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Dear Parents,

A big thank you to Mrs Donnelly, and all the children who took part in the Spring Concert this week. I am amazed by how much musical talent we have in our small school and was impressed with every single performance.

Thank you also to Miss Scott and the children from Oak class who took part in the Vale Choral Performance at Belvoir High School on Wednesday. Waltham children really shone, both with their singing and their sunny yellow t-shirts!

Well done children, I was a very proud Head teacher on both evenings. Thank you also to parents for their support at these musical events.

Dance Show Awards

Congratulations to all the children who recently took part in Miss Cheryl's Dance Show. Amber from Holly class passed her level 2 dance and level 1 freestyle exams, while her younger sister Phoebe passed her level 1 dance and level 1 freestyle exams. Phoebe also won a merit award for her dancing and was awarded the trophy for best junior in the dance school.



The older girls – Sophie, Olivia and Jessica also performed wonderfully and came away with a collection of medals and awards. Well done girls, we are very proud of all of you!



Tag Rugby

Well done to the children who took part in the tag rugby tournament this week. They showed great determination and played well against strong opposition. Thank you also to the parents who helped with transport.

Roll of Honour

Congratulations to Bobby-Grey in Beech Class, who recently passed his first Karate grading and achieved a white belt.

Well done Bobby-Grey, we are very proud of you!

Hot Dinners – Special Easter menu

There will be a special menu for Easter on Tuesday next week – Roast Turkey Dinner and Chocolate Crispy Next or Easter biscuit. Free for children in Holly and Beech classes; £2.20 for children in Oak and Sycamore. Please order through the school office. Every child who has the special lunch will have the chance to win a 'Design your own Easter Egg' kit.

School Money

School money passwords have been sent out today by text message and all future payments for dinner money, school trips and uniform should be made via

www.schoolmoney.co.uk

After-school club payments may be made from next week once they have been set up on the system.

War Horse Trip – Sycamore class

Sycamore class will be out on Wednesday next week for the War Horse trip in Nottingham. All children will need a **packed lunch and drink in a disposable bag** please. We are planning to be back at school at around **5.30pm**.

Easter Service

The end-of-term Easter Service at Waltham Church will take place next Friday 23rd March, at 9.15am. All parents, grandparents and friends welcome. We shall be walking to church at 9.00am – please come and wait in the school library after morning drop-off if you are able to help us walk the children down to the Church. Thank you.

Friends of Waltham School (FOWS)

This term's newsletter from FOWS accompanies this week's newsletter.

Harby Village Hall Family and Dog Fun Day

This event takes place on Saturday 24th March from 10am to 1.30pm with a dog show at 11am. There will be lots of family-friendly activities, stalls and a bouncy castle.

Save the Date

This year's Maypole will be a combined event with the Waltham Charter Fair and takes place on Saturday 9th June at Waltham Village Hall. Please save the date. Thank you.

Winter illnesses

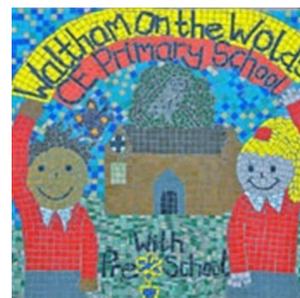
Thank you for your co-operation with the increased infection control we have introduced in school this week in an effort to combat the various illnesses and viruses going around.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins
Executive Head teacher.



FOWS Newsletter



Dear parents,

It's been a busy couple of years of fundraising for the school, and so I wanted to provide an update of what's been happening, where the monies raised have been spent and our future plans.

For those parents who are new to the school, FOWS (Friends of Waltham School) are our school's PTA or fundraising committee. In recent years we have unfortunately struggled to form a formal committee due to lack of interest and so several school events have been scaled back.

However, this has not stopped us continuing to raise much needed funds for the school through a number of other activities. This means we have been able to continue to provide daily fruit in the classrooms, contribute towards the cost of school trips and support the roll-out of the new Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme.

