



Autumn Newsletter II 18th November 2016

Dear Parents,
Congratulations

A big well done to all the children in Sycamore class who took part in a Poetry competition organised by Age UK on the theme of 'Grandparents'. I am delighted to announce that Kelsie Thompson won first prize – four tickets to see the Christmas Pantomime at Leicester De Montfort Hall. Samuel Leveridge came in second place and Emily Shaw came third. Congratulations – we are very proud of you all!

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been celebrating anti-bullying week including looking at the story of Joseph from the Bible. They have been working on dream stories and learning all about money.

LOST PROPERTY – a child from Holly class is missing their red PE hoodie. Please check PE bags and washing baskets at home to see if your child has brought home the wrong one by mistake. Thank you.

Oak Class

Oak class have been exploring anti-bullying themes through traditional tales. In Maths they have been solving multiplication and division sums using the 'grid' and 'chunking' methods. They have been designing their own crockery for a banquet as part of their 'Take One Picture' project. In RE they have been studying humanism.

REMINDER – Trip on Monday. All Oak class need to come in school uniform with a packed lunch. Also bring Woodland Adventure clothes to change into in the afternoon please.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been working on multiplication problems including decimals, using the compact method. In Literacy the children have been completing suspense stories. In Art this week they have been researching and designing tableware for a banquet. In ukulele lessons they have started learning a Christmas carol.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe-Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported Waltham Church's shoebox appeal for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were all sent off this week with the help of Oak class who loaded up a car-boot full.



Oak class Maths Workshops

These started last week with Mr Jackson in Oak classroom. The next session is on Monday, covering subtraction. All welcome!

Workshop	Date	Time
Subtraction	21/11/2016	4-5pm
Multiplication	28/11/2016	4-5pm

Winter weather

Please ensure your child has a warm coat, gloves and hat **EVERY DAY** now that the weather is turning colder. Thank you.

PE – Tuesdays and Thursdays

REMINDER - Please can children **IN ALL CLASSES** come to school in full PE kits (including joggers and hoodies) plus a warm coat every **TUESDAY** and **THURSDAY** this term. Thank you. 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.

Messy Church

It's **Messy Church this Sunday - 20th November - starting at 10.30am** in Waltham Church. It is a very special Messy Church as we are including a pet service and will be praying for and blessing your pets! We will be starting with a short Pet Service and Blessing then having refreshments and doing some Pet/Animal related craft activities. We will also be taking a collection for the RSPCA rather than the usual £1 contribution. So things may seem a little bit different for everyone - but we will still have fun, and learn more about God!

Don't worry if you don't have a pet (we don't) bring your favourite cuddly toy instead and have it blessed! And if your pet can't travel, you could bring a photo of it instead. Wear something with a colour of the rainbow too! There will also be colouring and sticking activities for the very little ones and table talk for the adults. We do hope that you can join us!



Waltham Primary School and Pre-school joined forces this week to fund-raise for children in need, with a 'wear something spotty' day, bring your teddy to school and 'gunge the teacher' competition. We were even joined by Pudsey the Bear's sister, Pansy! Thank you to everyone who joined in and for the generous donations which raised over £200.

Car Park

I am sorry to report that there was an incident involving a child and a car in the school car park this week. Please take extra care in the school car park and ensure that you drive slowly and safely. All children walking across the car park must accompanied by an adult.

Open Afternoon

Our open day for parents and children who may be joining us in September takes place next Friday from 1pm. All welcome.

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a **Midday Supervisor** as Mrs Perks has decided that the time is right for her to retire at Christmas. The position has been advertised on school and village notice-boards. We are also now advertising for a **School Administrative Assistant (Finance)** as Mrs Pears has decided to finish at Christmas as her first grandchild is due in January. Further information on notice-boards and from Mrs Quine in the school office.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend. Good luck to FOWS with their fund-raising Bugsy Malone ball this weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins
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