



Spring Newsletter 2 13/01/2017

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that a new vicar has been appointed as Beverley's successor. His name is Revd Canon John Barr and his title will be Rector of the Benefice of the Ironstone Villages and Deanery Prayer and Framland Deanery Social Responsibility Enabler. He is currently vicar at Great Malvern Priory church in the Diocese of Worcester. His wife Mary (also a vicar) is going to be part of the Team Ministry at Melton Mowbray.

We are pleased to welcome a third year trainee teacher from Nottingham Trent University, Miss Bethany Gerver, who will be working with Oak Class until half term.

In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been looking at the theme of Winter this week, inspired by the cold weather. They have been looking at instructions in Maths and English and how to add on numbers. Due to Mrs Saunders' sudden illness and referral to the hospital, Mrs Poole has been in with us for the past few days and may also be in next week. She is a regular supply teacher and knows our school well. She will be following Mrs Saunders' plans for teaching and learning, alongside our regular staff including Sarah Williamson from Pre-school who is gaining some valuable experience with us this term.

Oak Class

Oak class have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, ordering decimals and changing fractions into decimals this week. In Literacy the children have been studying myths and legends and reading the story, 'Can You Catch a Mermaid?' They have been learning about the present perfect tense and apostrophes. Please can children bring in a magazine featuring pictures of toys (e.g. the Argos catalogue) for **Wednesday** next week.

Sycamore Class

In Maths, Sycamore class have been calculating fractions and percentages of numbers and converting them into decimals. In Literacy, the children have been creating the setting and tension for their ghost stories and working on cohesion in paragraphs. In History, the children have been learning about the stone age and iron age. **Please return all slips for the Melton Spotlight Dance Show by Monday (16th January).**

Children's Society Collection – Christingle Candle Boxes

Thank you for all donations to the Children's Society Christingle Appeal, which raised a total of £59.70. If anyone inadvertently included a large number of foreign coins and two round batteries in their collecting box, please contact the school office and we will be happy to return them to you.

Woodland Adventures (Forest Schools)

There will be NO Woodland Adventures next week (Monday 16th January). All children should come to school in their normal school uniform please with suitable outdoor clothing and shoes / boots for playtimes, depending on the weather.

Swimming

Swimming has now begun again for all children in years 1 to 5. Please remember swimming kits each Monday. The cost per child is £15. Please send monies in a named envelope marked 'Swimming' if you have not already done so. Thank you.

PE and Dance this half term

As Sycamore class are preparing for a Dance Show in February and Oak Class are preparing for the Vale choir concert in March, there will be changes to the Dance and PE programme until half term.

Sycamore class only will be studying dance every Tuesday and need to come in their PE kits with suitable indoor footwear (plimsolls or trainers) **and** outdoor clothing / footwear for walking to the village hall. Thursday PE (Gymnastics) at the village hall for **Holly and Oak classes only (not Sycamore)**. Please could your children wear shorts or leggings (under black or navy jogging bottoms) for this activity. They will also need to have suitable footwear (trainers or plimsolls) **and** outdoor clothing / footwear for walking.

Village Hall Party

Waltham Village Hall Committee are hosting a New Year Family Party tomorrow - Saturday 14th January 4pm to 7.30pm at Waltham Village Hall. Free Admission, Disco, Children's Entertainer, Face Painting, Games, Bouncy Castle, Raffle. Refreshments and Licensed Bar available. All welcome – Come and join in the fun!

Weight and Measurement Programme

The national child measurement programme of children in Reception class and year 6 will take place in school next Wednesday 18th January. Letters about this were sent home last term.

Punctuation and Grammar Parent Workshop

Weds 18th January 6:30-7:30pm @ Redmile CE Primary School

Parents have asked for a workshop focusing on **punctuation and grammar**. The workshop will allow you to support your child at home with confidence. Mrs Longden (Redmile Teacher) and Miss Geeson will lead the session; it will be very informal and flexible. This workshop is for adults only, designed to raise your awareness of what your child needs to learn and how we can all help them but we will put a video on in the room next door if you want to bring your school age child with you. Mrs Hopkins will supervise.

SATS Information Meeting – Year 6

There will be a SATS information meeting for Year 6 children and their parents on Thursday 26th January at 6pm. Please send in a note if you are unable to attend. Thank you.

School Census – Hot dinners

The school census is next Thursday 19th January and we will be ordering a free school meal for every child in Holly class unless we have a specific request from parents that they do not want this for their child. We will also be encouraging children in Oak and Sycamore class to try a hot school meal on that day (at the usual cost of £2.20). The menu will be pizza, potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn, followed by fresh fruit or ice cream.

Cheques to school

The school bursar has requested that separate cheques are sent in for different events and activities, for auditing purposes. Joint cheques for 2 siblings for the same activity are acceptable (e.g. swimming x 2) but not for 2 activities, e.g. after school club and a school trip. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Cross Country

The Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Championships (for years 3/4 and 5/6) take place at Long Field Academy on Saturday 25th February for all Primary Schools in the Melton and Belvoir area. If your child wishes to take part, please email the school office office@waltham.leics.sch.uk and we will forward further details.

Kings School – Year 5 Boys

We have been sent information from the Kings School, Grantham, about registering for their 11+ exams for boys currently in Year 5. If you are interested, please email the school office.

Snow Information

Any school closures due to snow will be reported via BBC Radio Leicester, the school website and by a text message to parents. We will stay open whenever it is possible and safe to do so.

Reminder – School Start Time

Please remember that the gate opens at 8.40am and lessons start at 8.50am. Please drop you child off within this time slot so they can start settling in to work straight away. The gate must be locked at 8.50am in order for staff to start lessons. Thank you.

Please see overleaf for diary dates this term. You may wish to pin this up as a reminder on your fridge or noticeboard!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Notes
Weds 18 th January	Punctuation and Grammar Workshop at Redmile	6.30 – 7.30pm Adults only (although a video will be available for school age children to watch in room next door)
Thurs 26 th January	Year 6 SATS information meeting at Waltham	6pm Year 6 children and parents
Friday 10 th February	Break up for half term	Back to school on Monday 20 th Feb
Sunday 12 th February	Messy Church at Waltham Church	10.20am Special visit from Bishop Martyn
Wednesday 15 th February	Sports Camp at Redmile	Please contact Mr Wing
Wednesday 22 nd February	Melton Spotlight Dance Show, Melton Theatre	7pm Sycamore Class only
Monday 27 th February	Year 6 Parents Evenings	From 3.30pm
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 15 th March	Vale Concert Belvoir High School	7pm Oak Class only
Monday 20 th March	Parents Evenings Year R to Year 5	From 3.30pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Parents Evenings Year R to Year 4	From 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Spring Music Concert	6pm Waltham Church (provisional, to be confirmed)
Thursday 6 th April	Easter Service	9.15am Waltham Church (provisional, to be confirmed)
Friday 7 th April	Break up for Easter	Back to school on Monday 24 th April