



Dear Parents,

Autumn Newsletter 8 28th October 2016

EXCITING NEWS!

Huge congratulations to Mr Jackson and Georgina on the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Sienna-Lily Margaret Jackson, on Tuesday 18th October, weighing 6lb 15oz. Mum, Baby and proud Daddy are all doing well!

Thank you to Mrs Clare Allen who has been teaching Oak class this week while Mr Jackson has been on Paternity Leave.

Mr Jackson will be back at school as normal next week.



Dukes Barn

Good luck to Mrs Garnett, Miss Geeson, Mr Quine and Sycamore class who are away on their residential trip to Dukes Barn next week from Wednesday to Friday. Please see information packs for kit lists and further information. **All children in Sycamore class need a packed lunch on Wednesday.** We are sure they will all have a fantastic (and exhausting) trip!

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been learning all about Bonfire Night safety this week. Year 1 have been studying King James I, Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. In Maths, Reception class have been working with number bonds up to 10. Reception class have been counting numbers up to 20.

Oak Class

In Literacy, the children have been describing Horrid Henry and his brother Perfect Peter. In Numeracy they have been working really hard with place value and number lines to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. In their History topic, the children have been exploring and making motte-and-bailey castles.

Sycamore Class

In Literacy, Sycamore class have been writing instructional texts linked to science and circuits. They have also been working on explanation texts about a subject area of interest to each child. In Maths, the children have been exploring fractions further, linked to decimals and proportion. In RE, they have been looking at bible quotes, what they mean and the challenges they present.

Oak class Maths Workshops

Due to Starlight Night on Monday, the first Maths workshop for Oak Class will now take place the following week. New dates for workshops:

Workshop	Date	Time
1. Addition	07/10/2016	4-5pm
2. Subtraction	14/11/2016	4-5pm
3. Multiplication	21/11/2016	4-5pm

Oak and Sycamore Class Topic

Oak class are starting a new art-themed topic next week with trainee teachers Miss Wade and Miss Jones. All children in these classes are invited to come into school on Monday (31st Oct) dressed as a Lord or Lady from any era, if they would like to. This is entirely optional and if children prefer not to dress up, they will still be fully involved in all the planned activities.

Woodland Adventures

This has now finished for this term for **HOLLY CLASS** so they should not come to school in normal school uniform on Mondays.

OAK CLASS ONLY will be having woodland adventure sessions (forest schools) every Monday for the rest of this term. Please send children in with suitable outdoor clothing, a warm waterproof coat, gloves, hat, scarf, wellies and spare socks, all in a named bag.

Starlight Night Party

This will be taking place at Waltham Church on Monday 31st October, 5pm to 7pm. Tickets £3 per child, available from Chris Alexander Tel. 01664 464802 or on the door.

OWL MINISTERS APPEAL The Owl Ministers would like to have a couple of stalls at the Starlight Night Party, to help raise additional funds for their flagstone appeal. Please send donations of **SWEETS, CAKES or BOOKS** (in good, saleable condition) into school on Monday. Also, please let us know if you can help run the stalls.

Oak Class Parents Evenings

These have been re-arranged for next Tuesday and Wednesday and new appointments have been sent home. If you also wish to see Mrs Hopkins, please let the school office know by Monday lunchtime.

PE on Thursdays

All classes - Now the weather is becoming damp, please send in a spare pair of shoes or trainers and socks for your child to change into after PE in case their feet get wet on the school field.

Bonfire Night Themed Menu

There will be a special themed menu on Thursday 3rd November. Please let the office know by Monday if you wish to order this.

Childhood Flu vaccinations

Paperwork for the flu vaccinations, via nasal spray, is being distributed on Monday for children in Years 1 to 6. Please ensure that completed forms are returned to school by Monday 7th November.

Eco-Kids Collection

The eco-kids collection, to raise funds for school, takes place next week. Bags will be collected on Wednesday but may also be brought on Monday or Tuesday. Please leave in the red shelter on the playground.

Remembrance Day

The children will be participating in the traditional short service of Remembrance at the village war memorial on Friday 11th November at 10.45am, with a minute's silence at 11.00am. All welcome. Owl ministers will be selling poppies in school from next week if you wish to send in a donation for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Open Afternoon for New Starters

There is an Open Afternoon for parents and children considering joining Waltham Reception class in September. This will take place on Friday 25th November from 1.00pm to 2.45pm. Please see flyers in book bags.

Operation Christmas Child – Message from Chris Alexander

The school and church are again joining forces in sending Christmas boxes to needy children overseas through the charity Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets have been sent home with details. If you wish to take part, please send in filled, labelled shoe-boxes into school by 9am on Monday 14th November. Thank you.

Safety Reminder

Please remember to take extra care if your child is around any candles, pumpkin lanterns, sparklers or fireworks this weekend. If any clothing does catch fire, the advice from the Fire Service is **STOP, DROP and ROLL** (stand still, drop to the ground and roll on the floor to extinguish flames quickly). Also please see attached link to Celebrate Safely <http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/whats-happening/current-campaigns/celebrate-safely/halloween-bonfire-night/>