



Autumn Newsletter 3 16th September 2016

Dear Parents,

New School Website Launch!

I am delighted to announce that our fresh, new-look website is now live at www.waltham.leics.sch.uk Please take a look and let us know what you think. A huge thank you to Charlotte and Nigel Smith for their hard work in helping us to pull all the website information together. Many thanks also to our patient web designer Tony Jay and to all the staff and children who contributed to the website, especially those who drew pictures for our new 'Rogues' Gallery' of staff! I wonder who will be the first visitors to sign our new 'Guest Book'? Certificates are ready and waiting!

Roald Dahl 100th Birthday

We had a fun day of learning about the author Roald Dahl this week and children and teachers enjoyed the chance to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl book characters. Please note that all dress-up days are optional and there is no problem if your child would prefer to come in their school uniform. Everyone had great fun learning together. Thank you for supporting our activities.

In class this week

Holly Class

Reception

Reception class have been learning the song, 'Ten fat sausages' this week to help them count down from 10. They have also been learning how to colour in pictures carefully.

Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 have been writing stories about a lost toy. In Maths they have been learning how to make pairs of numbers up to 10. They have also been learning all about the weather.

Oak Class

Oak class have been using mental Maths to add two 2-digit numbers. They have been practising number bonds to 100 and using the 'frog' method to subtract numbers. In Literacy the children have been looking at the morals of fables and how to use conjunctions to create compound sentences.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have started writing their own myths this week. In Maths they have been working with place value. They have also been creative in art and design, using collage to decorate pieces of a giant jigsaw.

Waltham Charter Fair

Please remember that Waltham Charter Fair is **TOMORROW**, Saturday 17th September, commencing with a family parade from the top of Waltham High Street at **10.30am** down to the Fair which takes place at Waltham Village Hall. All children, parents, grandparents and friends are welcome. **The school is leading the parade so please try and come along if you can.** Children may wear 'Royalty' themed fancy dress or

anything bright and colourful and bring something noisy to rattle, shake or bang. The Charter Fair is a fun event for the village and wider community and helps to **raise funds for school**, pre-school and other local groups. Flyers about the Fair have gone home in book bags this week.

Church Harvest Service and Supper

The Waltham Church Harvest Service is on Sunday 18th September at 6.00pm. Please see flyer overleaf.

School Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival is on **Thursday 29th September, 9.15am**, at Waltham Church. This is a special day for children in Reception class as we formally welcome them into our school community. This will also be a Service to celebrate Reverend Beverley's ministry and an opportunity for us all to say thank you and farewell as she retires shortly afterwards.

The service will be followed by a fund-raising Coffee Morning **AT SCHOOL** for Macmillan Cancer Support, from 10.30am, in Sycamore Classroom. Mrs Garnett and Sycamore class will be hosting the coffee morning.

Hot school dinners

Please note that the cost of hot school dinners is now £2.20 per day, £11.00 per week. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, please contact Mrs Pears in the office in confidence. Thank you.

Longfield Academy

We have received copies of the Longfield Academy secondary school prospectus. Please request one from the office if you are interested. Thank you.

Dukes Barn

We are making preparations for the Year 5/6 residential trip to Dukes Barn in November. We will be preparing a 'pyramid' of phone numbers so we can phone round if there are any problems or delays. Please let the office know if you do NOT wish your contact number to be shared with other parents.

Ukuleles

Ukulele lessons are now well underway every Tuesday for children in Years 4-6. Children will be loaned a ukulele in a named case which they may bring home to practise with. Please ensure they are brought back to school every TUESDAY. Thank you.

Lost Property

A child in Holly class is missing a named red cardigan. Please check laundry baskets at home and return it to the school office if you find it. Thank you.

Message from Owl Ministers

We have decided that we would like to buy a flag stone in Church and we need to raise some money for it. During the Harvest Festival our collection will go towards the flag stone. Please give generously – we have already chose one that we would like to buy. It is right in the middle, near the altar where we stand. Thank you. *Owl Ministers.*

CAKES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CHARTER FAIR!

Please bake or buy a cake and bring to the village hall tomorrow for the cake stall if you are able to. Proceeds to school, pre-school and other local groups. Thank you!

Have a great weekend and I hope to see lots of you at the Family Parade and Charter Fair!

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

HARVEST SUPPER

And Auction of Produce



At St Mary Magdalene Church,
Waltham on the Wolds

On Sunday 18th
September

Songs of Praise 6pm
followed by Harvest Supper

Tickets – Adults £8, children aged 10 and under £4
in advance please from Richard (464240) or Chris (464802)
or any church council member – numbers limited

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of the Grand Opening!'*