As current chair, I have now been in this role for five years, and I am very keen to form a new committee, so we can continue fundraising for the school. These are much-needed funds which over the years have provided: play equipment, laptops, iPads and library and learning resources. Even if you can only spare one hour a month, please consider getting in touch to find out more about what's involved. **Please speak to the school office if you can help in any way – remember all money raised goes directly to support our school and your children.**

Thank you

Charlotte Smith

Upcoming Events

June 9th

Waltham Charter Fair – volunteers required to help on stalls, etc.

5 ways you can support FOWS:

1. Sign up to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk to play for just £1 weekly
2. Sign up to Easyfundraising.org.uk and support 'Waltham C of E Primary School'
3. Choose FOWS as your local charity when using **Boilerjuice**
4. Like our **Facebook** page and 'share' our events
5. **Volunteer** to help run events

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Fundraising activities

Over the past two years, we have scaled back a couple of events which require greater planning and help to run. These include the **Maypole event**, the **Christmas Fair** and the **Ragdale evening**; all of which were valuable fundraisers, but couldn't be run due to lack of support. We have therefore concentrated fundraising efforts on a smaller number of events and activities, including: the annual **Autumn Ball**, the **School Lottery**, the **Charter Fair** and more recently, a new **Comedy Night**. In addition, we have also signed up to be a local charity on **Boilerjuice** and to Easyfundraising.org.uk – both of which donate money back to FOWS for purchases made (see box above for more information).

Contact FOWS via the school Office for ideas and feedback

Expenditure

Expense	Academic year 2016/17	Academic year 2017/18 (to date)
Annual PTA membership fee	£63	£65
Pantomime Coach	£340	£370
Fruit	£344.50	£106.40
Lottery Registration	£40	£20
Read, Write, Inc resources and training*	£ -	£2,943.54
Totals	£787.50	£3,505.24

*Paid from monies raised in 2016/17

Fundraising

Activity	Academic year 2016/17	Academic year 2017/18 (to date)
Annual Autumn Ball	£1,629.12	£1,384.37
Charter Fair donation	£700	£800
Your School Lottery	£700.10	£857.10
Easyfundraising	£49.40	£15.69
Boilerjuice	£26.13	£ - (July payment)
Ecokids (clothing collection)	£33.15	£ - (No collection this year)
Comedy on the Wolds	N/A	£731.41
Totals	£3,137.90	£3,788.57

Charter Fair – Saturday 9th June

This year's Charter Fair has moved to Saturday 9th June as it was felt that this would be a more convenient date for the village groups involved. Volunteers are needed on the day to help run the event - please consider helping if you can, it's a great village event and all money raised goes directly back to the community groups who have helped. Further information can be found on www.walthamcharterfair.co.uk or speak to Kerry Mota-Stubbs or Anna Fairhead.

Annual Ball

Our annual fundraising balls are becoming an institution in the village and are widely supported by both school parents and the broader community. These have been our most profitable fundraising events to date and we would like to continue to hold this popular event if we can assemble a team of willing helpers.

Comedy on the Wolds

This was a new event for 2018 and saw The Leicester Comedy Festival come to Waltham to raise money for our school. It was a very successful evening and we've received very positive feedback from all who attended, we even managed to secure up and coming comedic duo – Flo & Joan - who you may have seen on the Nationwide adverts on the TV!

Your School Lottery

This is a really easy way for us to raise money for the school, but we really need more parental support to increase the income. Its very easy to play – sign up at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk click on the 'support your school' link and search for 'Waltham on the Wolds'. Click on 'Support this School' under Waltham School and follow the links to sign up. It costs just £1 for a weekly ticket which enters you into both the Waltham draw and a national draw to win £25,000. FOWS receive 40% of the money raised (the remainder goes into the prize draw pot and covers admin costs). By playing you will not only increase the money raised for school, but you'll also increase our weekly prize pot: more players = a bigger prize! Anyone can sign up regardless of whether they have children at the school, so tell your friends and relatives too. **A big thank you to everyone who has supported us so far and to those who have donated back their prize money!**

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