



Newsletter 4 Autumn 2 - End of term review

The run up to Christmas is always an incredibly busy time of year and it's been no different here at Waterwells and Hunts Grove!

Here is a summary of some of the things the children have been up to this term...

Sports Round-up

Cross Country

On Tuesday 17th November, 12 children represented Waterwells at the Gloucester Schools Cross Country Championships. It was a wet, windy and muddy event but all of the children performed exceptionally well, demonstrating great perseverance, determination and sportsmanship.

Each race had up to 180 children competing from across the city. Huge, huge congratulations to Leilani Ryder (Year 3) who won the Year 2/3 girls race!! (Miss Dando)

Football

Having won their group last term, the team played in the Gloucester County 7-a-side finals.

ESFA Gloucestershire Inter Small Schools County 7-a-side

Ashton Vale 0	Waterwells 0
Waterwells 0	Isbourne Valley 0
Waterwells 2	Twyning 0
Old Sodbury 1	Waterwells 1
Waterwells 0	Trinity 1

The team played well and came a respectable third.

League Results

Waterwells 0	Hempsted 4
Coney Hill 3	Waterwells 4
Waterwells 3	Longney 3
Waterwells 6	Huntley 1
Huntley 2	Waterwells 3

Netball

League Results

Waterwells 0	Longney 3
Waterwells 2	Beech Green 2
Waterwells 2	Kingsway 1
Longney 11	Waterwells 4
Hardwicke 8	Waterwells 8

A mixture of results but the team are continuing to progress and are working well against some established teams.

Superheroes!

This year for Children in Need the children dressed up as Superheroes and raised £316.91. Well done everyone!

Carol Concert

Thank you to all those who attended this year's Carol Concert. The children worked really hard to put together a selection of songs, dances, piano solos and poem readings. A big 'Well done!' to the choir and their friends and everyone who took part and also a thank you to the Friends of Waterwells team who organised and ran refreshments.

Carol Singing

On Wednesday 16th December, the choir went to the M5 Southbound service station. They had an enjoyable time singing a selection of Christmas songs. Several parents attended for support. Thank you.

@ Bristol Trip (written by Alex Palmer, Year 3)

Years 3 and 5 went to @Bristol Science Centre on Thursday 10th December to explore and discover many things. Year 3 spent time upstairs working as a team building a plastic brick house, whilst year 5 really enjoyed their trip to the Planetarium as part of their topic next term, 'Space'.

Operation Christmas Child

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed items towards the Christmas shoebox appeal. As a school, we filled 40 shoeboxes with toys, gifts and toiletries, which are in the process of being shipped off to young boys and girls around the world and will no doubt make them very happy indeed at this time of year. (Miss Dando)

Nativity – Hey Ewe!

A huge well done to all Reception and Key Stage 1 children for their Nativity – Hey Ewe! They worked incredibly hard and this showed in all three thoroughly enjoyable performances.

Friends of Waterwells (FOW)

So far, Friends of Waterwells have raised a total of £315.90 from the cake sale, carol concert refreshments and bag to school donations. Friends of Waterwells would like to thank everyone for your support and contributions.

Notices

Extreme Weather Procedures



As the season of cold weather is now upon us, I have outlined the procedures that will be followed should it be necessary to close the school at all over the winter due to extreme weather conditions.

If it is decided that the school will be closed, a text will be sent to all parents stating 'school closed'. Information will also be available on the following websites:

www.glosclosedschools.com

www.waterwellsprimaryacademy.org.uk

I can assure parents that the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary, i.e. if a number of staff are unable to take the journey into school safely or for health and safety reasons such as not being able to clear the school site so that it is safe for everyone coming onto the school grounds.

If the weather is poor in the morning, please check your messages to see whether the school is open before dropping your children off just in case there are no staff here first thing in the morning.

Please ensure the school has up-to-date contact details.

Road Safety



The road markings outside the school have now been re-painted. The yellow lines, both zigzags and double yellow are very clear. We politely remind parents to drive and park with care. Nobody wants an accident and the children's safety is a priority, please keep this in mind. Many thanks for your cooperation.

As we fast approach 2016 we would like you to help us make every minute in school count.

Being late for school reduces learning time.

If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three whole days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.



If you have a concern regarding your child's lateness please come in and see us, we would like to offer our support.

Sam Dunne Learning Mentor & Attendance Officer

The children finish school (normal time) on Friday 18th December.
We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and will see you when the children **return to school on Tuesday 5th January** (Monday 4th January is an Inset day).