

# Newsletter 3 Autumn 2

Welcome back to the new term. **The key dates for Autumn term 2 are:**

Date	School Event
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Parents' Evenings</b> Please enter via the main office. All parents' evening appointments take place in the main school hall.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Cake sale after school - any donations welcome!
Week beginning: 12 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti-bullying week, theme 'Choose Respect' <b>Wear 'Odd socks' day (no donation)</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children In Need (Donation £1)</b>
Week beginning: 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 2, 3, 4 Pantomime visit (Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury) 10am
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception, Years 1 & 2 Nativity <u>dress rehearsal</u> - 9.15am (Parents with Siblings/children welcome). Entrance - <b>ticket only</b> .
	<b>Save the children - Christmas jumper/colours/Christmas accessory day (£1 donation)</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December & Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Years 1 & 2 Nativity performance to parents All performances at 9.15am. Entrance - <b>ticket only</b> . <b>(No children/siblings on these two dates - crèche provided)</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9am - Reception, Years 1 & 2 Good News Assembly with parents 9.30am - Years 3 - 6 Good News Assembly with parents
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)</b>

### Children in Need – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

#### 'Spotty' non-uniform day

This year, in support of Children In Need, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This year's theme is 'spotty' so we're asking the children to wear something spotty if possible and to donate £1 for charity.

#### Anti-Bullying week - Week beginning: 12<sup>th</sup> November

#### Road Safety week - Week beginning: 19<sup>th</sup> November

As part of anti-bullying week and raising awareness, we are promoting and participating in 'Wear Odd Socks' day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. No donation required.

During these weeks we will be raising the awareness of these important issues with the children through assemblies and additional activities and teaching sessions.

#### Christmas Jumper/ Non-Uniform day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Children can either wear a Christmas jumper/accessory/Christmas colours or normal non-uniform if preferred.

Money raised will go to the charity 'Save the Children'. Suggested voluntary donation of £1.

It is important to raise pupils' awareness of charities and their work in helping others, as well as enabling pupils to be part of the experience and school community events. If you do not wish your child to participate, they should still attend school in their own choice of non-uniform or in their normal school clothes.

Please be assured, donations for charity events are completely voluntary and are not compulsory but any support is greatly appreciated.

**The last day of term will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **Staff Update**

We are excited to welcome new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Jefferys to our Waterwells team. Whilst TAs are not necessarily always attached to specific classes and will move around to support different groups throughout the school throughout the day, Mrs Jefferys will be mostly based in the year 4 Starling class and Mrs Morris will be moving to the year 3 Crane class.

### **Girls' Football Success**

Girls' football result Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Waterwells Girls 9-0 Field Court. A fabulous performance by the girls! Goals from Kathy-Kay, Leilani, Nevaeh and Kelly. Well done to the whole team.

### **Advisory Board**

The Waterwells and Hunts Grove Academy Board is part of the governance structure of Robinswood Academy Trust. The team includes parents, people from our local community and staff at the school.

As a team we have responsibility for monitoring the school's performance. We provide support and challenge to the school to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved for all pupils. We do this by reviewing information, spending time in the schools and talking to pupils and staff. We share what we've seen at our board meetings and with the Trust Board who are responsible for setting the vision and strategy for the Trust and hold the school leaders to account for the performance of the schools.

As Hunts Grove school is now forming its own identity and construction work is underway for its own building we are planning to separate the Waterwells and Hunts Grove Academy Board to create a dedicated board for each school. To do this we have recently recruited a new Hunts Grove parent and we're now looking for a Waterwells parent.

If you are a Waterwells parent and would be interested in supporting the team, please look out for a letter to follow, providing more information and details of how to register your interest.