



Good afternoon

A huge welcome back to all our pupils and a big warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils and those that have joined us in other year groups. I do hope you have a wonderful time here at Waterloo.

The children have settled so well into the new school year and the last 3 weeks have been a great start.

Over the summer the school building had a lot of work done, it really was non stop with contractors on site every day (and even weekends) and our wonderful Caretakers and cleaning staff working tirelessly to ensure everything was ready for the new school year! Thank you to everyone for their hard work.

I am pleased to announce that we will be developing our Reception place space in the next week or so too.



IMPORTANT UPDATES

School Uniform

There have been some updates to the school uniform policy with regards to footwear.

All children (Reception to Year 6) are required to wear school shoes unless they are doing PE. If children are wearing trainers in school on a non PE day parents will be contacted and asked to bring in appropriate school shoes.

School socks must be either white or grey (girls) with limited embellishments - Children should must not wear please not large frills or large bows on their socks. Boys should wear grey/dark coloured socks.

We encourage all of our pupils to wear a school uniform to establish an identity within our community; to ensure sensible, safe standards of dress for the children and to encourage a sense of both personal and school pride. We expect and encourage high standards of personal appearance here at Waterloo Primary.

All long hair must be tied back (boys and girls).

The policy is available on the school website
<https://www.waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Pupil Premium

Currently, pupils in Reception Years 1 and 2 all receive free school meals, these are paid by government funding. This provision is called Universal Free School Meals or UFSM.

In addition to this funding, the Government provides schools with additional pupil premium funding to support children from low income families who are or have been eligible for free school meals, children who have been in care continuously for more than six months and children with parents in the armed forces (or who have been in the armed services in the past). This funding means eligible children can receive free school meals in subsequent years (Year 3 and onwards). Pupil Premium funding can also give children access to some discounted educational trips and events throughout their school years.

For more information and to check eligibility please visit the school website:

<https://www.waterlooprimaryschool.co.uk/pupil-premium-sports-premium-catch-up-premium/>

Afternoon Tea - Celebrating our pupils

For this academic year we have reintroduced our Afternoon Tea with Mrs B! for those pupils who have demonstrated during the week how they have followed the school code of conduct. This replaces the Golden Biscuit within mainstream school. Our children in our Resourced Provision will continue to receive the golden biscuit.

School Photographs

School photographs are on Monday 25th September. Children who would normally have PE should bring their PE kit in a bag and will get changed in school.

Seperate arrangements have been sent to nursery parents who have children who are not normally in school on Monday.

School Choir

Mrs Cullen runs KS2 Choir afterschool on a Monday until 4.10pm.

If your child is in Year 3 - 6 they are very welcome to attend.

Please advise the office.

PTA

I met with the PTA last week and they shared all the wonderful ideas and suggestions they have to raise funds and support the children and school for this academic year.

Watch this space for exciting events and activities coming soon!

Local food pantry

Details of our local food pantry which is open to all.

Tuesday's 12noon-2pm at Waterloo Town Hall - blue door (off the car park).

Individuals pay £4.00 (value of food is £20-£25).

This enables them to choose fresh or frozen meat and groceries.

Freezer bag is supplied for food items.

No booking required - just turn up!

Place to meet and have free refreshments.

Take care

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