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Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Next year, to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the government has announced an extra bank holiday on Friday, 3rd June 2022. This date falls in the summer half-term break. Therefore, Waterton Academy Trust has asked all headteachers to choose another day off instead. Our academy will be closed on Monday, 28th February 2022.

Sports Funding

All schools receive money from the government to improve our sports activities. Mr Jackson, the PE leader, has reviewed how we spent the money last year and has set out spending plans for this year. We will use some of the money to improve the teaching of dance in PE lessons. We will also continue to encourage our children to take part in new sports activities, both in lesson time and after school. For example, we will continue to work with the Leeds United Foundation. You can read more about our sports funding on the school website under the "Our Academy" section. I will continue to monitor how effectively the money is spent in my termly report to governors.

Library Visit

Last week, the children in our Early Years had a special visit from Rosie who works at Hemsworth Library. She spoke about the different books that our children can borrow from the library. Rosie then read a story to the children and sang some songs too. The children enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to visiting our local library next month.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
88.67%	91.85%	88.4%	93.33%	94.78%	90.38%	91.85%	91.24%

News Reports

Each week, different children will be writing a short news report about events that have been happening at the academy. Last week, our journalists were Harry Cooke and Theo Gray from year 4. They spoke to me about their recent visit to the Leeds City Museum. They also shared with me their knowledge of ancient Egypt. You can read their report on the school website under the "Latest News" section.

Special Visitor

Last week, the vicar from Saint Helen's Church came to speak to Year 5. The vicar explained how he and the church help people in the community. The children could also ask the vicar questions about his work. After the visit, Jaxson told me, "We learnt that charity can mean love and action which Jesus showed through his work with the disciples." Daisy added, "Christian Aid supports some of the poorest places that are affected by fires, floods or a tsunami."

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. You can get more details and an application form from reception. The closing date for applications is Friday 5th November at 12 noon.

Have a lovely half-term and we will see you all on Monday 1st November. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

