

22nd March 2024

WATERLOO NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we race towards the Easter holidays, all the children and staff are continuing to work extremely hard.

Choir of The Year

On Monday, we had the privilege of watching our choir perform in the Choir of The Year competition at The Blackpool Tower Ballroom. This was a wonderful event, where our children competed alongside choirs from other local primary schools. Although the children were disappointed not to win, they all performed beautifully and were once again a credit to you as parents and carers, and to us as a school. Our thanks to Mrs Casey, Miss Broughton, Miss Kyne and Mrs Doherty for all their hard work and dedication to the choir. Their efforts really did pay off and the children loved singing in such a prestigious venue.

Consultation Evenings

A reminder that our consultation evenings are being held next week on **Tuesday 26th March** and **Wednesday 27th March** from 3:30pm-6pm. 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 made an appointment, please talk to your child's teacher, as there are still some appointments available. In order for the evenings to run smoothly, please try your very hardest to keep to your appointment time.

Book Fair

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be in school. The fair provides a wonderful opportunity to support your child, as they develop their love of reading. The book fair will be held in the Old Hall and will be open after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Each purchase raises money for school, so please do come along and take a look. Please note, books can only be purchased by card payments.

Easter Bonnet Parade

I know that many of the children have been extremely busy at home making their bonnets for next Thursday's Easter bonnet parade. We intend, weather permitting, to hold the event outside on the MUGA from 9:15am. Each class will take a turn on the catwalk, proudly displaying their Easter creations. Please do come along to support the children, this is always a really lovely event. **If your child is in Nursery, they will be holding their own Easter bonnet parade at 12:30pm, in the Nursery playground, next Thursday instead.** Please do speak to Mrs Metcalf if you need any further information.

Holiday HAF Programme

Lots of children are very excited about the holiday HAF programme, which is being run from Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 5th April (9am-1pm) in school, by Blackpool Football Club. If you have already booked a space for your child, please ensure that they attend on the days you have signed up for. This avoids spaces being 'wasted' and saves the team from having to chase

people on the day. Please remember that this wonderful provision is not being run by school. If you have any questions, please contact Blackpool Football Club and not the school office.

Waterloo@120

On April 11th 1904, Waterloo Primary Academy first opened its doors to 88 pupils, so this year will mark 120 years of Waterloo! As you already know, we are intending to celebrate this event with a range of activities and memorabilia.

As part of our celebrations, on **Thursday April 11th** (first Thursday back), we are inviting the children to dress in clothes relevant to the Edwardian era (see the letter which was sent home earlier this week). During the day, the children will participate in a variety of activities associated with schools from the early 1900s. After school, from 3:30pm until 4:30pm, parents will be able to view photographs, log book entries and learn more about the history of the school. The display will be situated in the Old Hall.

On **Friday April 12th**, the children will be able to dress in their own 'party clothes' as we will be holding a special birthday lunch with music, decorations and food.

All children who normally have a school dinner, will automatically be catered for, but we sent a letter home offering any children who normally bring a packed lunch, the opportunity to purchase a one-off school lunch for this event, should they wish to do so. The deadline for responding was today. If you have missed the deadline, and your child would like a birthday lunch, please see your child's class teacher on Monday. After this point, we will no longer be able to accommodate any further orders.

End of Term Arrangements

This term seems to have raced by! A reminder that school will close for the Easter holidays next **Thursday (28th March) at 1pm**. This change to our normal hours means that **there is no after school club on that day and no afternoon session in Nursery**. When we have an early finish, we often have children who are left behind. We politely ask that all children are picked up promptly on Thursday. **Our last day will be a non-uniform day in school.**

If you have any outstanding payments, we politely ask that these are settled before the end of term.

Summer Term 2024

Just a reminder that the new term begins on **Monday 8th April 2024** at the normal time. Please note, we do not have a 2-week holiday at this time of year, so our children should return to school on Monday 8th, regardless of the holiday pattern of any other siblings

Everyone at Waterloo, wishes all our children and their families, a relaxing weekend and a very Happy Easter when it arrives.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown
Head of School