

Newsletter: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class.

This week 147 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

EYFS	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
18/18	22/23	18/19	17/17	30/30	30/30	12/12

**WELL DONE!**

### Attendance and Lates

This week 98.33% and 5 lates  
Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%  
Year to date: 98.33%

Foundation  
100% 0 late

### Dinner monies

Please can all outstanding dinner monies be paid at reception by -

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2018**

Reception  
95.65% 4 late

Class 1  
100% 0 late

Class 2  
94.12% 0 late

Class 3  
100% 1 late

Class 4  
100% 0 late

Class 5  
100% 0 late

### Stars of the week

They are all stars this week!

Great start to the New Year.

**Well Done!**

### Up and Coming Key Dates

7 Sept 2018	Parent voice at 2pm
26 Sept 2018	Parents' evening at 3:30pm
5 Oct 2018	Parent voice at 2pm
12 Oct 2018	Harvest festival – 9:30am in school, pm (TBC) for the choir at church
26 Oct 2018	Break up for half term
9 Nov 2018	Parent voice 2pm
16 Nov 2018	Children in need day
3 Dec 2018	London visit for KS2
7 Dec 2018	Parent voice 2pm
Wk beg: 10 Dec 18	Christmas concerts
14 Dec 18	Carol service at church – details TBC
Wk beg: 17 Dec 18	Christmas parties
21 Dec 18	Break up for Christmas
7 Jan 19	Return from Christmas break
INSET days: 3 June 18 22 & 23 July 19	<b>PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INSET DAYS WHEN BOOKING FAMILY HOLIDAYS OUTSIDE TERM TIME DATES.</b>

**Safeguarding** Mill Dam School considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that you are confident about your children's health and safety at school. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school please contact our safeguarding leads Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Thompson. We have a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

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**Foundation @MD\_EYFS**

What a start we have had to our new term. The children have been testing our new open area by climbing aboard the pirate ship and crossing the bridge across the new artificially grassed ground.

This has given the children a great stimulus to develop their storytelling and extend that all important vocabulary. Who knows where we will be next week. Barbados? Australia?

Scarborough?.....

The opportunities are endless.

**Reception @MD Reception**

What a wonderful start to the year. Reception have shown such a mature attitude to their learning this week. They are all eager to develop and learn new skills. We have begun reading 'Starting School' by J. and A. Ahlberg and we have started to draw and write about ourselves. In Maths, we are learning to recognise and count up to ten and soon we will be going up to twenty.

Thank you for everyone's continued support, Mrs. Barrett and the team look forward to working with you this year.

**Class 1 @MD\_Class1**

Class one have had a fabulous first week and settled in really well. I am very proud of all of them. They have all been champions in mastering the year one routines showing great attitudes to learning and fabulous behaviour.

We have already been showing our maths skills through work on place values of numbers, practicing our literacy skills through writing 'super sentences' and reading to Mrs. Allan in class. Please continue reading with your children at home 5 times a week to earn the readers' reward.

**Class 2 @MD\_Class2**

Class two have had a super first week and they soon settled into their new class. The children have been working on developing a correct sentence structure making sure they include capital letters and full stops in all of their writing. In maths they are working on numbers of 100 as they learn the value of each individual digit. By half term our aim is to know all the possible numbers that add up to 20. Please encourage your child to read 5 a week to earn the readers' reward.

**Class 3 @MD\_Class3**

Wow, what a start to the New Year. We have got an amazing new space to learn in and the children have jumped straight in. There has been clever thinking about place value in maths and four of our new Year 3s have already gone up a level on the times tables challenge. In English we are starting by writing narratives and this week have been developing our descriptions of a setting. Our new topic of 'All about me' is also underway and the children have been practicing their pencil skills to create self-portraits and identifying their own strengths and areas for development. Despite the rain we did manage to start tennis in PE and the children demonstrated some excellent concentration and ball control. It's not all about how hard you can whack the ball. PE is on Mondays and Thursdays this year so the children will need to have their kit with them in school all week. Details of all of our learning for this term can be found on the school website and don't forget to follow us on twitter for a blow by blow account of our learning.

**Class 4 @MD\_Class4**

It has been a real pleasure to teach Class 4 this week. They have come back from the holiday, pleased to meet up with friends and ready to work. They have tackled everything I've asked them to do with cheerfulness as well as great focus. In literacy and maths we have been reviewing our basic knowledge and skills to exercise our brains and prepare us for the work ahead.

We are focusing on handwriting and presentation so any practice they can do at home will support their schoolwork. Also, all children need to know their times tables by the end of the spring term, please could you support them at home.

**Class 5 @MD\_Class5**

Class five have had an incredible start to their final year of primary school. They have all come in refreshed, superbly smart and with wonderful attitudes to learning by working hard from the offset. Well done class five, lets continue as we have started.

In Literacy, class five have been using complex sentences including relative and subordinate clauses. In maths they have been practicing place value using numbers up to 10, 000, 000.

**Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson**

What a fantastic start to the New Year. We have had excellent attendance and wonderful attitudes to learning. The children also look super smart in their new uniforms and black shoes. Fabulous! Let's keep this going all year. Clubs will re start next week as will the non-uniform day on Friday for children who have read at least 5 times. I wonder if we can reach 100% on this? I'm sure we can. Thank you for all your support, positive messages and questions this week - by communicating openly we are more able to improve school further for everyone.

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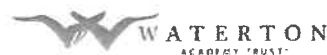
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Friday, 07 September 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

It's a new year and we have a new selection of extra curricular activities for the children to take part in. Clubs will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> September but there will be no clubs on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September due to staff training.

For all clubs we ask for a contribution of £2, which goes to the school fund (not to the staff running the club) and is used to further develop our school and its facilities.

All clubs run from 3pm until approximately 4pm.

Children attending our wrap around care can attend Afterschool activities as an alternative for that hour

As with last year we are asking that you 'book' for after school clubs with Mrs. Smith at least 24 hours in advance so that we can arrange sufficient resources. Could children attending cooking club please also bring a container to allow them to take their product home.

Day	After school activities	Staff
Monday	<b>Times tables Rockstars</b> <b>Spanish club</b> <b>Recorder club</b> ( we do have some recorders in school but please send your child with their own if they have one.)	Mr. Grason. Mrs. Allen Mrs Thompson
Tuesday	<b>Book club</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Reception and KS1 Gymnastics</b>	Mrs. Stevenson Mrs. Clewarth Mrs. Barrett.
Wednesday	<b>Art.</b>	Mrs. Morley.
Thursday	<b>Ukulele band.</b> <b>Cooking / baking.</b>	Mr. West Ms. Samuels.
Friday	<b>STEM club</b> (practical: Lego, Model building, science experiments etc)* <b>Coding club</b> (Raspberry Pi and Ipads)* <b>Football</b>  <i>*Coding club and STEM club will now be run as two separate clubs, both overseen by Mr. West.</i>	Mr. West  Mr. West Mr. Lawton.

We look forward to seeing as many children as possible at these activities.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. West

