

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

Where did the last 8 weeks go!? It has been a busy but successful first half term of the academic year at school, with so many wonderful achievements by all children across the school. As I stated in my previous newsletters, I have been delighted with the welcome I have received from all of you and I am even more excited about working with you all to improve the school for your children. As always, these newsletters are very enjoyable to write, as I have the opportunity to look back on what has been achieved over the last couple of weeks and months!

### **The Great Waterside Museum**

We were delighted to host our museum on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall - it was lovely to have so many parents, guardians and visitors from our local community. The work showcased at this event was the culmination of the children's hard work and commitment to their first Pathways unit. Many of our visitors commented on how impressed they were with the work; I was particularly proud of the way the children shared their knowledge with great enthusiasm and confidence. Well done everyone!



**The Great Waterside Museum**



**6 Wye class in 1940's Sweet Shop (provided by Mrs Essex)**

### **Harvest Assembly**

The Harvest Assembly was a wonderful community event last week! The children sang with great gusto, especially the harvest version of George Ezra's 'Shot Gun', including the lyrics, 'I'll be riding tractors', which I have heard being sung in the corridors and playground since. I hope you have all had a solo rendition of this at home! All of your generous harvest food donations were greatly appreciated – thank you!

### **Achievement Assembly**

I am very proud of all of the children's successes this term. I would like to congratulate the winners in the final Achievement Assembly of the term, being named 'Stars of the Half Term'!



**Achievement Assembly Winners (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019)**

**Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk**

The children (and staff) were rewarded for all of their hard work and accomplishments this half term with a special in-school production of Jack and the Beanstalk by M&M Productions, paid for from parental contributions to the school fund account. This was a highly enjoyable show for everyone, including Miss Peel and Mr Waters who, much to the amusement of all of the children, ended up in a dance off on the stage! Due to the success of this event, we have already rebooked for another performance at the end of the Spring Term. Thank you to Ms. Crate for some highly-skilled wheeling and dealing to secure these bookings at an affordable price.



Jack & the Beanstalk (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019) Miss Peel, Mr Waters & Widow Twanky Dancing ('Oh Yes They Were!')

**Outdoor Week**

Following assessment week, I challenged all of our classes to complete different activities to achieve The Woodland Trust's 'Green Tree Award'. Over the school year, I am hoping for our school to gain points for completing these activities and progress through bronze, silver and gold levels to the prestigious platinum award! A few of the photos from last week are below. It was brilliant to see the children out and about on our school grounds and local woodlands and rivers – they truly embraced all challenges thrown at them! Well done everyone! We are very fortunate to have a school in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and we will be increasing the opportunities for Outdoor Learning over the next few terms. I believe that it is vital our children learn about the world around them and how to be stewards of our school and local environments in order to protect our world!



Woodland Trust Work (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019)



## Waterside Primary Academy Newsletter Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Girl's Football Team

Well done to our Girls' Football Team who recently competed in their first matches of the school year. Although they did not win, they showed great attitude and determination – they thoroughly enjoyed the games. After many years without a girls' team, we hope that this will be the start of a bright and successful future for the team!



### Goodbyes

It is always sad to see long-standing and valued members of staff leave us. I would like to thank Mrs Spain for her work as a midday supervisor over the years and wish her the best of luck in the future – you will always be welcome back to visit us at Waterside!

Mrs Mesley and Mrs Robinson have also officially now left on maternity leave. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them happiness and wonder-filled times ahead. We look forward to meeting baby Mesley and baby Robinson in the not too distant future.

### PTA Projects

We have some exciting projects in the pipeline for the school, including outdoor equipment, new football kit and a new library! These are only possible because of the hard work, time and efforts of our PTA. It was lovely to see so many of you attend the Sausage Sizzle and Halloween Cake sale recently – your support of these events is vital so we can continue to improve the school for your children. As we have started spending their hard-earned money, I have volunteered my time and services to raise money in the future, including the Santa Dash, being dressed up as whatever they need me to be (within reason) and having wet sponges thrown at me at the summer fete! On this note, I know that they will appreciate more volunteers to support them in their work. If you would like to contribute to this, please contact the office who will put you in touch with them.

Finally, I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### Mr Atherton

#### Headteacher



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Have a great half term everyone! Mr Atherton

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The Gypsy Dance - also known affectionately by the Whistlers as they weird song'. #watersidewhistlers



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