



## Autumn Newsletter 7 26/10/2018

Dear Parents,

### Building update!

On Wednesday morning all the children and staff watched with excitement as they saw the first part of the building being laid. The children blindfolded me before the big reveal and we all danced and cheered – some of us even did the hokey cokey! Please see twitter for photos of the inside!!



### Dodge Ball Tournament

Children from year 3 have been invited to take part in a Dodge Ball tournament at Redmile on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30pm till 4.30pm. Letters have gone home today along with reply slips. Please return these to school as soon as possible.

### Warning Zone Trip – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 children will be visiting Warning Zone giving them a chance to learn about risks and how to keep safe. They will experience different scenarios such as railway, road, building site and electricity. Letters have been sent home, please return the reply slip by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### Open Afternoon for new starters

We will be holding an open afternoon for new starters on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm till 3pm. This is an opportunity for parents and new starters to visit and experience all we offer at Waltham Primary School. To register your interest, please contact the school office.

### FOWS Autumn Ball – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Don't forget your tickets for the Autumn Ball if you haven't already got them. This is a fantastic evening – please support us if you can.

### PE – Thursdays

Please can all children bring a spare pair of socks to change into if necessary, the grass on the field can sometimes be wet.

### Starlight Night Party – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Please support this fun fundraiser which last year made £469 – split equally between the school and pre-school for treats for the children.

Ways you can help – donate chocolate or cakes or a raffle tombola prize –or second hand toys (into school by 29<sup>th</sup> October please) – buy a ticket and bring your child! Or come along and be on a stall on the night/decorate church on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October @ 11am or be part of the clear up team afterwards. Please let Chris know on 464802/07712467233 if you can help with any of these.

Last year, 76 children (plus parents/carers and staff) had a fun filled, magical time at the Starlight Night Party – let's make the 10<sup>th</sup> one the best ever!

### Winter Clothing

As the weather is now getting colder, please make sure that all Holly class children are well-prepared for 'Forest Schools' every Monday. They will need hats, thick coats, gloves, thick socks (or an extra pair of socks) plus anything else you think your child may need to keep them warm. For Reception class, the Foundation Curriculum encourages continual outdoor learning and therefore it may be wise to send children in with warm winter clothes all week.

**All classes** need to have suitable warm clothing for playing out at break and lunch time. Thank you.

### Chickenpox

We have been informed that a small number of children have come down with chickenpox at school. We have sought advice from the NHS website. Children might get symptoms before or after the spots, for example:

- A high temperature
- Aches and pains, generally feeling unwell
- Loss of appetite

Chickenpox is very itchy and can make children feel miserable, even if they don't have many spots. **Children will need to stay away from school until the spots have crusted over. This is usually 5 days after the spots first appeared. Please consult with your GP for expert advice if you need to.**



### Cross Country – Prestwold Hall

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November will be the next cross country race, this is open to Year 3-Year 6. We are currently in 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 31 schools which is a first for Waltham! If your child would like to enter then please do contact the school office. The more children attending, the greater the chance of a medal.



### Operation Christmas Child

Leaflets have gone home about Operation Christmas Child which Waltham church are organising. Shoebox gifts to children living in difficult circumstances. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Since 1990, more than 157 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. As we enjoy close links with our church, we are again supporting them in their mission to reach disadvantaged children around the world. For more information on what to pack in your shoebox, please go to [https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/#gift\\_suggest](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/#gift_suggest)

Please bring your wrapped shoebox to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10am – 5pm at Waltham Church.

A selection of stalls selling a range of gifts.

Teas, coffees, mulled wine, mince pies, cakes & bakes.

Christmas carols sung by the children of Waltham.

With special guest appearance at 2pm (Santa! Shhhhh!)

All funds raised will go towards Waltham Primary School and Waltham Church.

Come to **Book Swap**. Excellent selection of books, including childrens. Interesting chat, lovely tea and cake and childrens drinks.

**Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 4pm Waltham Church**

Sentence

Have a lovely weekend,

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