



Summer Newsletter 5  
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Dear Parents,

**In class this week**

**Holly Class**

In numeracy, our Year 1s have been using bar models to solve subtraction problems, whilst Reception have been learning to count on in twos. The children have been writing letters in connection with their topic of 'What's your treasure?' Holly class also had a fantastic afternoon at Forest school this week, creating artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

**Oak Class**

Meanwhile, Oak class have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, looking at the place value of decimals, and adding and subtracting decimals. They have been practising persuasive writing ready to design a poster for the summer show! The children have also been debating the pros and cons of zoos, and have designed a poster to support their own point of view. In science they have been looking at bones in the human body.

**Sycamore Class**

Sycamore children have been converting kilometres to miles, which involved outdoor learning in measuring the playground and the school field. In literacy, they have focussed on the 'problem' area of their adventure story and been looking at the use of adverbials, embedded clauses and semi colons. In RE, the focus this week was peace, and how we can help to create a peaceful world. Sycamore class are looking forward to their trip to the Jorvik centre at York on Tuesday 6 June!

**Resilience Research**

Letters will be coming home with some children from Sycamore class regarding a research project by Mrs Clare Allen, who is a regular supply teacher at Waltham, and thus well known to us.

**Congratulations!**

I am delighted to announce that Miss Geeson is expecting her first baby in the autumn term. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her many congratulations at this exciting time. The governors and I are working closely with Redmile governors regarding the maternity. Details of this and class structure for next year will be sent out next half term.

**Swimming Contributions**

Please can any outstanding swimming contributions from this half term be paid the first week back after the holiday - £12 per child in Years 1-5. This is a voluntary contribution. Thank you.

**School Book Fair and Competition**

Next half-term, we will be holding a Scholastic book fair in school with hundreds of lovely books at super prices (details to follow). Scholastic have kindly given us prize vouchers to use at the fair, so, to get us all in the reading mood, we are having a half-term holiday competition. Simply draw, paint or collage a picture of your favourite book character for our Hall of Fame gallery. Bring it into school after half-term and you could be one of the lucky winners!!

**Kwik Cricket**

Some children from year 5 and 6 represented Waltham in the Melton Vale Kwik cricket tournament on Thursday. They played with enthusiasm and great sportsmanship and were a credit to our school. In their group, they came third with an impressive 917 runs scored.

**Young Innovators**

The last of our Young Innovators went to 3M on Thursday to present their eco-challenge musical instruments. Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Young Innovators challenges over the last few weeks.

**School Sports Day**

This will take place on the morning of Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Further details to follow. Please save the date.

**School Summer Show**

The school summer show is confirmed for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Waltham village hall, with performances at 1.30pm and 6pm. More details to follow!

**Duke's Barn Meeting**

A reminder of the meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm for all our Oak class children interested in going on the Duke's Barn trip in September.

**Dinner Money**

For anyone wishing to pay in advance for dinner money next half term, the amount due will be £66 (£2.20 a day). Cheques can be made payable to 'LCC Waltham Primary School'. Please can any outstanding dinner money be paid immediately after half term.

**Sports Camp at Redmile**

Andy Wing is running a Sports Camp at Redmile on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 9.30-12.30pm. Please contact Andy on sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half term break. Back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June (no swimming after half term).

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