

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## WHAT A BUSY HALF TERM!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy half term, I'd like to take the opportunity to tell you how proud we are of all the children in school. It has been a busy few weeks and they have worked incredibly hard and made some wonderful progress.

### Year 4 Cornets

Thank you to everyone who came to hear the Year 4 cornet recital this week. It was lovely to see the children perform with such confidence and we know that some of them have already expressed an interest in continuing to develop their love of music further. Live performances are always special, so thank you for your support.

### Celebrations of Learning

It has been a busy week in Year 4! Thank you to everyone who came to support the end of theme celebration this week – I'm sure you will agree, the children did brilliantly! We know that they take great pride in being able to showcase their work and we hope that as parents and carers, you enjoyed discovering what the children have been learning in school. Our thanks go to the children and the staff, for doing such an amazing job.

### Schools Alive

This week, our children performed as part of the Schools Alive festival at the Winter Gardens. This is always a special occasion and this year was no different. The children's performance was absolutely wonderful and great fun was had by all. Huge thanks to the staff team, who spent hours rehearsing and preparing the children – all their hard work certainly paid off.

### African Drumming

Thank you to everyone who came to support Year 3's African Drumming performance this week. The day was a huge success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to play the instruments. My thanks to the Year 3 team, for organising such a fabulous experience for the children.

### Swimming

As many of you will be aware, Year 5 swim as part of their curriculum entitlement. This is just a polite reminder that swimming forms part of the **compulsory** curriculum and **is not optional**. Recently, we have seen a rise in the number of children who are regularly forgetting their kit or opting not to swim. In line with government guidance, swimming is taught as part of the primary curriculum and unless there are agreed alternative arrangements, every child is expected to take part in these lessons.

### Staffing Update

This week, we have said goodbye to Mrs Lippiatt. She has been part of the Waterloo family for many years and will be missed, not only by her colleagues, but by the children too. Mrs Lippiatt

leaves Waterloo to embark on a well-deserved retirement and we wish her every happiness at this exciting time.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Grace to the Waterloo family. She joins our office team as our new Admin Officer, so I am sure that many of you will meet her before too long.

### **Half Term Holiday**

A reminder that school closes today for our half term holiday. We re-open on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, at the normal time.**

I would like to take this opportunity, to thank everyone who is part of the Waterloo family, for your continued support. I never take this support for granted and I am truly grateful to you all.

We wish all our children and their families, a restful and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**