



Autumn Newsletter 2 14/09/2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who were able to join us for last weeks service in school. It was lovely to see so many of you there to welcome our new Reception children to Waltham School and to see them receive their Bible. We are very grateful to the Church Team for providing these special books.

Building Work

This week, we have seen huge changes. Ground work has been done and cement has been poured. The Health and Safety adviser came to give a little talk to the children about safety on building sites, which was very informative and helped everyone understand the importance of keeping safe and not taking unnecessary risks that could endanger life.

School Harvest Festival

Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 5th October 1pm at Waltham Church. If your child would like to decorate a Harvest box (shoe box size) and fill it with non-perishable food items, please send these in prior to the Harvest Festival on Thursday 4th October. We will take these down to Church and they will then be donated to Tesco's Food Bank Appeal for distribution to people in need.

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!

Change of Clothes

The teachers have requested that every child has a change of clothes in school, in a named bag, to keep on their pegs. This should include spare socks, pants and old shoes or trainers (in case children get wet during PE or Woodland Adventures). This can be left on their peg until needed. Any problems with this, please speak to the class teacher.

Primary Schools Cross Country League 29/9/18

We have entered this year to the cross country league on Saturday 29th September at Prestwold Hall near Loughborough. This is only open to children in years 3-6. Please let the school office know if you would like your child/ren to participate.

Individual / Sibling photos

Writes photographers will be in school on Friday 2nd November to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child is wearing tidy school uniform and has their hair brushed that day. Sycamore and Holly class should also bring their PE kits for Dance with them that day.

Reception Class Photo – Grantham Journal

The Grantham Journal will be coming into school on Tuesday 2nd October to take a photograph of this year's Reception class for their special 'Starting School' supplement. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please let Mrs Saunders know.

Oak Class

Due to unexpected illness, Miss Scott will absent from school for a number of weeks. In order to provide consistency of learning for the children, we have secured the assistance of a former Redmile teacher, Miss Blankley. Miss Blankley worked at Redmile for the duration of last year on a temporary contract when we went to a four-class structure to support rising numbers. She is familiar with Waltham and our teaching and learning styles, as we had joint-weekly staff meetings together as two schools as well as shared training. She is an exceptional teacher who had a highly successful year and I am confident that Oak Class will be in good hands. She has been in to school to help her prepare and begins work with us on Monday; I'll be there on the playground to introduce her to you, so please say hello if you bring your child in.



Redmile Viking Challenge

If you are unable to help on the day, but would like to get on your bike and enter the event, details can be found at www.vikingchallenge.org.uk; there is also a great Facebook page if you want to do a search. The date for this year's Challenge is Sunday 7th October and the nominated charity who share the proceeds this year is REACH, supporting people with learning disabilities in Nottinghamshire. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible...I'm usually on the starting line with a megaphone, although I have heard it said that I don't really need it!!!!

Diary Dates

A list of diary dates are attached, although please remember that whilst we endeavour to ensure all goes to plan, they may be subject to last minute change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Here's hoping for another weekend without the central heating!!

Mrs J.V Hopkins
Executive Head Teacher

Dates for your diary-

Date	Event
Sunday 16 th September	Café Church at Waltham Church, 9.30am
Wednesday 26 th September	Multi Skills, Brooksby Melton College, Year 3 1pm-2.45pm
Thursday 27 th September (details to follow)	Football, Bottesford Primary, Year5/6 mixed 1pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 26 th September	Road safety meeting, Village Hall.
Wednesday 26 th September	Read and writing workshop, 3.30pm
Tuesday 2 nd October	Reception class photo for Grantham Journal.
Thursday 4 th October (details to follow)	football , Asfordby Amateurs, year 5/6 girls 11am-3pm
Friday 5 th October	School Harvest Festival, 1pm parents welcome. Service starts at 2.30pm at Waltham church.
Sunday 7 th October	6pm, Harvest Songs of Praise, Waltham Church.
Sunday 10 th October	10.20 Messy Church at Waltham church.
Sunday 21 st October	café church at Waltham church, 9.30am
Tuesday 23 rd October	Parents evening, SEN only
Thursday 25 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday 31 st October	Starlight night at Waltham church, 5-7pm
Friday 2 nd November	individual and siblings photographs.
Friday 9 th November	Remembrance service, 11am at the war memorial in Waltham.
Friday 12 th November	Warning Zone Trip, year 6
Friday 16 th November	Open day for new starters
Monday 19 th November	maths workshop (times to be confirmed)
Wednesday 12 th December	Dick Whittington Panto Guildhall Arts Centre, 1.30pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas production, afternoon and evening.