



Spring Newsletter 7
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Dear Parents,

It was cakes all round for our amazing dance troupe yesterday! A huge **WELL DONE** to the 18 children from Sycamore class who took part in the Melton Spotlight Dance show at Melton Theatre on Wednesday. The Waltham children, trained by Miss Cheryl, were amazing and their 'Strictly Ballroom' routine really stood out – the children danced brilliantly and looked so professional. We definitely saved the best dance until last! Thank you to Miss Cheryl and Mrs Garnett for accompanying and supervising the children at the event and to all the parents who came to watch and support their children. I am a very proud Head teacher!

Congratulations also to Harry Adams and his family on the safe arrival of new baby Daisy, born during half-term week.

In class this week

Holly Class

Year 1 started the week with a visit from the Fire Service and have since been looking at fire engines and learning about making and designing their own vehicles.

Reception class have been making homes for woodland animals and have been learning the sounds 'ch', 'sh', 'th', 'qu' and 'zz'.

Oak Class

Oak class have been studying fairy-tales this week and will be performing plays based on fairy-tales next week. In their geography topic, they have been learning all about different types of rock. In Science, the children have been designing a new chocolate bar.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class started their sewing club this week and the children were very excited by cutting out and designing their creations. Any help that parents or grandparents could give with this on **Tuesday afternoons from 1-3pm** would be much appreciated – please contact the office. The children have also been busy with the Young Innovators Challenge, undertaking research and designing products. In Maths, they have been re-visiting fractions, decimals and percentages. In History, Sycamore class have been looking at the Iron Age period and have been making Iron Age houses using a variety of materials, including clay.

Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross-Country

The Melton and Belvoir Primary Cross Country Championships take place at Long Field Academy tomorrow morning, Saturday 25 February, from 9.30am. This will be the twenty-eighth year of holding this event and, once again, the overriding aims are to promote primary cross country, and to have a safe and enjoyable morning.

The top ten finishers from each group will go on to represent Melton & Belvoir at the Cross Country Championships being held at Prestwold Hall on Saturday 25 March.

Good luck to the four children from Waltham who are taking part – Morgan, Taylor, Connie H and Isla! It is possible to register and enter on the day so if your child wishes to take part and has not already registered, please come along to Longfield school. Mrs Hopkins will see you all there at 9.30am!!!

Activities this half-term

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	Holly and Sycamore	PE	PE kit

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday next week - 2nd March. Free £1 book tokens have been sent home today in book bags. All children (and staff!) are invited to bring in their favourite book to school to share in our 'Big World Book Day Book Share Session'. They may also dress up as a favourite book character if they would like to. There will also be a fun 'Fantastic Where's Wally? Search' in school that day.

Holly and Sycamore classes – please bring your PE kits to change into. Thank you.

Year 6 Parents Evenings

These will now take place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th March. Please check book bags and send slips back as soon as possible, as appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Appointment times will be sent home next week. Thank you.

After School Club Leader / Midday Supervisor

Interviews have taken place this week and we are in the process of appointing a new Midday Supervisor and After School Club Leader. The appointee is unable to work Friday lunchtimes so we are still looking for a Midday Supervisor for 1 day per week (12pm to 1pm, term-time only, £7.66 per hour). Please let us know of anyone who may be interested in this part-time position.

Packed Lunches

Staff have expressed concerns that some children are bringing unsuitable packed-lunches, with numerous packets of crisps and chocolate bars. As we have 'Healthy School' status, we are keen to promote healthy eating choices. Please ensure that junk food is kept to a minimum and that packed lunches contain a balanced meal including a sandwich, wrap, salad or pasta and a piece of fruit. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Parking

The lay-by outside school is reserved for the school taxi and for coaches taking children to and from events. Please help us to ensure safety in this area by not parking in the lay-by. Please also be aware that the school car park is **one-way**. When you drive in, please follow the arrows round to the left and around the central island. Thank you.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

