



**Spring Newsletter 6**  
10/02/2017

Dear Parents,

A big **WELL DONE** to all the children in Oak and Sycamore classes who took part in the Cross Country event at Hose Village Hall this week. Waltham children showed great determination, perseverance and team spirit and we were very proud of you all. Special congratulations to A J, Darcy and Isla for coming within the top 10 in each of their races. Overall, out of 11 local schools, Waltham came a respectable fifth place. Thank you to the teachers and parents who accompanied and supported the children at the event.

All children took part in a Messy Fiesta this week, as part of their RE studies. They explored the topic of 'endurance' and had a great time learning about buildings and foundations! This theme continues at Messy Church this Sunday, incorporating the Bishop's visit to bless the church renovations – see further details opposite.

**In class this week**

**Holly Class**

Year 1 children have been learning to count in fives in Numeracy. Please keep practising these patterns at home during half-term! In Literacy, the children have been making a non-fiction Owl Book – these will be on display in the classroom after the half-term break. Reception class have been making British woodland animals and animal houses. They have been practising numbers up to 20.

**Oak Class**

Oak class have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, using money and measurements. They have also been learning about negative numbers. In Literacy, the children have been creating scrapbooks for their recount stories about overcoming fears. In Science, the children have been exploring light and how to create shadows. In Vale choir rehearsals, the children have learned some songs from Matilda and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

**Save the date** – The Vale Choir Concert will take place at Belvoir High School on Wednesday evening, March 15<sup>th</sup> for children in Oak class. One audience ticket will be issued per child.

**First week back** – Please can children bring in materials to make their invention. These are needed by THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**Sycamore Class**

This week Sycamore class (and Oak class) took part in the Vale Cross Country event and all children were amazing and well behaved. In class, Sycamore children have been finishing their literacy reports. In Maths, they have been investigating angles and triangles. In Design Technology they have been practising some key skills including sawing and joining.

**Redmile Sports Camp**

Mr Wing is holding a Sports Camp at Redmile on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February (half-term) from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Please contact Mr Wing on 07910 740112 or email [sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com](mailto:sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com)

**After School Club – Message from Diocese of Leicester Academies Trust (DLAT)**

Please note that any bookings made after 12 noon, on the same day the club is needed, will incur a £1 administration fee. Please could we also remind parents that the club closes at 6pm. Please help us by arriving on time to collect your child. Thank you.

**Online payments / Childcare Vouchers**

If paying for after-school club online or by childcare vouchers, please let the school office know how much you have paid and which child the payment relates to. Thank you.

**School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate school uniform – white shirt or polo shirt, red school jumper or cardigan, black or grey skirt or trousers and black school shoes. For PE, the uniform is a red PE T-shirt, black or navy shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and the red school PE hoodie.

**Activities after half-term**

Swimming has now finished for this term and will resume again after the Easter break. Dance will be on Mondays for the rest of this school year.

Day	Class	Activity	Please Wear / Bring
Monday	Holly	Outdoor adventures	Outdoor adventure clothing and wellies Spare socks
	Oak	Dance	PE kit
Tuesday	Year 4,5,6	Ukulele	Ukulele
Thursday	Sycamore	PE	PE kit

**Sewing Club**

Mrs Garnett is seeking help after half-term with a sewing club for Sycamore Class on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3pm. If any parent or grandparent is able to help – either regularly or occasionally – this would be greatly appreciated. Please have a word with Mrs Garnett or contact the school office. Thank you.

**Mad Science**

This commences after half term starting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 3.15 to 4.15pm for children who have signed up for the club. Please collect your child from the mobile classroom afterwards. Thank you.

**Melton Spotlight Dance Show**

This takes place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at Melton Theatre at 7.00pm. There is a dress rehearsal during the day for the children taking part and they will travel by coach, arriving back to school at the normal pick-up time. All Sycamore class children will need a **PACKED LUNCH** and drink on that day. They will also need to bring their white ankle socks (girls) and boys will need to wear black trousers and black socks. The rest of the costumes will be provided on the day.

**MESSY CHURCH**

It's Messy Church this **Sunday - 12th February, 10.20am** at Waltham Church.

Our theme is **The Parable of the Two Builders.**

We will have the usual crafts and fun - including making sand castles, Lego building, paper house colour-in & building; paint a stone, a "wall" sheet with bricks/hands, prayer bricks, play jenga, table talk and we will have the usual worship time and tea, coffee and cake.

This Messy Church will be a very special one as the Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, is joining us! We are having a 'bring and share' celebration party lunch after the usual Messy Church activities and the Bishop will also be blessing the newly refurbished church. Come along, join in the fun and meet the Bishop - bring a plate of food if you're staying for lunch! We do hope you can join us!



**World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We will be inviting children to bring a book to school and dress up as a favourite book character if they would like to. Perhaps they could think about this over half-term, visit a library or read a new book to inspire them!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful half term break.

Mrs J V Hopkins,  
Executive Head teacher.