

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## A BUSY WEEK AT WATERLOO!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by in school. It has been fantastic to see so much hard work going on across the classes and it has been lovely to finally see the children out and enjoying some sunshine!

### Staffing News

After 29 very successful years at Waterloo, Mr Woodcock will be retiring at the end of this academic year. He is a much-loved member of the Waterloo family and is well known to many of you – some of you were even taught by him during your time here! He is part of the fabric of this school and will be greatly missed by us all. Not a day goes by where he doesn't make us laugh, he really does have the most fantastic sense of humour!

We are incredibly grateful to Mr Woodcock for everything that he has contributed to Waterloo life over the years and we will mark his retirement with the children and staff in due course.

Although you never replace a person, we have recently embarked on appointing new additions to the Waterloo leadership team. I look forward to sharing the news with you, once everything has been confirmed.

### Year 6 SATs Week

**Next week, is SATs week for all of the children in Year 6.** Thanks to the hard work of the children and the Year 6 team, they are really well prepared, both academically and emotionally, to sit their SATs. The timing of these tests is dictated to us and is completely out of our control. We always write to parents and carers ahead of the SATs, but I feel that this is particularly important as we head into (what we hope to be) a sunny weekend. Although we would never seek to spoil anyone's fun, we politely ask that you are particularly mindful this weekend, as summery evenings often mean late nights. As far as you are able, please ensure that your children are getting enough sleep across the weekend, as this will be incredibly beneficial to them as they head into next week.

We ask that all Year 6 children arrive at school promptly next week, as the SATs take place during the mornings. If your child is unwell, it is vital that you let school know as soon as you are able, so that we can make alternative arrangements for them.

We are really proud of our Year 6 cohort as they have worked extremely hard in the run-up to these tests, but I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the entire Year 6 staff team. Supporting the children academically and emotionally is a very challenging job and they have done this superbly. We promise that your children will be well looked after as they head into this important week.

### **Consideration on the Playground**

This week, I was approached by a parent about a matter that has really saddened me. She brought to my attention, the language being used by some parents/carers, as they wait for their children to come out of school. Her youngest child recently overheard adults swearing on the playground and repeated this language on the way home.

As a school, we promote respect and kindness amongst the children and we do not accept swearing. This is just a polite reminder that we expect the whole of the Waterloo family to demonstrate the values that we are trying to instil in the children. I would really appreciate it if everyone could be mindful of their language, whilst on the school premises.

Thank you so much for your help with this – we want our school environment to be the very best it can be for all concerned.

### **Holiday HAF Programme**

The holiday HAF programme is once again taking place in school from **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (9am-1pm)**. Please remember that this wonderful provision is not being run by school, but by Blackpool Football Club. If you have any questions, please contact them and not the school office. Please use the link on our school Facebook page/school app, to book a place for your child.

### **He's Arrived!**

As many of you know, Chyna (our Pastoral Manager) recently left Waterloo to begin a period of maternity leave. I am delighted to be able to tell you that she gave birth to a gorgeous little boy, in the early hours of Saturday morning. Both Chyna and Arthur James are safe and well, which is fantastic news. I'm sure that you will join me in congratulating Chyna and her family at this really special time.

At the end of a very busy week, 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.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful and relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**