

10th March 2023

THE END OF ANOTHER WONDERFUL WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of hard work going on across every year group.

A Change of Theme

At Waterloo, our foundation curriculum is organised under 4 key world issues:

Conflict

Culture

Communication

Conservation

This week, all the children across school have begun their communication themes.

Why we believe communication is important...

The word 'communicate' comes from the Latin 'communicare', meaning 'to give' or 'to share'. It is the foundation of all human relationships and affects all aspects of our lives. It spreads knowledge and information - authors to their readers, teachers to their students, companies to their customers, friend to friend – across cultures, countries and generations.

We believe that children need to learn how to communicate clearly and positively, using verbal and non-verbal skills to get their ideas and feelings across, to receive other people's messages and to resolve conflict.

Please do speak to your child and find out all about their new theme.

Strike Action Information

You may be aware from the recent media coverage, that the National Education Union (one of several teaching unions) declared strike action. This is due to take place on **15th and 16th March 2023**. The strike is taking place due to a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I can once again confirm, that school **will be open as usual** on these dates and so children are expected to attend as normal.

Consultation Evenings

Just a reminder that our consultation evenings are being held on **Tuesday 21st March** and **Wednesday 22nd March** from 3.30pm-6pm (there are additional arrangements for Y4DB). This is a really good opportunity for you to see your child's work and to find out from their teacher how they are progressing across the curriculum. If you have not yet returned your reply slip, please do so by Monday at the latest, so appointments can be arranged.

Red Nose Day

Once again, Waterloo is proud to announce that we will be supporting Red Nose Day on **Friday 17th March**.

The day will be marked by a non-uniform day in school, and the children are invited to wear something 'red'. A donation of £1 to this worthy cause is recommended, with a maximum of £2 for any family with more than two children.

Unfortunately, due to health and safety guidance beyond our control, we will not be selling red noses this year and the children will be unable to wear them in school. For further information regarding this guidance, please visit the link below.

<https://shop.comicrelief.com/collections/our-top-products/products/rnd23-red-nose>

Many thanks in anticipation of your support, we know that your donations will make a huge difference to those who benefit from them.

Easter Bunny Drive

Following on from the very successful family bingo evenings, the Friends of Waterloo, led by Mrs Metcalf, are organising an Easter Bunny Drive. A bunny drive is a fun-filled dice game for all the family to enjoy. The aim of the game, is to be the first player to draw a complete rabbit and shout 'Bunny!' There will be Easter prizes for the winners.

The event will be run over two afternoons in the Sports Hall:

Monday 27th March from 3.30-4.30pm for children in EYFS and KS1

Thursday 30th March from 3.30-4.30pm for children in KS2

Entry costs £1.50 per player, and you can pay on the door.

Refreshments will be available to purchase separately, should you wish to do so. We hope to see as many of you there as possible, it promises to be a fantastic event.

As a staff team, we would once again like to thank you for your continued support, and we wish all our children and their families a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown
Head of School