

# Waterloo News

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## Welcome

A very warm welcome back to school for all of our pupils – especially those in Nursery and Reception, who are new to us. Our children have settled in extremely well and there is a wonderful atmosphere in school. The children look lovely in their smart new uniforms; thank you so much for following our uniform code. We hope to post regular newsletters, to keep you up to date with everything, and celebrate our successes and achievements.

## Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 23/9/22

To support the charity 'Jeans for Genes', pupils are invited to wear jeans instead of their usual trousers, skirts or pinafores **next Friday**. Trainers can be worn, but the upper part of uniform should still be worn please (polo shirts and Waterloo jumpers). There will be a special assembly next week, to tell the children all about the charity. A donation of £1 is requested, if your child would like to wear their jeans (a maximum of £2 per family) all of which will go directly to the charity. There will also be a decorated biscuit sale during the day (20p per biscuit) should you wish your child to have one.

## Meet the Teacher – Thursday 22/9/22

Although you will have probably already met your child's teacher on the playground, we would love to invite you into school on **Thursday 22/9/22, from 3.30-4pm**, to visit classrooms, see some of your children's art work and have a chat. Our leadership team will also be around during this time – please introduce yourself and have a chat with us too – it is always nice to meet the parents of our pupils.

**Please note: if your child is in Mrs Truelove's class (Y3) or Mr Partington's class (Y3), their Meet the Teacher session will be on Wednesday 21/9/22 from 3.30-4pm.**

## School Dinners

Our kitchen served up hundreds of home-made dinners last week, which were enjoyed by our pupils. Reception, Y1 and Y2 are all entitled to a free meal through our universal offer, so please give them a try if you feel able. If you are entitled to free school meals (above the universal offer) please also let us know. We will welcome any suggestions regarding our school dinners.

## Supporting your child at home

At Waterloo, we consider the development of our pupils as a real team effort between ourselves and families at home. There are lots of different ways that you can really help your child:

- read with them each night. Just a few minutes a day will make a huge difference to their reading development
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- talk to your children at every opportunity – children copy language that they hear, and vocabulary can be extended massively, if they are subject to it all of the time
- sing nursery rhymes and songs to your younger children – this really helps with language development
- please keep packed lunch boxes as healthy as possible. We understand that some children struggle with eating, so only have a limited diet, but please don't give up on trying to give them healthy alternatives to crisps, biscuits and cakes. Over lunch, pupils will have a limited time to eat, so please don't overload their lunch boxes
- please come and talk to us if you have any worries or concerns about your child

## **School Closure - Monday 19/9/22**

Due to the state funeral of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II, school will be closed on Monday. School will reopen on Tuesday 20/9/22 at the normal time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Waterloo Primary Academy