

Dear Parents & Carers

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another term. This week has been an especially busy one in the life of Two Waters School.



As you know this week has been Autism Awareness Week and we have been promoting the message that "it's okay to be different" through class activities and assemblies. This morning we held a very special assembly where we were joined by Mr Tom Ward. Tom himself is autistic and has very recently returned from Abu Dhabi where he has recently been representing the England Football Team as part of the Special Olympics. You may have seen Tom being interviewed on the BBC news as a result of his success over the past couple of weeks. This morning he spoke passionately about his life, his achievements and how it felt to win a gold medal. All of the children were captivated by

his assembly and felt inspired to achieve their own goals. As Tom is the brother of Mrs Kent, we all followed his success in the Special Olympics closely and I am sure that you will want to join me in congratulating him on his fantastic achievement.

Our own Girls' Football Team took part in a semi-final of their own this week. They played Greenway School at home and played incredibly well. It was a tense match with few scoring chances for either team. Greenway scored on the break against the run of play and despite a concerted effort from our girls we were unable to get the equaliser that their performance deserved. I would however like to congratulate the girls for doing so well to reach the semi-final; they should all feel very proud of their efforts.

Year 1 also had a sporty week as they took part in the Sports Festival at Hemel Sports Centre on Tuesday, whilst Year's 4 and 5 also had their final Tag Rugby sessions with the specialist coach from Hemel Stags this week.

Year 6 were thrilled by their trip to the Tring Museum. The children were able to take part in a workshop focussing on their current learning on Evolution. The animal theme continued into Wednesday as children from the EYFS treated us to their performance of 'Farmer Duck'. The children sold their own tickets for the performance as well as popcorn and drinks and acted as ushers for the event. All money raised will be used by the EYFS as their contribution to Enterprise Week. It was especially nice to be able to bring our guests from Florence Longman House to watch the performance. The residents love visiting the school and the children are so excited to see them.

Many thanks to the members of the FTW who have been selling Easter Eggs to raise funds for our new outdoor learning pod. Please see the new display in the main reception area which shows how much money we have raised so far.



As we reach the end of another term we do have one goodbye to say. As you know Miss Jeal leaves us today to begin her maternity leave. On behalf of everyone at Two Waters we would like to thank her for her hard work in Year 1; I will keep you updated with news of baby number 2! I would also like to welcome Mrs Alderton into Year 1. I am sure she will enjoy working with the children.

Please take the time to look at the most recent attendance figures published below. Well done to Year 1 who currently has the highest attendance. I am aware however, that several children are missing or will be missing either side of Easter due to term time holiday. Please be reminded that schools are no longer allowed to authorise holidays or events such as birthdays of relatives, even if these are happening abroad. Similarly, cheaper costs for travelling outside of school holidays are also not an acceptable reason for schools to authorise absence. Even if parents seek to include educational elements to these holidays this still does not justify a child being absent from school.

Can you please also note that teachers are not able to set additional work for children who are on holiday during term time to take with them. Please continue to support the school in its drive to improve attendance by not booking any future holidays during term time.

Period: 01/09/2018 to 03/04/2019

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
RCLR	6	0	97.5
1CL1	125	53	97.7
2CL2	207	161	95.4
3CL3	193	13	97.0
4CL4	120	26	97.6
5CL5	234	67	96.1
6CL6	232	51	96.2
Totals	1117	371	96.7



Finally, I would like to thank all parents for helping to make today's Enterprise Week event such a success. The children have been so engaged with the activities that they have taken part in this week, from applying for jobs, to designing, costing, manufacturing and promoting; I have seen such wonderful examples of cross curricular learning in every classroom. However, without your support the event would not have been such a great success. I will let you know how much money was raised and which class was the most successful in doing this in my next letter.

May I wish you all a relaxing Easter break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 24th April.



Diary Dates

April	
Fri 5 th	1.30 p.m. – Parents welcome to come into school for Enterprise Week
Fri 5 th	Last day of Spring term – school will finish at 1.30 p.m.
Tues 23 rd	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Weds 24 th	Children return to school
w/c 29 th	Clubs begin
Mon 29 th	Reception Class to Box Moor Trust - Lambing Day
May	
Thurs 2 nd	Year 3 to Kew Gardens – return time approx. 3.45 p.m.
Thurs 2 nd	Local Elections Polling Day – Nursery class will be in the main school all day
Thurs 9 th	Year 4 to Bhaktivedanta Manor
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Tues 14 th	New to Reception 2019 Information Meeting for Parents – 6.30 p.m.
Thurs 23 rd	Year 4 to Sealife Adventure World – details to follow – return time 4.30 p.m.
Thurs 23 rd	Year 5 PGL Information Meeting for Parents 3.30 p.m.