



Autumn Newsletter No I
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break and I hope you are feeling rested and refreshed and that the children are ready for lots of learning this term. Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts for the teachers at the end of term.

A big welcome to our 12 new Reception class children: Sienna, Stanley, Joseph, Summer, Meg, Albert, Alfred, Alfie, Thomas, Selina, Rowan and Edison. We hope you will all enjoy many happy years at our special school! We also welcome Mrs Pearson our new class teacher, Mrs Gilbert our new learning support assistant and Mr Morley our new sports apprentice. Please say hello if you see them on the playground and introduce yourselves.

Our New School Vision

Thank you for the great response to our consultation about our school vision. We have worked really hard with the staff, governors, parents, and children to encapsulate what makes Waltham school special and unique.

Our new school vision is:



...through this:

"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

Dance

Dance for all children will take place on Tuesdays for **Oak and Sycamore Class** this term, children are to come to school in their PE kit please.

Special Assembly

Our Special Assembly takes place on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm in school, parents are more than welcome to come along and join in our celebrations. The gate will be opened for you to enter the main building via the stairs.

Cake Raffle

Thank you to the parents who have offered to provide a cake for the weekly raffle this term. Raffle tickets are available to purchase between 8.40 and 8.50am Friday mornings in the playground at 50p each. The cake raffle rota will go out on Monday 2nd September via Seesaw.

PE

PE for all children will take place on Thursdays; children are to come in to school in their PE kit please and can remain in these all day. Mr Wing will not be with us for a couple of weeks as he is walking the Camino De Santiago (500 miles) in memory of Leah Reek who was tragically taken from us last year and was a close family friend of Mr Wing's; this has inspired him to take on the challenge. Miss Charlie Griffin, who has worked alongside Mr Wing for many years and is a qualified tennis and football coach, will be taking over in his absence. She currently plays for Sheffield FC and coaches in many of the local schools, including Waltham previously.

Newsletter

Starting from Friday 6th September the newsletter will be sent out via Seesaw, if you would like a paper copy then please contact the school office.

Caythorpe Residential Parents Meeting Y2 – Y6

We will be holding a parents information evening on Tuesday 24th September from 6-7pm in Sycamore Class. It will be a chance to share with you the trip, itinerary and answer any questions you have. All parents from Year 2 to Year 6 are encouraged to attend.

Changes to Addresses and Phone Numbers

If you have recently changed address or phone number, please let the school office know so that we have correct contact details for you, especially in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Swimming

No swimming this term. This will resume in the Spring term.

Volunteer Walkers

If the weather is poor, dance on Tuesday afternoons and PE on Thursdays will take place at the village hall. If you are available to help with walking on either of these days, please let the school office know. We will ring current volunteers on the rota to help with walking as the need arises. Thank you.

Diary Dates

We will confirm dates for your diary next week.

Seesaw

New QR codes will be coming home today for you to access your child's learning journey with their new class / teacher. For EYFS parents this will mainly be a messaging service as you will receive your child's learning journey through 'Tapestry'. Please only share the QR codes with people who you are happy to view your child's learning journey. If you haven't do so already you can download the Seesaw app on the app store / Google store. A step by step guide of how to access Seesaw is on the QR code letter. If you have any problems, please come and speak to me.

Wising you all a relaxing weekend after a busy couple of days back!

Miss H Geeson

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