



Dear Parents,

## Autumn Newsletter 7 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### In class this week

#### Holly Class

##### Reception

Reception class have been looking at numbers up to 20 in Maths. In Literacy they have been learning more letters and sounds and matching objects with the right letters.

##### Year 1

Year 1 children have been writing descriptive sentences using the correct punctuation. In Maths they have been learning about place values.

##### Oak Class

Oak class have been looking at the properties of shapes in Maths and sorting them into Venn diagrams. They built 3D cubes and investigated the net shape of the cube. They have been writing explanation texts about King Henry VIII and Queen Victoria.

##### Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been looking at fractions in Maths, including equivalent fractions, adding fractions and simplifying fractions. In Literacy they have been working on explanation and instructional texts. Year 6 visited Warning Zone this week to learn about all about personal safety and responsibility. Year 5 and 6 children also had their first training session to enable them to become 'Sports Ambassadors' for the school.

#### Nativity Performance

All classes started to learn their dances for the school Christmas performance and took part in auditions this week. Children will be given their parts and scripts to practise over half term.

#### Bonfire Night Themed Menu

There will be a special themed menu on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This is free for children in Holly class and costs £2.20 for children in other classes. Please let the office know during the first week back if you wish to order this for your child. Thank you.

St Bart's Super Sausage

(created by Oliver Stakes from St Bartholomew's Primary School)

or Cheese Flan (vegetarian option)

Chips or Jacket Potato

Baked Beans

Peas

Creamy Coleslaw

Bonfire Bread

Catherine Wheels and Chocolate Custard

Fruity Flapjack

Yoghurt and Fruit

#### After school club

For the first week back after half-term (week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October), there will be no hot meals served at after-school club as the kitchen is undergoing refurbishment works. All children will be given a drink and a snack as usual. We can also provide a sandwich tea on request or children may bring in a packed tea if preferred. Thank you.

#### Redmile Sports Camp

Andy Wing will be running a Sports Camp at Redmile School during half-term, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Suitable for 5-12 year olds. Cost £9 per day pre-paid or £10 if paid on the day. For more information contact Andy Wing on 07910 740112 or email [sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com](mailto:sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com)

#### Parents Evenings

These will take place in the first week back after half term on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please check book bags for your appointment slots. If it is impossible for you to make it to the allocated appointment, please have a word with the class teacher. Thank you.

#### Messy Fiesta

There will be a 'Messy Fiesta' on Friday morning 28<sup>th</sup> October, at Waltham Church, (exploring RE through art, craft and drama) on the theme of 'Starlight'. If any parents or grandparents would like to join us to help with the Messy Fiesta activities, please let the office know. Thank you.

#### Starlight Night

This will be taking place at Waltham Church on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 5pm to 7pm. Further details overleaf. All welcome.

#### Eco-Kids Collection

Friends of Waltham School (FOWS) have organised a collection of unwanted clothing, etc. to raise funds for school. Letters and collection bags have gone out this week. Please have a look at home and see if there is anything suitable you no longer need. Bags will be collected on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November but may also be brought in on Monday or Tuesday that week. Please leave in the red shelter on the playground. Thank you.

#### Dukes Barn

Sycamore class will be on their residential trip to Dukes Barn from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please see information packs (which will be sent home in book bags after half term) and return the forms included. Please note that there is no need to buy waterproofs or wellingtons for the trip if your child does not have them – they have plenty of these to borrow, in all sizes, at Dukes Barn.

#### Bugsy Malone Ball

FOWS are holding a 'Bugsy Malone' themed Autumn Ball to raise funds for school 'extras' such as daily fruit, trips, computer equipment and other items and events. This is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Waltham Village Hall from 7.00pm to 1.00am. 3 course meal and live band. Bring your own beer, cider or wine. Tickets £50 per person. All profits to Waltham Primary School.

Contact: [tinaglover452@btinternet.com](mailto:tinaglover452@btinternet.com). All welcome!

#### Christmas Events – Save the Date

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – School Nativity Performances at Waltham Church, afternoon and evening.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Panto outing to Newark Palace Theatre. Children back late at 5.00pm.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas dinner followed by Messy Fiesta 'Christingle' at Waltham Church (pm).

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half term break.

Mrs J V Hopkins,  
Executive Head teacher.





## STARLIGHT NIGHT – What's it all about?

### A Message from Mike and Chris Alexander, Waltham Church

Whatever our reasons it is increasingly hard to ignore Halloween. Halloween is now a major event in the calendar.

It is big business - it is now the third highest spending festival, behind Christmas and Easter, even bigger than Valentine's Day.

**£283 million:** predicted sales of Halloween-based products in the UK in 2015

**\$6.9 billion** total Halloween consumer spending in the US expected for 2015

**\$2.1 billion:** total amount expected to be spent in the US on candy in 2015

**3 million:** number of pumpkins Tesco expects to sell this Halloween

**1,054 kilograms:** the weight of the world's heaviest pumpkin

Halloween is associated with scaring people and dressing up in ghoulish costumes – ghosts, zombies, witches and skeletons. It often involves knocking on doors asking for sweets or money and if it is not given, then tricking people in some way. This can be quite scary for older folk or those living alone.

Have a look at this link which says a bit more about the origins of Halloween

<https://vimeo.com/75045602>

Halloween has a long history of being allied with Christianity and, taking some time to think about how best to mark this time of year, can result in celebrations that draw children into a deeper understanding of light, darkness, right and wrong. Such an occasion is the Starlight Night Party.

The Treat without the Trick!

This year's Starlight Night will be held on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 5pm-7pm at Waltham Church.**

It is a big fundraiser for Waltham Pre-school and Waltham School.

You can dress up – think sparkly, not spooky – superheroes, princesses, film stars.

We have a pumpkin competition with a prize for the best one in each category – Olympics, Sparkly, Animal

We have hot dogs, games, crafts and a chocolate tombola.

**This year the Owl Ministers are helping us with new ideas**, the school is helping to make posters, invitations and decorations, and the Beaver Group are helping to make decorations and with games on the night.

We could do with some adults to help set up and/or to help on the night – please let us know if you can!

Contact Mike or Chris at [wee3alexander@btinternet.com](mailto:wee3alexander@btinternet.com) (where you can get tickets too)

Tickets are limited and do go very quickly- they cost £3 for a child and a hot dog and drink is included in the price. Under 10s need to be accompanied by an adult (but there is no admission charge for adults!)