



Autumn Newsletter I3 9th December 2016

Dear Parents,

In class this week

We were very proud of Sycamore class this week, as they all graduated from their 10 week 'DARE' (Drugs Awareness Resistance Education) lessons. Well done everyone for working hard to complete your workbooks and reports. I hope you will remember everything you have learned to help you make good choices in the future. Congratulations!

Oak and Sycamore classes enjoyed a trip to Nottingham Castle this week as part of their project work on art and history. The trip was organised by trainee teachers Miss Wade and Miss Jones who finish their placements with us this week. Thank you to both students for all their hard work. They will be joining us on Monday afternoon for the Nativity performance, which will be an opportunity to say farewell and to wish them luck.

All classes have been busy rehearsing for the show and doing some lovely Christmas art and crafts this week, in addition to their usual curriculum subjects. They are all looking forward to all their special Christmas events and activities next week.

Nativity Performances

These take place at Waltham Church on Monday 12th December at 1.30pm and 6.45pm. Due to fire safety regulations and seating restrictions, audience numbers will be limited to **2 guests per family** at each show. We will be sending home 2 programmes for each performance which will act as an entry ticket so please ensure that you bring them along with you.

If you wish to take photos or video clips of your child, please request an authorisation sticker as you arrive. We respectfully ask that you take photos or videos considerately so you do not block the view of others and please do not post any images on social media. If you are bringing babies or toddlers and they get restless, please take them for a little walk around outside or to a different part of the church so they do not disrupt the performance. Thank you.

Christingle Events

There is a Messy Church Christingle family event and service, followed by refreshments, this Sunday 11th December **at 4pm** at Waltham Church.

This year the children will also be making Christingles as part of their Advent Messy Fiesta on Wednesday. Oranges and other items for this have kindly been donated by Tesco Supermarket, Melton Mowbray. Candles have been provided by The Children's Society charity and we will be sending home a cardboard 'Collection Candle' to each family next week. Please fill with pennies or loose change and return to school if you wish to take part in this fund-raising event. Further information about the work of the charity is available at:

<http://childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do>

Packed Lunches / Fruit Snacks

If your child brings grapes into school, please cut them in half first to prevent the risk of choking. Thank you.

Message from Friends of Waltham School:

FOWS Buggy Malone Ball

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Buggy Malone themed ball this year in Waltham's very own Speakeasy, complete with a vintage car greeting guests as they arrived and a selection of mug shots of local 'villains' lining the foyer providing much amusement. We raised nearly **£1,700** for the school, which will be spent directly to benefit all children. Money raised by FOWS provides daily fruit in the classrooms, pays for the annual library subscription to Leicestershire County Council and subsidizes several school trips throughout the

year. If you have any fundraising ideas and would like to help FOWS, please contact the School Office.

Easyfundraising

Friends of Waltham School are signed up to this fundraising website which provides cashback directly to us for purchases made via the website or app. It's free to sign-up and most retailers are included, with some offering as much as 5% back to FOWS on purchases – it's a really easy way for us to raise money, costs you nothing and could potentially raise the equivalent of the Christmas Fair for us each year, just by shopping online. If you aren't already signed-up, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for 'Waltham C of E Primary School' to begin raising money.

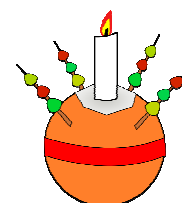
School Lottery

We have also recently created a school lottery to raise money for our school. Tickets are just £1 per week to enter into our local draw, with a guaranteed winner from our prize fund every week. You are also entered into the national weekly prize draw to win £25,000. The school receives 40p from every £1 spent and we need to sell just 50 tickets to begin – we're nearly there, but if every parent bought just one ticket per week, we'd smash our target and raise over £1000 for the school. It's got to be worth a go – better odds than the National Lottery and cheaper too! You should have received a leaflet in your child's school bag, but you can sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/waltham-on-the-wolds-c-of-e-primary-school>

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Notes
Sunday 11 th December	Messy Church Christingle	4pm followed by refreshments
Monday 12 th December	Nativity Performances	1.30pm and 6.45pm (NB new start times). Waltham Church. Children to arrive at 6.30pm.
Tuesday 13 th December	AM Games morning – All children may bring in a non-electronic game PM Pantomime trip	All children need a packed lunch and drink. Back at 5pm. Please wait on the school playground as children will be handed over to you from there. Children may wear Christmas hats or tinsel etc.
Wednesday 14 th December	Party Day Christmas Dinner Messy Fiesta at Waltham Church	Children may wear party clothes all day. PLEASE BRING A CHRISTMAS CRACKER! Christingle theme. Please let us know if you can come and help from 1pm. Thank you.
Thursday 15 th December	Mars Food Tech Day (Sycamore) PE lessons	No PE for Sycamore Oak and Holly classes as normal
Friday 16 th December	Waltham's Got Talent	Children may bring music and costumes. Non-uniform day.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.



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Executive Headteacher.