

# Watermill School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely half term. It has been a pleasure to go into classrooms and see so many of our pupils engaged and happy.

We are currently starting improvements to our outside space so that we can have more play equipment, bikes and sport facilities. We are also developing our soft play areas in the school.

We have an exciting half term ahead- please check out our dates for your diary.

Unfortunately, we have had some cigarette butts and vapes found on site. I will be reminding everyone who uses the site that smoking and vaping is banned.

Best Wishes

Jen Lomas – Headteacher.

## **THANKYOU!** For all your harvest donations.

This is what we have collected



This is the pantry where it has gone to,



## Dates for your diary

### Friday 25th October 2024

School closes at 2.30pm for half term.

### Tuesday 5th November 2024

School opens at 8.30am for pupils.

### Friday 15th November

Children in Need Day

### Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner day

### Christmas performances

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

(Exact date for your child to follow)

### Friday 20th December

School closes for the Christmas break

### Tuesday 7th January 2025

School opens at 8.30am for pupils.



If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please contact school on 01782 883737

## **PE, School Sport and Physical Activity News.**

**We have all been working hard towards our Active 30:30 commitment at the start of this new school year.** This is the Youth Sport Trust's approach to getting children moving more and sitting less at school and at home. The Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that primary school children undertake at least 30 minutes of physical activity a day in school.

### **Morning "Get Active" Club**

All pupils are welcome to come and join us in the School Gym to raise our heart rates and breathing rates at the start of the school day. This generally involves a morning jog or walk with a few obstacles for fun! We also have a range of activities on offer for pupils at lunchtimes and break times. Classes have organized active play sessions and pupils are encouraged to use our outdoor Gym equipment and active trails. We are also running clubs in Girls Football, Boys Football, Basketball, Fitness and Multi Skills. Alongside our curriculum lessons this term, we have also had visits from Staffordshire Cricket Coaches who have been delivering inclusive Cricket and Table Cricket sessions to a range of pupils.

### **Inter/Intra School Events**

23<sup>rd</sup> October – North Staffs Special Schools Sports Association Unihoc Festival (pupils in SP1 & SP3)

W/C 4<sup>th</sup> November – Inter House Multi Sport agility and co-ordination challenges

14<sup>th</sup> November – School Games Multi Sports Event (pupils in PP2/SP2)

20<sup>th</sup> November – NSSSSA Tenpin Bowling Festival (pupils in communication and sensory pathways)

27<sup>th</sup> November – School Games Multi Sports Festival (PP2/SP2)

4<sup>th</sup> December – NSSSSA Indoor Athletics (SP1/SP3)

11<sup>th</sup> December – NSSSSA Table Cricket Festival (Communication/Sensory Pathways)

(Dates and pathways may be subject to change)

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Watermill runs a parent group every Wednesday in school from 10am until 12 noon. The aim is for parents and carers to come together for a chat and also have a helpful space for parents to identify and share their concerns around their children's wellbeing and to meet others sharing similar experiences. The group is open to all parents and carers.

I have booked in the following;

6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Get together session

13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Christmas Prep

20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – NSPCC online safety

27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Get together session

4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – NSPCC PHSE myths

11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Party

18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Christmas Concert Support

Tea, coffee, biscuits and a smile are provided. For further information please contact Olivia Walker on 01782 883737.