



## Summer Newsletter II 14/07/2017

Dear Parents,

### Summer Show

Pirates versus Mermaids was a huge success as I am sure you will all agree and I was a very proud Headteacher on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Thank you to everyone involved for all their hard work, especially Mr Jackson and the real stars of the show - ALL the children – they were just brilliant!

### Macmillan Fundraising

As mentioned at the summer show, Mrs. Palmer and Miss Fitzgibbons will be taking part in the Macmillan Mighty Hike in the Peak District later on this summer, walking 26 miles to raise money for this charity. Thank you for your generous support with their fund-raising at the summer show which raised an amazing £242.65 for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to donate via justgiving, please visit [www.justgiving.com/teams/walthamta](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/walthamta)  
Thank you.

### Leavers Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Leavers Service this morning. Farewell and good luck to all our Year 6 children as they embark on their exciting new chapter.



### Governors' Trophy

ALL the teaching staff at Waltham agreed that the Governors trophy this term should be awarded to a girl who has shown great commitment in all areas of her learning, she has "gone that extra mile". The biggest change which the staff has noticed is that she has grown in self-confidence and has really blossomed this year. She works hard and never gives up even when she finds things tricky. She has also been a super Owl Minister throughout the year.

This term we are proud to announce the recipient of the Governors Trophy is Kelsie Thompson.

### Music Trophy

We were also delighted that Mrs Donnelly has introduced a new music award at Waltham Primary School. The deserving recipient of the award this term is Sophie Stewart. We were lucky to hear her beautiful violin playing at the Leavers Service – well done Sophie!

### Congratulations on Attendance

Well done to Daniella and Emily who had 100% attendance this year. The following children also deserve a special mention for their 99% attendance: William, Morgan, Sam and Hallie.

### Music News

Several children have successfully sat piano examinations in the past few weeks. Hugo Pilkington, Kelsie Thompson and Aurrena Price all took their Preparatory Tests and gained excellent comments from their examiners. They were praised for their attention to detail in rhythm, notational accuracy and their fluent playing. They approached their first examinations with confidence and we are sure that they will all go on to greater achievements in music in the future.

Samuel Leveridge has worked very hard over the past six months and his diligence was rewarded with a merit for his Grade 2 Piano examination, gaining 82% for his overall mark. We are still awaiting the breakdown of his marks but we are delighted with his result and wish him every success on the piano in the future. Oscar Baxter passed his Grade 1 piano with flying colours this week. The examiner was delighted with his performance in all areas of the examination. Sophie Stewart excelled by getting a distinction for her Grade 1 piano recently. Her scales and sight reading were particularly impressive. Henry Launders-Grieve took his Grade 3 piano and was awarded a well-deserved merit. The examiner thought his playing showed great musicality.

Well done all of you – we are very proud of you!

### Summer Sports Camp

Mr Wing will be running a summer sports camp at Redmile in the school holidays on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August, from 9.30am to 12.30pm - suitable for 5-13 year olds. Cost £9 per day if pre-booked or £10 on the day. Booking forms have been sent home in book bags or contact Mr Wing:  
Phone 07910 740112  
Email: [sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com](mailto:sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com)

### Waltham Charter Fair – Save the date!

The annual Waltham Charter Fair will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the village hall, commencing with a school parade down the High Street. Please save the date! Thank you.

### Update from Governing Body

An update from the Governing Body is being sent out today with the newsletter. Please take a look. Thank you.

## Farewell to Mrs Boylan

Mrs Margaret Boylan has been part of Waltham Primary School since she came here as a child in 1951 - over 60 years ago! Her children and grandchildren have attended the school and she has worked here since the 1970s, when she first started as a lollipop lady. She has been our much-loved Premises Officer for 38 years and we will all miss her when she finally retires at the end of August.

Margaret is a dedicated Leicester Tigers fan and listens to their matches every week on the radio. Therefore we chose some special Tigers themed gifts to mark her retirement, kindly organised by Mr and Mrs Ludlow. She even had a specially recorded video-message from her favourite Leicester Tigers player!

We invited Mrs Boylan, family and friends to a special Tag Rugby match where she presented medals to every child. At the event, we introduced a new trophy for sporting excellence, called The Margaret Boylan Award. This was presented to Emily Shaw for her brilliant performance and determination in the tag rugby match.

After the rugby we had a surprise afternoon tea party for Mrs Boylan - thank you to everyone who helped with this and the mummies who served the teas! We presented her with flowers, a fabulous owl-shaped retirement cake made by Mrs Jo Cook, and vouchers for a family meal at the Royal Horseshoes.

A huge thank you to Mrs Boylan for everything she has done at Waltham over her long career here. We will all miss her dearly.

Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday. The children return to school on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August** at 8.40am. We look forward to welcoming you back then, rested and refreshed. We will be welcoming 17 new reception children into Beech class, a new class teacher for Oak (Miss Scott) and a new premises officer (Miss Smith). Please try to do some reading, writing and maths games with your children during the holidays so they don't forget everything they have learned this year. Please could I also ask you to check your child's hair over the summer and carry out any bug-busting required!

Thank you also for all the very kind gifts and cards sent into school this week, they are all much appreciated. I would also like to express my thanks for all the support you have given throughout this school year. A final thank you to all of you who help make this a wonderful school community to be part of.

Mrs J V Hopkins  
Executive Head teacher.

Message for Year 6 children, taken from the Leavers' Service

**Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tear apart  
The burning ambition  
That fires the drive within your heart**

**Let no one steal your dreams  
Let no one tell you that you can't  
Let no one hold you back  
Let no one tell you that you won't**

**Let no one steal your dreams  
Follow your heart, follow your soul  
For only when you follow them  
Will you feel truly whole**

**Set your sights and keep them fixed  
Set your sights on high  
Let no one steal your dreams  
Your only limit is the sky.**

*'Let no one steal your dreams'  
by Paul Cookson*

**"Don't cry because it's over;  
Smile because it happened."**

**Every new beginning  
comes from some other  
beginning's end**