is now up and running and working really well!

The club is run by school staff from 7.45am for £2 a session (breakfast included). To sign up, please contact the school office. New Reception children can start attending this once they start full-time.

Bookings for Autumn term 2 can be made from Monday 3rd October.

Update from Gloucestershire NHS Trust Vaccine Update - Reminder

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. This is because the vaccine does not always work fully the first time. Therefore, if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this now by contacting your GP/Practice Nurse. Children in year 1, 2 & 3 are also eligible for flu vaccine this year.

Further information can be accessed from the following website

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/vaccination-schedule-age-checklist.aspx>

Volunteers

Parent Text message and E-mail service

We will continue to use the parent text and e-mail service this year. Please ensure we hold up-to-date contact details for you.

Sickness

Children may only return to school 48 hours following the last incident of sickness.

Playground

For safety reasons...

Please ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school site and are not left tied to the school railings.

We also state that all bikes and scooters must be dismantled before entering the school grounds.

Any bikes/scooters left on the school premises are done so at the owners' own risk.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's school uniform and PE kit is labelled with their name. This will help us return any stray items. Lost property is located at the main school office.

The children go outside in all weathers, so please ensure they have suitable shoes and coat for the autumn and winter months.

Nuts

We are a nut-free school so please ensure you do not send anything containing nuts in your child's lunchbox or as snack as this is potentially dangerous for those with allergies.

Thank you for your co-operation.