



Autumn Newsletter II 10 November 2017

Dear Parents,

It's been another lovely week with your children shining like superstars as always.

Starlight Night

I have received a cheque today for £244.65 from this year's event. AMAZING!!!! Thank you to the 71 children, 5 babies and 81 adults who supported this event; I shall be consulting with the children on the best way to spend it 😊

In Class this week

Beech Class - In our literacy we have been looking at the book, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. As a class, we went on our own bear hunt and found a small, brown bear hiding in Mrs Hopkins' office amongst the sparkles! In maths, we have been measuring different lengths and counting objects that cannot be moved. We have also created some poppy wreaths using chalk pastels.

Holly Class - In our literacy we have been looking at adverbs to improve our writing. In numeracy we have been looking at money; the Year 1s have been looking at the value of our coins and finding the totals of two amounts. The Year 2's have been investigating coins and notes and making amounts in pounds and pence. We have also continued our abstract art.

Oak Class - We have been practising our times tables to identify patterns in the numbers. In literacy this week we have been creating our own quiz shows and writing an explanation of them. Finally we have also been practising our class poems for Remembrance.

Sycamore - We have been using "The Blitz" as a stimulus for our WWII writing, we have been using personification, alliteration and modal verbs. In maths we have finding factors and multiples of numbers. In science we made circuits and parallel circuits to make search lights. We have also been learning about Remembrance Day. **Please pop in to church to see our lovely display board.**

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 our wonderful school. To register your interest, please contact the school office and inform anyone you know who may be interested.

NSPCC today we held our dance-athon. All the children enjoyed themselves and we are hoping to send the money off next week to this charity. Thank you for your support.

Children In Need message from Owl Ministers

As we have supported the NSPCC this week, which is a children's charity, we think that the money we raised would contribute to caring for children less fortunate than ourselves so we will not be doing any specific funding-raising next week. However, as it has become a tradition at the school to mark this event we will be reflecting on the work of the Charity, and how it helps children, during Worship time and would like to recognise it next Friday by having a 'cosy comfy day'. Comfy clothes, like pyjamas or jogging bottoms and comfy footwear, like slippers, are our suggestions but please remember to bring outdoor shoes for playtimes.

Thank you.

From the Owl Ministers

Ps Don't forget to bring a teddy to look after for the day too!

Remembrance Service on Friday 10 November

Rev John Barr led us in this annual event at the War memorial. It was lovely for the children to share their poems, prayers and to lay their wreath whilst being joined by many parents and members of our local community. It was very moving.

Poppies

Sycamore children have made poppies which are on display in the church this weekend along with a selection of some of the poems the children have written about Remembrance.

Parent Questionnaires

A reminder that 'Parent View' gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; please find the link on our school website under 'Parents information; inspections'. Once in 'Parent View' click on the tab at the top that says 'Give your views' and it will ask you to register by providing an email address. Responses are anonymous. This is an important exercise as Ofsted will use this information to help make decisions about this school so please try to find a moment to complete it. Thank you in advance of your support.

Football

The Monday after school sessions have now finished for this term and will resume when the weather is better. Please watch out for dates in the newsletter. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Smith and his dedicated team of parent helpers for running the sessions and look forward to them starting again in the Spring.

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!

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe-Box Appeal

If you wish to take part, please send in filled, labelled shoe-boxes into school by MONDAY morning - 13th November, as this is the deadline for collection. Thank you.

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.

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.

Warning Zone for Y6

Don't forget, this trip in on Monday and children need to be here for 8am. Please refer back to previous letter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J V Hopkins
Executive Head teacher

Dance-athon dancers



We will remember them

**They shall grow not old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning
We will remember them.**

