



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

Well this has certainly been an exciting week! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors for their messages of support and congratulations upon my appointment of Headteacher. It is lovely to know that people feel the school is in good hands and I could not be more excited to have been chosen to lead the school.

Waterside Primary School holds a very special place in my heart and I am incredibly proud of the children and staff and committed to achieving the very best for them.

I hope that parents will continue to feel that I am approachable and that where there are suggestions, concerns or questions, my door is always open. During the interview process I was thrilled to hear the positive comments about the school from the other candidates and from governors and the advisory service. I feel sure that with the continued support of parents and the wider community, the school will continue to improve and flourish. Let's work together to make Waterside Primary School the VERY best that it can be!

Emma Moakes
Headteacher

Farewell and thank you

After half term we will be saying thank you and goodbye to two members of staff. Firstly, Dee Quinn who has worked in the school kitchen for a good many years preparing and serving dinners for the children and secondly Gill Burchill, who works on reception. Both members of staff will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. We wish them every happiness in the future and hope they remain firm friends of the school.

Residential Trip Payments

Please can any outstanding money for the Calshot trip which is from Wed 21st Feb to Friday 23rd Feb 2018 be paid by **Friday the 9th February**. This is next Friday and the trip commences the 1st week after half term. Letters have come home to parents who still owe money, as the school has already paid the final balance. We as school are now working on a very tight budget with things not looking to get better in the future. It is important if you have agreed for your child to attend a trip that payment is made before the trip commences. If we do not recover all the funds, this means that part of our school budget cannot be made available for other resources.

Dinner Debt

Thank you to those parents who continue to pay their child's dinner money in advance or on the day. Please see the below outstanding dinner money for each year group. Year 5 and 6 have increased since the last newsletter, therefore I would ask that this be cleared as soon as possible. I would like to remind parents that school dinners should ideally be paid in advance or on the day. Thank you!

Year 3 - £25.40
Year 5 - £103.91

Year 4 - £37.25
Year 6 - £72.10

Look at our websitewww.waterside.hants.sch.uk

Road closure

As I am sure you are aware a section of Langdown Road will be closed from Monday 5th February for maintenance work. As a result parking will be reduced and the lower entrance gate will not be accessible. Can we ask that parents are mindful of local residents at this time and ensure that they park safely and without obstructing resident driveways. The police will be circulating to ensure safe access.

Parents will need to bring children into school either via the gate to the front of the school or through the gate positioned near the children's centre. We ask that the gate to the car park remains closed to safeguard pupils.

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

09.02.18 – last day of half term

10.02.18 – 18.02.18 – Half term holiday

21.02.18 – 23.02.18 - Calshot Residential

12.03.18 – 16.03.18 – Bikeability Year 5

29.03.18 – last day of spring term

30.03.18 – 15.04.18 – Easter holidays

Please remember to check book bags for letters and reply slips. All letters are on the website.

For other Hampshire holiday dates, please see school website or go to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Inset days this academic year

INSET days for this academic year have been agreed with governors and will be as follows:

Friday 6th July, 2018

Monday 9th July, 2018

Monday 23rd July, 2018