



Welcome back to the new school year, I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It's always lovely to see the children's excitement upon their return to school, with new beginnings and exciting things to look forward to.

## KEY DATES

Please see the key dates sheet accompanying this newsletter. It sets out the key dates/ events 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.

### Planned trips and visitors this term:

Year 1 Trip – Weston Super-Mare, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 5 Trip – At-Bristol, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September



## STAFF

The staff structure for this year was sent out last term and will shortly be updated on the school website. Please remember, should you have any concerns or queries about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. I of course am happy to speak with anyone should you feel necessary and we also have Key stage coordinators as a port of call: Mrs McKerrow (Reception), Miss Williams (Waterwells Key stage 1 Coordinator), Miss Henderson (Hunts Groves Key stage 1 Coordinator) and Miss Dando (Key Stage 2 Coordinator). We also have key support staff that are available for you to speak to regarding concerns or support: Tracy Salisbury (Learning Mentor), Ross Eakers (Family Support Worker) and Mrs Burgess (SENCo).

## 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](mailto:FOW@waterwellspa.co.uk)

They are always keen to welcome 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. The focus of FOW is to support the school and it's community through organising events to bring people together. Any monies raised go towards benefitting the children (unless identified as a charity led event). Over time, the children have already benefitted from greater opportunities such as discos, a movie night, summer and Christmas fairs and competitions, as well as donations towards the year 6 leavers hoodies and other school based resources including playground markings and of course the fantastic trim trail!

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast club has now been running for a year with lots of success. The club is run by school staff from 7.45am for £2 a session (breakfast included).

For further information or to sign up, please contact the school office. New Reception children can start attending Breakfast Club once they are attending full-time.



### Volunteers

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. It's amazing to see the impact of this work and the children thoroughly enjoy it too.

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. This year, we are looking for parents that would like to support with:

- \* Hearing readers
  - \* Supporting with the library
  - \* Forest schools (outdoor education)
- As well as any support that can be offered with 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. We look forward to hearing from you).

### Reminders

#### Parent Text Message and E-mail Service

Please ensure we hold up-to-date contact details for you (phone number and where available and e-mail) so we can include you in our electronic communications.

#### 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. (If you do not receive a text, your child has not been successful on this occasion and will go on a waiting list should a place arise).

**All newsletters can be viewed and downloaded from the school website.**

#### 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.

#### Curriculum overview – What your child is learning about this term

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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**October Half Term:** The children break up from this term on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> is an inset day). Half term will therefore run from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October (inclusive).

**Children return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

Thank you for your co-operation and continued support in your child's education. We look forward to working in close partnership with you throughout the year. Mrs Rawlings (Head of School)