

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a fun-filled Christmas with your children, I would like to extend my very best wishes to you all for a wonderful year ahead.

### **A Fantastic Return**

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They have been so full of enthusiasm and have settled back into good routines really quickly, which has been wonderful to see. A particularly warm welcome to those children and their families who have joined Waterloo for the first time this week, we hope that you will very quickly feel part of our wonderful school family and very much at home with us.

A huge thank you to everyone at home for sending the children back to school looking so smart. We spend a great deal of time encouraging the children to take pride in themselves and your support with this really does make such a difference. For any parents and carers who are new to school, a polite reminder that trainers are not part of our regular school uniform and are only permitted to be worn on PE days. We appreciate that in this economic climate and following an expensive Christmas period, many demands are placed on our finances. Please don't let financial pressures be a barrier to school uniform. If you would welcome support with uniform, please do come and chat to a member of The Haven team. All conversations will be treated in confidence.

### **Swimming**

A reminder that swimming lessons begin again next Wednesday for Year 5. All children will need to come to school wearing their school PE kit, with all their swimming kit in a separate bag.

### **Staffing News**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome some new members of staff, who have joined us this week. Miss Smith has joined the Nursery team and is working alongside Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Wilson, Miss Fletcher has joined the Y6 team and is working alongside Mr Dodgson and Miss Smales, our new assistant cook, has joined our catering team. We are delighted to have you all with us and I really hope that you will feel at home at Waterloo.

### **Ofsted Report**

As you may know, we underwent an Ofsted inspection towards the end of November. We are now in a position to be able to publish the final report. We are delighted that the inspectors recognised that

***Warm and respectful relationships between staff, pupils and families  
are at the heart of this welcoming school.***

Following an Ofsted inspection, all schools are left with specific recommendations. We were encouraged to see that the areas for development, identified by the inspection team, aligned with those that have already been identified and are currently being worked on by school leaders.

On behalf of the leadership team, I would like to thank all the staff, our children and their families for the support that school received throughout the inspection. Your on-going support means the world to us as we continue to move forward as a school community. If you would like to read the full report, you can find a copy of it on our website.

Everyone at Waterloo, wishes all our children and their families, a very relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**