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Reading Update

At the end of Key Stage 1, a child who can read at 90 words a minute is considered to be a fluent reader. Most of our year 2 children recently completed a reading fluency assessment to see how many words they could read in a minute. Parents should now have received the results of these assessments. We have also sent you a list of ways to help you support your child with their reading fluency at home. If you need any more information about reading fluency, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

School Council

Last half-term, Waterton Children's Parliament decided that every school sponsored by the trust should have a buddy bench in the playground. We have placed our bench near the wellbeing garden. This half-term, some of our children entered a competition to design a plaque for the new bench. Our school council looked at all the entries and chose their favourite design. Nellie Cooke, from year 4, designed the winning plaque. Next half-term, this plaque will be added to the bench. Well done to everyone who entered the competition!

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to year 4 for having an attendance of 100%!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
87.3%	86.9%	96.6%	93.1%	100%	96.6%	98.8%	94.1%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in December:

- Year 1 - review
- Year 2 - strict
- Year 3 - peculiar
- Year 4 - poignant
- Year 5 - elation
- Year 6 - nefarious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Save the Children event by donating money or by wearing a Christmas jumper.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher