

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL AT WATERLOO**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks the end of an incredibly busy Autumn Term at Waterloo and it is amazing to see just how far the children have come and what they have achieved over the last few months. They have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of every single one of them.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

Over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to be able to celebrate Christmas with the children in a variety of ways. The children in our Reception classes performed a wonderful Wiggly Nativity which was enjoyed by all, our Nursery children entertained their family members with some gorgeous songs as part of their festive singalong, the choir sung beautifully at our Family Carols evening and it was brilliant to see all the children enjoying their Christmas parties and a delicious Christmas dinner. Several children were overheard to say that their Christmas dinner day was, 'The best day ever!'

### **Life Beyond the Classroom**

At Waterloo, we are very proud of the fact that many of our children get involved in extra-curricular activities. This term, many children have enjoyed being part of sports clubs, dance clubs and the choir. It was wonderful to see our children perform at the Winter Gardens as a part of the Dance and Christmas Music Festivals. They made us all extremely proud.

Our sports teams have also performed extremely well this term, representing Waterloo in athletics, orienteering and football competitions. The girls' football team won the Blackpool Cup and as a result, they have reached the Lancashire finals, which is a wonderful achievement. Many KS2 children enjoyed taking part in our recent World Cup tournament. There was a fantastic buzz in school and great fun was had by all.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who give up their time to provide the children with such wonderful opportunities.

### **Life Beyond Waterloo**

At Waterloo, we believe it's so important that the children learn the value of looking after others. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we have been able to support a number of charities this term.

We raised:

£539.07 for Jeans for Genes

£1602.24 for Children in Need

£414.06 for Brian House

£100 for the Princess Alexandra Nursing Home

We also were able to provide Street Angels with a huge amount of food to help support homeless people in our local area.

£2655.37 was raised in total and we are extremely grateful to you all. Your generosity will make a huge difference to so many people.

### Staffing News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole staff team for all their hard work over the course of this term. They work tirelessly to ensure that your children are happy, well looked after and taught brilliantly and I am very grateful to them all.

The end of this term is a particularly special time for two members of staff. Miss Coupe and Mrs Gray are both leaving Waterloo to begin new adventures. Miss Coupe leaves us to take up a new teaching post and Mrs Gray leaves us to embark upon her retirement. Both Miss Coupe and Mrs Gray have been part of the Waterloo family for many years and they will be greatly missed. We would like to thank them both for everything they have contributed to life at Waterloo and we wish them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives.

### Free School Breakfast Scheme Monitoring Census

As part of the ongoing monitoring of the free school breakfast scheme, Blackpool Council have asked all schools to complete a monitoring census. In order to ensure that parents and carers are fully aware of the monitoring exercise, the council have asked us to include the following short statement in our newsletter.

*As part of the ongoing monitoring of the Blackpool Council's Free School Breakfast Programme in Blackpool, once a term we will be asking pupils attending this school some simple questions regarding what they had for breakfast on a certain date. We will also be using data we hold on children within the school as part of this study. All information will be aggregated, and no one child, or their answers, will be identifiable within the analysis. If, for any reason, you wish for your child not to take part in the monitoring, can you please let us know, and we will ensure that they are not included.*

### Spring Term 2023

Just a reminder that the new term begins on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at the normal time.

### Swimming

Swimming continues for Year 4 up until February half term. There will be no swimming on the first day of term. Lessons will start again on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

### PE

PE lessons will take place in the first week back, so Year 3 and Year 2 will need to wear PE kit on the first day back.

### Christmas Gifts

The staff would like to say a huge thank you for all the lovely gifts that they have received over the last few days. Your kindness and thoughtfulness has been much appreciated by all.

All the staff at Waterloo Primary Academy would like to wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas. We hope that this holiday brings you the opportunity to spend time with those you love the most, and that the coming year brings you all much peace and happiness.

Best wishes,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**