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Dear Parents,



Dates for your Diary

Monday 3-5th October
 Friday 7th October
 Tuesday 11th October
 Tuesday 11th October
 Saturday 15th October
 Tuesday 18th October
 Tuesday 18th October
 Thursday 20th October
 Friday 11th November

Wednesday 23rd November
 Tuesday 29th November
 Friday 2nd December, 2005
 Wednesday 7th December
 Thursday 8th December
 Friday 16th December
 Thursday 5th January, 2006

Key Stage 2 visits to Baptist Church
 Jeans for Genes Day
 School Harvest Festival
 Book Fair week in school until Monday 17th October
 NCT Nearly New Sale in Hall 9.am – 1pm
 School Individual Photographs to be taken
 6-8pm Parent Consultation Evening
 4-6pm Parent Consultation Evening
 Quantum Theatre Visit to School Key Stage 1 ‘Lights & sounds of Tinsel Town’
 Key Stage 2 ‘Quirks in the Works’
 Drama Workshops with Helen O’Grady Drama Academy – in school
 Art Day in school
 Oak Class Christmas Concert – time to be advised
 Key Stage 1 Christmas concert – time to be advised
 Key Stage 1 Christmas concert – time to be advised
 Whole school Carol Service –Salvation Army Citadel – time to be advised
 Whole school visit to “Snow White” Pantomime at Milton Keynes

School Term Dates:

Half Term Week
 Closure day
 Break up for Christmas
 Start of Spring Term
 Half Term Week
 Closure day
 Break up for Easter
 Start of Summer Term
 May Day Bank Holiday
 Half Term Week
 Closure day
 Break up

Week commencing 24th October, 2005
 Monday 31st October, 2005
 Tuesday 20th December, 2005
 Wednesday 4th January 2006
 Week commencing 13th Feb 2006
 To be advised
 Friday 31st March, 2006
 Wednesday 19th April, 2006
 Monday 1st May 2006
 Week commencing 29th May 2006
 (polling day) date to be confirmed (possibly 4th May 2006)
 Friday 21st July 2006

Harvest Assembly

The new Rector of Dunstable, Rev. Richard Andrews, will be coming to talk to us during this assembly. Please send in tins and packets of food etc on Monday 10th October, and fruit and vegetables on Tuesday morning. The fresh food will be distributed to the pensioners in Furness Avenue on Tuesday afternoon by our year 4 children, and the non-perishables will be taken to the Salvation Army later in the week for them to distribute to the needy in Dunstable. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

On Tuesday 11th October we would ask that all the children wear an 'Autumn coloured' jumper/cardigan to school for the Harvest celebrations.

Book Bags

A new supply of book bags has been received in the Office. These are still very good value at £3. Please ensure your child's name is on their book bag (and everything else they wear/bring to school).

Sending money into school

Please ensure that you send money into school in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class.

Dinner Money must be in a separate envelope as this is collected by the Catering Company who provide the school meals.

House Badges

If you would like a badge in your House colour, these are available from the office at 15p each. Please write your name, class and house on your envelope.

Walk to School Scheme

We have had a tremendous response to our walk to school initiative this term. However, it appears that one or two children who were on the scheme last term are now not coming in to have their cards initialled. Children (except Oak Class) should come to the library area first thing in the morning to do this. If you would like your child to join the scheme or return to the scheme please let us know.

Walking Bus

To build on our successful walk to school scheme, we would like to introduce one or more walking bus routes. If you would be interested in becoming a walking bus volunteer, or would like to know more, please call in at the office, and speak to Mrs. Pynn.

Autumn is Here!

Now that the chilly days of autumn are here, please make sure your child brings a coat to school. Several children are coming in without coats and are then cold at play time.

Watling Webstore

Recently you received a 'flier' telling you about our webstore at www.itallhelps.com/watling, which takes you to over 400 stores on-line. You can access many on-line bargains from reputable stores, and each time you make a purchase Watling Lower is credited with between 1% to 12% of the purchase price.

If you have older children at University or college and need to buy books, please log on to Amazon through the link on our website www.watlinglower.org.uk and help us raise funds for the school, as they will credit us 5% of the purchase price. Books are not the only items on sale through Amazon, although they make great Christmas presents and you can do your Christmas shopping from the comfort of your own home, and have the items

delivered to your door! There is also a link to Musicroom for all your musical needs, again raising funds for our school. Mrs. Street buys a lot of music for school from here.

Many of you may well be making your Christmas purchases on-line and be seasoned on-line shoppers, so why not access your bargains through our webstore address, and help with raising school funds at the same time.

Please take time to investigate our on-line store, every little helps.

Watling Parent Staff Association

Following my letter of 27th September outlining the position of the PSA we have had some formal and informal responses. Please think carefully about the effect of not having a PSA, and put yourself forward either individually or with a partner for the available officer positions.

We also need a small group of 2 to 3 people to organize book fairs this year.

We cannot afford to miss out on £10,000 of additional funding, so please fill out the return slip or have an informal chat with previous officers or myself who will advise and support you.

We look forward to seeing you at our Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 11th October at 3.15 pm in school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ian Black
Headteacher

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