



Autumn Newsletter 8
13th October 2017

Dear Parents,

A message from the Acting Head teacher

Another exciting but busy week at Waltham! The children and staff are working incredibly hard and much progress is being made. It was good to catch up with so many of you this and last week. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to work at Waltham CE Primary School. The children are a credit to the Waltham community, always being polite, respectful and have a great attitude to their learning.

The staff and governors are incredibly skilled and give a huge amount of endless hours to this wonderful school, as do you parents and carers. I loved the idea of your cake raffle for the good of the whole school community.

A massive thanks to you all. Wishing everyone in Waltham School community continued success, always.

Very best wishes

Jatinder Sembi

Year 5/6 Assembly

Once again I was able to attend the children's assembly on Tuesday 11th October, when some of the year 5 and 6 children conducted a most spectacular assembly on the theme of compassion. Well done to the year 5/6 children whose presentation was exceptional. I would also like to express my thanks to Mrs Cahill and Mrs Garnett for the excellent organisation of collective worship at Waltham School. It has been outstanding during my time here.

Message from Louise Imm, Chair of Governors

I'm pleased to inform you that Mrs Hopkins will return after the holidays working initially reduced hours.

School Office Update

Our school secretary Mrs Quine will be absent after half term following a planned operation. We all wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, the school office will be managed by Mrs Marsh.

Louise Imm, Chair of Governors

In Class this week

Beech Class

This week we have been learning about woodland animals. We have talked about why they live in the woods and what they eat. In Maths we have been practising number bonds to 5. We have also learned the sounds z,ch,qu and x.

Holly class

This week we have finished producing our own versions of different traditional tales, these books are on display in our classroom so please have a look. In Maths the Yr 1's have been adding and taking away to solve problems and the Yr 2's have been adding and taking away 11 and 21, applying their knowledge of counting in 10's.

Oak class

This week we have been writing newspaper articles to fit our class novel 'The Fox and the Ghost King'. We have also finished our topic of addition and subtraction in Maths and have been doing lots of problem solving. In Science we have been looking at and creating food chains.

Sycamore class

We have been learning about some of the major battles during WWI. In art we have designed and made posters in the style of Lord Kitchener and in Maths we have been learning about the orders of operations using BIDMAS.

Pupil Information Forms – new forms for each child

New pupil admission forms have been sent home with your child today. Please fill out one per child and return to the school office by Wednesday 25th October.

Parents evening dates

Parents evenings will be held on Mon 30th October and Wed 1st November. Letters will be sent out after half term with more information.

Starlight night party at Waltham Church

To help raise as much money as possible for our school and pre-school through this event, we are asking for donations for the chocolate tombola. Please support this event by attending, and drop any chocolate donations to the school office after half term. Thank you.

Individual / Sibling photos

Wrates photographers will be in school on Friday 27th October from 8.30am to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing tidy school uniform and has their hair brushed that day. Our apologies that this has had to be rearranged due to the photographer's illness.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions - change of date

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. The sessions will provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss, in confidence, any health concerns or issues you may have about your child.

Due to half term being on Wed 18th October, there is a drop in session at Melton Mowbray hospital 2pm-4pm on Monday 16th October. Alternatively, you can contact Tamsin directly on 01664 855561 for an appointment during half term week.

Flu immunisations

If you have not yet returned your child's flu immunisation letter, could you please do so by Monday 23rd October.

Headlice

Please can long hair be tied back whilst your child is at school.

Operation Christmas Child

The school and church are again joining forces in sending Christmas boxes to needy children overseas through the charity Samaritans Purse - Operation Christmas Child. Leaflets have been sent home with details. If you wish to take part, please send in filled, labelled shoeboxes into school by Friday 10th November. Thank you.

Hockey Tournament

Well done to our year 4 hockey team who competed and came 6th in the hockey tournament yesterday at Melton Sports Village. They all played brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves. Their excitement and enthusiasm was infectious and it was a pleasure to take them.



Well done Ruby, Connie H, Harvey, Adam, Thomas and Zachary.

Reminders

Start of school day

May I please remind you that your children need to be in class for registration at 8.50am. Any child arriving after the gate is locked will need to enter via the school office.

Half Term

School close on Friday 13th October at 3.15pm
School re-opens on Monday 23rd October at 8.50am.

FOWS Black Tie and Tiara Ball – 18th November 2017

You should all have had a flyer in your child's book bag this week. Please support us if you can, this is a fantastic evening!

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break, and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jatinder Sembi