



Autumn Newsletter IO
3 November 2017

Dear Parents,

Helping Waltham Village Hall meet the needs of local children and parents – Become a Committee Member

Our school uses Waltham Village Hall for PE, shows, fundraising events and other activities. We are represented on the Board of Trustees by Charlotte Smith. She and I recently attended the AGM where we discussed that Charlotte brings much needed insight from the younger generation of users. The Committee are now working on a 5-year plan for the Hall and want to ensure it is relevant for the whole community – so now is the time to have your say. They are really keen to hear more from younger members of the village in order that the facilities and events that the Hall provides can better suit children and parents with young families. Could you join them in running the Village Hall? If you think you could give some input, want to find out more, or get involved as a Trustee, then please speak to Charlotte or contact the Chair, David Hill at david@djhill.co.uk It doesn't need to be a big time commitment – whatever you can manage, and your views could make a difference. Thank you for supporting this vital village facility.

Louise Imm, Chair of Governors

Themed School Hot Lunches Next week

We are having a Bonfire Themed Menu on **Monday 6th November:**

Fonzie's Firework Fizzler Burger

Served with chips, baked beans and peas.

Catherine Wheel biscuit or Toffee apple sponge and custard

And on **Friday 10 November** there will be a Remembrance lunch:

Sausage, mash, carrots, cabbage and gravy followed by steamed syrup sponge and custard or trifle.

In Class this week –

Beech Class - In Beech class this week we have been looking at the story of Guy Fawkes and making bonfire pictures in art. We have also been learning more about Diwali and have made Diva lamps using clay. In RWI we have learnt the sounds i,n,p,g and o and in Maths we

have been measuring length and size of objects in the classroom.

Holly Class –In Holly class this week we have continued to look at alternative traditional tales linking to our book study book – The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. We have been looking at adjectives which we are trying to include in our writing to make it more interesting. In Maths we have started to look at the coins we use. Yr 1s have been matching coins and looking at their value and Yr 2s have been adding different amounts up to £1.00, giving change and solving problems. In art we have been looking at abstract art by Piet Mondrain and have produced our own abstract pictures. These will be displayed in the mobile entrance when completed.

Oak Class –

Sycamore – In Sycamore class this week we have been using “The Blitz” as a stimulus for our WWII writing. In maths we have been using and applying both compact and long division to solve problems. Our poppies are looking great near our Collective Worship display.

Open Afternoon for new starters

We will be holding an Open Afternoon for new starters on Friday 24th November from 1pm -2.45pm. This is an opportunity for parents and new starters to visit and experience all we offer at Waltham Primary School. To register your interest, please contact the school office.

Pupil Information Forms and Nationality Forms

We still have some parents who have not yet returned the Pupil Information Forms or Nationality Forms. Final deadline is Tuesday 7th November please.

NSPCC have visited us this week and talked to all the children about the work of their charity. We will be holding a Dance-athon on Friday 10th November at school where all children can take part and support this worthy cause. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child(ren) this week.

Remembrance Service on Friday 10 November

We will be holding our annual “Remembrance Service” on Friday 10th November at the Waltham War memorial. We will be leaving school at approx. 10.45 to get to the War Memorial for 11.00am where we will join in prayers and poems written by the children and then laying the school wreath. All members of the community are welcome to join us and we would be extremely grateful for any parents who could join us at the school to walk to the War Memorial with us.

Poppies

Our owl ministers will be visiting each class next week to sell poppies in aid of the annual poppy appeal.

After School Club Invoices

All parents should have received an invoice today for their children who use After School Club.

Invoices sent out include all advance bookings for this half term as well as sessions for the first half term for parents who booked their children in after the 13 July booking deadline, or for extra sessions in the first half term. I apologise for the delay in issuing the last half term's invoices to those parents and thank you for your continued patience whilst we are covering staff absence in the office.

Any parents struggling to pay an invoice upfront can contact me in the school office to arrange a payment plan. It is hoped that going forwards, invoices for a half term will be issued within the first two weeks of that half term and will be payable within 2 weeks of the invoice date. Please do contact me if you have any queries. Laura Marsh

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has been running since September in the Pre-School building from 8am -9am each school morning at a cost of £5 per child (includes cereal and toast). If you would like to book your child a place, please call Sian on 01664 464089. This provision is being reviewed in January, so please do use it this half term if you need it.

Autumn Days

PLEASE REMIND CHILDREN TO BRING THEIR COAT TO SCHOOL. It may look lovely out of the window but it's quite chilly when they're outside!

Starlight night party at Waltham Church Tuesday

31st October

Thank you to everyone who attended or supported this event. The amount raised will be announced in the next newsletter.

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 next session will be on **Wednesday November 15th**. The sessions will

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

Flu immunisations Reminder

Flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 7th November.

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.

FOWS Black Tie and Tiara Ball – 18th November 2017

Don't forget your tickets for the Black Tie and Tiara Ball if you haven't already got them. This is a fantastic evening – please support us if you can.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J V Hopkins
Executive Head teacher