



Autumn Newsletter 4 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents,

Waltham Charter Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the Waltham Charter Fair last weekend. Waltham Primary School started off proceedings with a musical parade through the village and there was a good turn-out in spite of the damp weather. We look forward to hearing from the Committee about how much money they raised for the school, church and other local groups. Well done to everyone involved!

In Class this week

Beech Class

This week, Beech class have been learning the sounds F, B, C, K and U. In Maths, they have been discovering and describing the features of various shapes. They have also been making patterns using shapes. In Science ('Understanding Our World') the children have been learning about different vehicles and ways of travelling to school. They made a vehicle together, using construction.

Holly class

In Holly Class this week, the children continued with their book study in Literacy, looking at traditional tales. They have been discussing the different story characters in different tales. They have written either a missing person's poster or a wanted poster for one of the characters. In numeracy they have been adding by counting on and finding number bond facts up to 10 and 20. In IT, Holly class have started to learn about E-safety through *Hector's World*. In their woodland activities, the class went on an *animal hunt* looking for signs of the animals that live there. They also made frames using material from the woodlands. The children have also been practising for the Harvest Festival.

Message from Mrs Saunders – No Forest Schools for Holly class next week as the children will be making cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Oak class

In Maths, Oak class have been finding place value and practising their times tables. In Literacy, the children have been looking at stories from other cultures and comparing them. In Science, they have been studying the digestive system. They have been using ICT skills to decorate their folders. Oak class selected their new owl ministers – Thomas and Nancy.

Reminder from Miss Scott – please send in spare shoes or trainers on PE days in case the children's feet get wet on the field. Thank you.

Sycamore class

Sycamore class have been working hard in Maths this week; Year 5 have been finding equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. Year 6 have been adding fractions and finding percentages. In Literacy, the children have been writing a book review for the class novel, 'I was there'. In project work, they read the story of the wartime Christmas Day football game. They acted it out and made their own programmes, tickets and posters.

Next Week

Please continue to speak to the class teacher or Mrs Garnett if you have any worries or concerns. The DLAT will be providing cover and support for us from our Academy Trust next week while Mrs Hopkins and Miss Geeson are absent - so say 'hello!' when you see them!

School Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival is on **Thursday 28th September, 9.15am**, at Waltham Church. This is a special day for children in Reception class, as we formally welcome them into our school community and present each child with a special bible gift. **We need volunteer walkers** for this event – please come to the school library after morning drop-off. We will be leaving at 9am and back to school by 10am.

Harvest boxes – If your child would like to decorate a Harvest box and fill it with non-perishable food items, please send these in prior to the Harvest Festival on Thursday. We will take these down to Church and they will then be donated to Tesco's Food Bank Appeal for distribution to people in need.

THERE WILL BE NO PE ON THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER BUT AFTER-SCHOOL MULTI-SPORTS CLUB WILL TAKE PLACE AS NORMAL.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Harvest Service will be followed by a fund-raising Coffee Morning **AT SCHOOL** for Macmillan Cancer Support, from 10.30am, in Sycamore Classroom. All welcome – please come along after the Harvest Festival and enjoy some tea or coffee and cake. Mrs Garnett and Sycamore class will be hosting the coffee morning. The children will be making some cakes to sell at this event but if anyone wishes to donate a cake or some small cakes (shop-bought or home-made), they will be very gratefully received - please send in on Thursday morning. We will also hold the weekly cake raffle on Thursday next week (instead of Friday), with proceeds to Macmillan.

You may therefore wish to give your child a small amount of spending money (in a named envelope) to buy a small cake / a 50p raffle ticket. Thank you.

Friday 29th September

All classes will have PE on Friday 29th September instead of Thursday. This will take place in school so please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, and **has a waterproof coat and a change of socks / shoes / trainers** in case they get wet on the field. Thank you.
No special assembly on Friday 29th September.

Reception Class Photo – Grantham Journal

The Grantham Journal will be coming into school on Wednesday 4th October to take a photograph of this year's Reception class for their special 'Starting School' supplement. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please let Mr Jackson know. Thank you.

Individual / Sibling photos

Wrates photographers will be in school on Tuesday 10th October to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child is wearing tidy school uniform and has their hair brushed that day. Sycamore and Holly class should also bring in their PE kits for Dance. Thank you.

Harvest Lunch Menu

School Food Support are offering a special Harvest Lunch Menu on Tuesday 12th October:

Chicken pie and gravy
Farmhouse Cheese Flan
Roasted Vegetable Wrap
Mashed potatoes, New potatoes
Carrot batons and broccoli
Salad platter, Farmhouse slice
Apple and winterberry crumble with custard
Chocolate sponge cake
Fresh fruit pots
Yogurt

Please order in the usual way via the school office (free for Holly and Beech class children, £2.20 for Oak and Sycamore children). Please specify if your child would prefer one of the vegetarian options, otherwise we will request chicken pie. Thank you.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

Our school nurse, Tamsin Lenton, will be offering a monthly drop-in session for parents at Waltham Primary School, on the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3pm. These will commence on Wednesday 18th October and provide an opportunity to discuss, in confidence, any health concerns or issues you may have about your child.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend. I look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term when I return from maternity leave.

Miss H Geeson
Deputy Head teacher.

