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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 18 th October | Open day for prospective parents |
| Monday 18 th October | Year 4 visit to Streetfield Middle School |
| Monday 18 th October | Cancer Research stall lunchtime and after school |
| Thursday 21 st and Friday 22 nd October | Tuck shop for Cancer Research |
| Friday 22 nd October | Macmillan Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 2 nd November | School Photographs |

School Term Dates:

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| Monday 25 th October | Half term week begins |
| Monday 1 st November | School closed for staff training |
| Friday 17 th December | Break up for Christmas |
| Wednesday 5 th January 2011 | Spring term begins |
| Monday 21 st February | Half term week begins |
| Friday 8 th April | Break up for Easter |
| Wednesday 27 th April | Summer term begins |
| Monday 2 nd May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| Monday 30 th May | Half term week begins |
| Friday 22 nd July 2011 | Break up for the summer holidays |

We would like to welcome the children and their parents who have joined us this term, both in the 4+ and throughout the school. We hope you will soon make some good friends and enjoy your time at Watling.

NEW ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

If you are interested in a place for September 2011 please contact the school office. Our Open Day for prospective parents is on Monday 18th October. You are welcome to visit Acorn Class any time between 9.30 – 11 a.m. or 2 – 3 p.m.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The staff are planning to raise money for this worthwhile charity on Friday 22nd October. If you would like to pop into school from 9.00am for a cup of tea and piece of cake, all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Care. This will take place in the dining hall. Many thanks.

PE KIT

It is normal procedure for your child's PE kit to be brought into school on the first day of each half term, and to remain in school until we break up. If your child's PE kit is not in school, they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson/activity. There are occasions when we have extra activities during the school week, when PE kit may be required e.g. in school Football or Tennis coaching by exterior organisations. Our PE kit is a red T-shirt and black shorts.

LOST PROPERTY

Names please on all items of clothing – this makes it easier to return items of lost property to its rightful owner. Any unnamed lost property will be recycled.

Some keys have been handed in to the office. If you have lost your keys please call in.

FRUIT

Please send in either fresh or dried fruit for break times. Coated flakes or cereal bars are not allowed.

VACANCY

We have vacancies for relief dinner ladies, to work from 12.10 to 1.35. If you are interested and are free to be called upon at short notice, please call in to the office. You will need to be CRB cleared.

At the beginning of each academic year we like to remind parents about some of our school rules and ask that you help us to uphold them.

Arrival at school

Please enter the school grounds via the small gate and use the path which passes the 4+ entrance. Please note that access via the main gate is for visitors to the School Office only. Thank you.

Attendance

The school has attendance targets which we must keep and the registers are regularly checked by the Education Welfare Officer. Our doors open at 8.45 and close at 8.55 in time for registration. If your child is absent please let us know the reason. Holidays taken during term time will be classed as unauthorised absence except in very special circumstances.

Collection of Children at the end of the day

Year 1 – Year 4 children, please collect your child from the rear school playground between 3.25 and 3.35 p.m. and make sure your child has informed their class teacher that they are leaving school premises. If you know you may be slightly late (appointments etc.) please inform the class teacher in writing. **Please be prompt as after school supervision is not possible due to various staff meetings.** If your child is being collected by someone who is not on your 'contact list' please inform the office, and the teacher will be notified that you have authorised your child's collection by someone else. Please also let us know if your arrangements have changed, for example if your child was due to attend Forest Club and is being collected instead, the school and Forest Club must be informed.

4+ Unit – children should be collected from the 4+ playground at 3.20 p.m.

May we remind you that children are not allowed on the banks or the walls at any time and are only allowed on the adventure trail during school time. Younger siblings waiting with you at home time must be kept under control. When our pupils have been collected at the end of the day they are your responsibility and we would be grateful for your co-operation in making sure that they abide by the school rules for health and safety reasons.

Health & Safety

Shoes – please ensure that your child attends school with appropriate footwear (not trainers).

Jewellery – **Jewellery is not appropriate at school for various reasons, however if your child wishes to wear a watch, make sure it is a cheap one!** Necklaces and rings are not permitted in school.

Earrings – We appreciate that a number of children have pierced ears, and would recommend that you ensure they have a special pair of small studs for school use only (not expensive ones!). If earrings come out during the school day, staff are not allowed to put them back, so please make sure your child is able to put in their own earrings in. Please note that children will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings so you may prefer to make sure they are not worn on PE days.

Hair styles - For health and safety reasons we would ask that all long hair be tied back off the face in a pony tail, bunches, or plaits. This can help prevent the spread of Headlice in school. Please also make sure that hair is styled appropriately for school (boys and girls).

Headlice –

Should you ever notice that your child has Headlice, please notify the school, so that we can alert others to be extra vigilant in the eradication of this PEST! Please do not feel embarrassed, as it is a problem in all Lower Schools.

We do NOT name and shame.

Parking

Could parents please park responsibly and not on the yellow zig-zag markings, which are there for Watling and Forest Club's children's protection. We have noticed regular offenders parking illegally and not adhering to the Highway Code. Members of staff will be outside and will ask you to move your vehicle.

Water Bottles

Please avoid sending water bottles in book bags – a number of children have had their books soaked by leaking water bottles. Please only use sports bottles.

LEARNING PLATFORM

Parents now have a page on the Learning Platform. Go to Watling's website and click on the link. Login – *watling*, password – *parent*. Curriculum information and useful information will be posted here for you.

Yours sincerely,

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