



Autumn Newsletter 4  
28/09/2018

Dear Parents,

**Breaking News..... You can now Tweet us @WOWCEPrimary**

As this is in infancy there will be more tweets to follow, but please search and follow us. At the moment there will be no photos of the children posted until I have your consent. #soexcited #happytweeting #happymrshopkins #goodluckworld

**Road Safety Meeting – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

A number of parents, local residents and members of the Parish Council met to discuss the situation of speeding traffic and safety on the roads in Waltham, but particularly outside of school. There is a projected £35,000 due to be allocated through all the new housing developments and we discussed what we view as priorities. Our preferences will be submitted to Leicestershire County Council and we await a response. Key preferences included a pedestrian crossing (with traffic lights, although this is likely to be too expensive), vehicle activated speed signs (VAS), graduated warning signs to forewarn drivers that the speed restrictions will change and additional yellow markings outside of school.

It was suggested that school drop-off times are particularly problematic due to irresponsible parking of drivers bringing (or collecting) children to school. Please avoid parking your car where it may block an entrance or driveway, including schools.

Following a suggestion from a willing parent, I would like us to start thinking about setting up a walking bus so we can eliminate some of the congestion at school. The idea would be to organise a rota of volunteers who would meet all the children at a designated place, e.g. at the church, then all the children would walk to school together in a similar way to when we take them out of school. I will investigate to see if there any specific guidelines around this as well as funding for high-viz jackets but if you are interested in supporting this initiative please inform Miss Wright in the school office so that we can ascertain if this is a viable solution to promote health and fitness as well road safety issues.

**Harvest Boxes**

To celebrate the Harvest Festival we are asking for a decorated shoe box filled with non-perishable items to be brought in to school by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We would also like any newspaper clippings celebrating the Harvest Festival to be handed in to school to help with our Messy Fiesta at Church on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**Multi Skills – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Year 3’s**

A big well done to all the children who took part in the Multi Skills at Brooksby College on Wednesday. They all put in huge amounts of effort and we are very proud of you all. Thank you to all the parents who kindly collected the children from the school and safely escorted them to the event; and to Mr Wing for organising and supervising the children.



**Bottesford Primary, Football - Year 5/6 mixed**

The Year 5/6 had a fantastic afternoon on Thursday taking part at Bottesford Primary. They all played brilliantly and their sportmanship and teamwork shone through. Thank you to Miss Fitzgibbons for supporting and supervising the children and to all the parents who helped with transport.



**Digital Camera**

Do you have a digital camera at home that you no longer use or is taking up room in a draw somewhere? If you’ve recently upgraded and have an old or unused digital camera perhaps you would consider donating it to our school? Please contact the school office if you have a camera that you would like to gift to us.

**Menu on Census Day**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

*Favourites Menu!*

Super Sausages

Quorn dippers

Jacket Potato with Tuna

Chips or Pasta

Baked beans or sweetcorn

Chocolate krispie cake or ice cream

Please order in the usual way (free for reception, year 1 and year 2 children; £2.20 for years 3, 5 and 6.

### **Parents Evenings**

Letters will be going out next week about parents evenings.

### **Reception Class Photo – Grantham Journal**

The Grantham Journal will be coming into school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Spare Clothes on PE Days**

On PE days, please ensure your child **has a waterproof coat and a change of socks / shoes / trainers** in case they get wet on the field.

### **School Uniform – Please Name!**

We keep finding items of uniform without name labels. Please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name.

### **Read, Write, Ink Parent Workshop –Reminder**

Mrs Saunders will be holding a read, write, ink phonics workshop on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October starting at 4pm. This is a session for parents only and will be held in Holly Class and last for about 30 minutes.

### **FOWS AUTUMN BALL – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Join us for an evening of live music, dancing and food to raise money for FOWS in the beautiful Chequers Inn at Woolsthorpe. Same format as always; 3 course dinner and a live band. Coaches from Waltham to the venue and back will be included in the ticket price. Tickets are £45pp from FOWS or Tina Morris – [tinaglover452@btinternet.com](mailto:tinaglover452@btinternet.com)

### **Cake Raffle – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

A special thank you to Beverley Hamer for providing a wonderful Unicorn cake in this week's raffle, the queue for tickets was the longest we have ever seen and we raised a massive £50.50!!



### **Cross Country**

Good luck to the children taking part in the Cross Country event tomorrow at Prestwold Hall. Unfortunately, I am unable to join you this time due to family commitments but I hope you'll send me a photograph of you all together for the website.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs J.V Hopkins  
Executive Head Teacher