



Spring Newsletter II 31/03/2017

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the children who took part in the Tag Rugby tournament last week. The Waltham team played well and showed real team spirit and determination, coming third out of five in their group. We are very proud of you all!

Red Nose Day

The children had great fun dressing up and fund-raising for Red Nose Day. Sycamore class were also busy finishing off their sewing projects that day – beautiful hand-made cushions for Mothers’ Day (see photo below). Thank you for all the donations to Comic Relief which totalled an amazing £117.70! Well done to the Owl Minsters for organising the event.



In class this week

Holly Class

Holly class have been ‘on safari’ this week, reading about Henda and her Hen and learning about animals in Africa. Year 1 children have been adding and taking away 10 in Maths. Reception children have been looking for number patterns and adding and subtracting 1. Holly class have also been tackling some of the Headteacher’s Easter Challenge tasks this week.

Oak Class

Oak class have been undertaking end of term assessments this week. In Science they have been learning about Inge Lehmann’s life and work and her discovery of the earth’s core. In RE, the children chose five duties that the British people should follow to make the country happy and safe:
-Don’t be racist and don’t discriminate
-Always keep your bad opinions to yourself
-Be respectful
-Embrace everyone
-Everyone has a right to be different.
They also designed a new UK flag to show that all people are welcome in the UK.
Oak class also visited Waltham Hall Nursing Home this week to sing. The elderly residents were delighted to hear the children sing their Vale Choir songs and some Easter hymns that the children have been learning this term.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been undertaking end of term assessments this week and all children have done very well. They have been preparing for the Easter Service with some of the Headteacher’s challenges. In Literacy, they have been writing in the form of blogs, recounts or adventure stories.

Spelling and Grammar (SPAG) Workshop

We will be holding a SPAG workshop for parents of children in Years 1-6 on Wednesday (5th April) at 6.00pm. If you need to bring your child along, they will be able to watch a DVD in the adjoining classroom. If you are planning to attend, please send in a note to let the school office know. Thank you.

Easter Service

Our end of term Easter Service will be held at 9.15am next Thursday, 6th April, at Waltham Church. All welcome. Please join us in celebration of all that the children have achieved this term. If you are able to help walk the children to the Church and back, please let the office know. Thank you.

Easter Menu – Thursday 6th April

There will be a special Easter menu next Thursday 6th April:
*Roast chicken and Stuffing or Cheese and Onion Quiche
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage
Chocolate Crispy Cake or Easter Biscuit.*

This is available for £2.20 for children in Oak and Sycamore classes and free for children in Holly class. Please order through the school office on Monday.

Special Assembly

There will be no Special Assembly next Friday 7th April as Footprints Theatre Company will be coming to perform an Easter play for the children that afternoon at Waltham Church. You are welcome to join us but young children may not appreciate it, so if they become restless we would request that you take them out.

Easter Sports Club

Sports Coach Mr Andy Wing will be running an Easter Sports Club at Redmile School on:
Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April 2017.
TIME: 09.30 – 12.30pm.
COST: £9 PER DAY if pre-paid or £10 on the day. REMEMBER: LOTS OF WATER, WATERPROOF COAT AND A CHANGE OF SHOES.
SUITABLE FOR 5 – 12 YEAR OLDS. PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE TO SECURE A PLACE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ANDY WING ON 07910740112, ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL: sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com

Swimming next half term

Swimming will resume next half term for all children in Years 1-6, each Monday morning. There will be four sessions excluding the May Day bank holiday, and we are seeking a voluntary contribution of £3 per week to help with transport costs. Please send in £12.00 cash or a cheque made payable to Waltham Primary School in a named envelope. Thank you.

Friendly Football Tournament at Redmile

There is a friendly football tournament after school on Friday 28th April at Redmile, open to all children in Oak and Sycamore classes. Letters have gone out in book bags this week. Please return reply slips before we break up for Easter.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,
Executive Head teacher.

