



Spring Newsletter 4 09/02/2018

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all the children from Oak and Sycamore classes who took part in the Vale Cross Country event at Hose this week, along with children from 11 other primary schools. A special mention for **Harry** (Year 6) who came 3rd in the Year 5/6 boys race (of 100 children); **Adam** who came 15th in the Year 3-4 boys race (out of 102); **Ruby** (Year 4) who came 6th in the Year 3-4 girls race (of 100 children); and **Emily** (Year 6) who came 7th and **Isla** (Year 5) who came 9th in the Year 5/6 girls race (of 81 children). Well done all of you! We were very proud of **all** the Waltham children for their determination and effort, especially as it was a very cold afternoon. Thank you to the staff and parents who came along to help and support us.

In class this week

Beech class

In Beech Class this week we have continued to look at adding two single-digit numbers using the 'part, part, whole' model. For our novel study, we have been reading the book, 'Do pirates take baths?', looking at pirate facts. The children have then written their own pirate facts.

Holly Class

In Holly Class this week we have completed our information booklets on British woodland animals (they will be displayed in the classroom, so please come and share them with your child). In numeracy we have been learning to solve problems. We have also used collage materials to make our wonderful woodland animals. (Have a relaxing half term and please remember to bring back your child's permission slip and voluntary contribution for our exciting class trip to Sherwood Forest on Wednesday 21st February! See letter in book bags.)

Oak Class

In Oak class this week we have been making our Victorian kites to finish our DT project. We then took our kites outside and tested them; it was a lot of fun! In maths we have continued to look at fractions and decimals. Finally, in literacy we have been looking at the features of an advert.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore have been learning about abstract art this week, exploring the work of Pablo Picasso. We created our own abstract self-portraits. In Science, we have been looking at the classification of vertebrates. In Year 6 literacy lessons, we have been using grammar to create atmosphere relating to a protagonist's characteristics.

Messy Church

Messy Church takes place this Sunday 11th February at Waltham Church, from 10.20am. The theme is God's Love and there will be craft activities, discussions, song, refreshments, cake and even a chocolate fountain! All welcome.

Cake Raffle

A very big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our weekly cake raffle this year, either by baking a delicious cake or buying raffle tickets each week.

The proceeds have been very gratefully received and we have been using them towards the transport costs of various school trips throughout the year. After half-term this will include an e-safety trip, a theatre visit to enhance literacy learning and an outdoor learning event.

Those who have been lucky enough to win a cake have all been thrilled with their unexpected home-made weekend treat!

The cake raffle will have been running for a year at the end of next half-term and we will let you know how much has been raised during its first year.

PE after half-term

- After half-term, Dance lessons for Oak class and Beech class will take place on **Mondays** instead of Tuesdays. Please could children in these classes come to school in PE kits on Mondays. Thank you.
- Sycamore class will be starting Yoga after half-term as a new PE activity, commencing on 28th February. Please could they come to school in PE kits on Wednesdays.
- All classes will continue with PE on Thursdays as normal – gym shorts/leggings and PE kits please. Oak class to be dropped off at village hall at 8.40am please.
- Years 1-5 will continue with swimming on Thursdays. Please bring swimming kits.

Mr Wing's Half-Term Sports Camp

Mr Wing will be holding a fun Sports Camp at Redmile School on Wednesday 14th February, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost £9 per day if prepaid or £10 on the day, suitable for 5-13 year olds. For more information or to book a place, please contact Andy Wing, Tel. 07910 740112 or email: sportscoach.wing@btinternet.com

Volunteers

We really need additional volunteers to help us walk the children safely to and from the village hall for Dance (Monday p.m.) and PE (Thursdays), especially for Holly and Beech classes. This usually takes around 10-15 minutes and you wouldn't need to stay for the class. Please contact Mrs Quine in the school office if you or family members are able to help in any way. Thank you.

Comedy on the Wolds

Friends of Waltham School and Waltham Village Hall are hosting 'Comedy on the Wolds', a show featuring a top line-up of stand-up comedy, as part of the Leicester Comedy Festival. This will be held at Waltham Village Hall on Saturday 17th February at 7.15pm (doors open 6.40pm.) Last few tickets remaining - book online via the box office:

www.comedy-festival.co.uk/tickets/comedy-on-the-wolds

All profits from the show to Waltham Primary School.
See flyers in book bags. Please support this event if you are able to - it promises to be a great evening!

World Book Day

World Book Day is after half-term on 1st March and we will be inviting children to come dressed as a favourite book character, if they would like to. Perhaps they could start thinking about this over half-term and perhaps have a go at making a costume from things they can find at home? Children may also bring the book with them to share with their class.

SATS Information Evening

Mrs Garnett will be holding an information evening about SATS for parents of Year 6 children, on Monday 26th February from 6.30pm. Letters will be sent home about this after half-term but in the meantime, please save the date. Thank you.

Have a happy and restful half-term. Don't forget the pancakes on Tuesday!

Mrs J V Hopkins
Executive Head teacher

