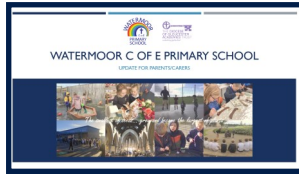


Dear Families,

Welcome back to a brand new term. The children have settled back into school life and have even been enjoying the odd sunny playtime!

Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend the DGAT school improvement update meeting on Tuesday. It was a fantastic opportunity to share some of the many successes of the school's rapid growth in the past year.



Some of the lovely comments we had from parents included thanks to the teaching staff for their ongoing hard work and commitment, and feedback on the calm, positive and purposeful feel of the school and learning environment.

The slides and notes from the meeting were shared with everyone via ParentMail, I encourage you to have a read if you haven't done so already.

### Growing Great Readers



We have analysed the impact of the 'Growing Great Readers' reading incentive and are thrilled to report that we have seen an overall **increase in the number of reads per week**, a **reduction in the number of children not reading at all** and an **increase in those reading 'frequently'** (6 or 7 times per week). Therefore, we have set the children a challenging goal of 500 reads in each class this term to keep the momentum going and we are focusing on those children who are not yet reading regularly at home (i.e. less than 3 times per week). Please be encouraged by the following:

- 'Reading at home' does mean your child has to read a whole book or chapter: just 5 minutes of reading a day is a great start!
- Your child's reading will not be counted if it is not recorded in their diary. They can write the date and name of the book in themselves
- If you need some help in supporting your child with their 'decoding' skills (reading the words), then our website has lots of help and advice for parents and carers, including videos demonstrating how to pronounce each of the sounds: <https://www.watermoorprimary-dgat.org.uk/phonicsandearlyreading>

On your marks, get set... read!

### Staffing Update



Our Y4 class teacher, Miss Lazenby, will be reducing her hours from September. We are incredibly fortunate that she will still be with us for three days a week, remaining as class teacher for some of that time. She will also be leading the development and provision Forest School as a fully-trained Forest School Leader.

With this in mind, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed **Mrs Lauren Morgan** as class teacher, starting in September. Mrs Morgan is a highly skilled and experienced teacher and already a valued part of the Watermoor community as one of our parents; we are excited to welcome her to the team.

She will be pleased to finally be able to give the good news to her children now that it has been shared!

Key Events next week:	
Mon 15th April	
Tues 16th April	Y5 Young Minds Matter friendship workshop ( in school)
Wed 17th April	
Thurs 18th April	
Fri 19th April	

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Smith  
Headteacher

### Our Vision Award winners this week:

Reception: Bella

Y1: Henry R

Y2: Lily-May

Y3: Ava

Y4: Riley

Y5: Jack C

Y6: Travis



### Our Value Award winners this week:

Reception: Ellana

Y1: Polly

Y2: Ava

Y3: Amelie

Y4: Lisa

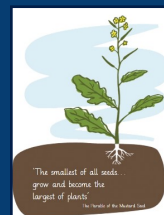
Y5: Amelie

Y6: Adam



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'The smallest of all seeds... grow and become the largest of plants'  
The Parable of the Mustard Seed

## Our Christian Values

Hope

Compassion

Courage

Forgiveness

Respect

Responsibility

