



Autumn Newsletter I2  
17 November 2017

Dear Parents,

Another very busy week of learning and activities at school. As you know, we had a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectorate (Ofsted) on Tuesday. Thank you to all those of you who spoke to the inspector or/and completed the on-line survey on Parentview; I must've had a premonition they'd be in this week after reminding you about the survey last week!! We hope to receive a report within the next two weeks. A special thank you to all staff and children for being amazing, just like they are every day. This really is a wonderful school.

#### **In Class this week**

**Beech Class** – This week we have been looking at the story, 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have acted out the story, designed their own Gingerbread Men and houses, written the Story of 'The Gingerbread Man' and made and decorated their own Gingerbread Men. In maths we have been looking at the names and features of 3D shapes.

**Holly Class** – In Holly class this week we have continued with our book study book 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs', our focus has been punctuation; the Y1s have been practising finger spaces, capital letters and full stops and the Y2s have been investigating the use of question marks. In Numeracy we have been problem solving with money. We have linked our topic work to anti-bullying week - All different, All equal, which included working with the puppet man at the end of the week.

**Oak Class** – This week we have been using partitioning to help us solve two-digit multiplication problems. In literacy our focus has been using fairy tales to help us understand and resolve bullying. We also found an instance of bullying in our class novel too, which we helped Chilly Billy to solve. We have really enjoyed anti-bullying week!

**Sycamore** – On Monday all the Year 6 children went to The Warning Zone and enjoyed a fabulous learning experience. In literacy, we have been writing about being an evacuee and in maths we have started to look at interpreting and drawing line graphs.

#### **Open Afternoon for new starters**

We will be holding an Open Afternoon for new starters on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Breakfast Club**

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.

#### **Dinner Money and Panto Payments REMINDER**

Please can any outstanding dinner money or panto payments be made ASAP to the school office.

#### **Shoe Box Appeal**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Mars collected 35 boxes to go to Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to everyone who participated and the team at Mars for facilitating collection.

#### **Christmas Services at St Mary Magdalene**

The following services will be taking place at St Mary Magdalene Church in Waltham during the Christmas period.

- Messy Christingle – 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.
- Carols by Candlelight - 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.
- Crib service – 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm
- Christmas communion – 24<sup>th</sup> December at 9pm

#### **Messy Church Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

It is Messy Church this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.20am at Waltham Church. The theme this month is 'Advent – Waiting for Christmas'. The children will be doing lots of Christmas related activities, including making reindeer lollipops, Christmas decorations, and of course there will be tea, coffee and cake. All ages are welcome; we do hope that you can join us.

#### **NSPCC**

Please can all sponsorship forms be returned to the School Office by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

#### **Cross Country**

The Cross Country will be taking place at Prestwold Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please can you let the School Office know if your child wants to attend.

#### **Decorating Classrooms**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December the children and staff at Waltham would like to invite you and any family member to come and help us to decorate our classrooms for Christmas at 2pm. Oak Class will also be selling cakes to raise money for the charity, The Salvation Army, so please come prepared if you would like to purchase one. Also, we would be very grateful for any Christmas decorations that are surplus in your house to be donated to the school.

#### **Puppet Workshop**

The Anti-Bullying week finished with a real exciting puppet workshop for all children. Please see Seesaw.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J V Hopkins  
Executive Head teacher