

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## THE END OF A BUSY FIRST WEEK BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week. There has been a wonderful atmosphere, and all the children and staff have been working incredibly hard.

### End of Theme Celebrations

A big thank you to everyone who came to support Year 2 at their end of theme celebration today; it was a huge success. The children really enjoyed showcasing their work and it was a lovely opportunity for parents and carers to see what their children have been learning in school. Our thanks go to both the children, and the staff, for doing such a wonderful job.

Next week, it is the turn of Years 5 and 6. Year 6's celebration is being held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm**, and Year 5's is being held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2:40pm**. Both events are being held in the Sports Hall. We will open the Harris Avenue gates, ten minutes before each showcase for those wishing to attend, but please do not park on Harris Avenue, as we do not wish to upset our neighbours.

### Strike Action

You may be aware from the recent media coverage, that The National Education Union (one of several teaching unions) have declared strike action. This is due to take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. 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 confirm that **school will be open as usual** on this date and so children are expected to attend as normal.

### Our Visit to the Creative Space Centre

This week, we had the opportunity to take a group of children to the Creative Space Centre in Preston. They absolutely loved their time there and it was wonderful to see them enjoying the multi-sensory environment. There were lots of smiles and great fun was had by all. Many thanks to Miss Gold for organising the visit, and to all the staff who made this trip possible.

### World Book Day

Next Thursday, we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. We love reading at Waterloo and this promises to be a wonderful day, packed with lots of exciting activities for the children to enjoy. As a staff team, we have taken the decision not to ask the children to dress up this year. We are keenly aware of the financial climate and the impact that this is having on us all. Whilst dressing up is lots of fun, we have taken this decision, in order to reduce any financial pressure that costumes and outfits might cause.

All the staff at Waterloo would 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