



# Autumn Newsletter 9 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents,

### Dukes Barn

Thank you to Mrs Garnett, Miss Geeson and Mr Quine who have been away at Dukes Barn with Sycamore Class this week. We are all looking forward to hearing about the trip and what the children have been up to!

### Starlight Night

Thank you to Chris and Mike Alexander and everyone who helped with the Starlight Night party at Church on Monday. A Fairy Princess (guess who?) made a guest appearance to run the glittery nail-painting stall. The event raised around £250 to boost funds for school and pre-school. The Owl Ministers also had a stall, organised by Jack Quine, Mrs Quine and Mrs Garnett, which raised over £20. As a result, the Owl Ministers have met their fund-raising target for this term and are now able to purchase one of the new flagstones at Waltham Church.

### Eco-Kids Collection

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags of unwanted clothes for the Eco-kids collection this week.

### Reminder – LESSONS START AT 8.50am

Please note that lessons for all classes start at 8.50am. We respectfully ask that all children are here, and left with their teacher, before this time. Thank you.

### In class this week

#### Holly Class

Holly class have been continuing to explore Bonfire Night and Fireworks, including making indoor fireworks in Science. Reception class have been making firework pictures in different ways and writing about fireworks. Year 1 children have been writing firework poems. In Numeracy, the children have been exploring length and measuring items using standard and non-standard measures.

#### Oak Class

Oak class have been story-writing about Horrid Henry this week. They have been working on expanded decomposition in Maths. They began their new topic on the painting, 'The Banquet', based on the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' project. They have been researching the painting and creating self-portraits. In Science the children have been exploring the subject of 'Light'.

#### Sycamore Class

Sycamore class were busy preparing for Dukes Barn at the start of this week and set off on Wednesday, waved off by the rest of the school. They have been taking part in outdoor problem-solving and team-building activities during their stay in Derbyshire, to enrich their learning. We look forward to welcoming them back this afternoon.

### Monday Football Training

Next Monday will be our final after school training session of the year. Unfortunately due to a shortage of help we will be restricting this to **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Oak and Sycamore classes) only**. We will look to start again in April next year after the winter break.

### Oak class Maths Workshops – NEW DATES

To enable children to attend the last football training session this term (after school 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	14/11/2016	4-5pm
2. Subtraction	21/11/2016	4-5pm
3. Multiplication	28/11/2016	4-5pm

### Remembrance Day

The children will be participating in the traditional short service of Remembrance at the village war memorial on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am, with a minute's silence at 11.00am. All welcome – please let the office know if you can help with walking.

Owl ministers will be selling poppies in school next week if you wish to send in a donation for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

**There will be no special assembly next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Appeal for egg boxes

We will be making poppies next week and need some clean, empty cardboard egg boxes or trays. Please send in on **MONDAY**. Thank you

### New Menu

A new menu for school meals starts next week – copies in book bags.

### After School Club Newsletter

This has been sent home in book bags this week – please take a look and see what exciting activities the club has been offering this term.

### 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.

### Childhood Flu vaccinations

Paperwork for the flu vaccinations went out last week. Please ensure that completed forms are returned to school by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The vaccinations will take place at the beginning of December.

### Guitar Lessons

As the previous guitar teacher has not been at Waltham this term due to low pupil numbers, we are looking into the possibility of seeking another teacher to provide guitar lessons. Please let the school office know if you would be interested.

### 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 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### Waltham Charter Fair - Update from Anna Fairhead

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Waltham Charter Fair either by volunteering their time, baking cakes or just turning up and enjoying the event! Despite it raining on our parade this year, the children and teachers did a fantastic job of ignoring the grey miserable skies and opened the fair in style. A variety of activities and stalls provided all day entertainment. Festivities continued into the evening with the well-attended kids disco, Venture Scouts' family quiz and a great performance by local band Mantiss.

We are pleased to confirm that despite the weather, we made a fantastic profit of just over £2400. We have agreed to donate back £1600 to the local groups that supported us and are retaining the rest to invest into future fairs. As FOWS were a significant support this year, we are pleased to donate £700 to the school. This will be presented at this week's special assembly.

**Our AGM has been scheduled for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm in the Harry Hunt room of the Village Hall.** Please come along and provide your feedback on this year's fair or any new ideas. Please visit the website [www.walthamcharterfair.co.uk](http://www.walthamcharterfair.co.uk) or like us on Facebook to keep up to date or get in touch. Don't forget to pencil 16th September 2017 in your diaries for next year's fair.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

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Executive Head teacher.

