

Dear Parents,

Well done to Oliver and Isaac for taking part in the Muddy 5k Race for Life at Holme Pierrepont last Saturday in aid of Cancer Research. They had a great time and got very muddy in the process. Together they raised £500 which they are both very pleased with. Thank you to everybody that sponsored and supported them, we are very proud of you here at Waltham School.



In Class this week-

Holly Class

In Holly class this week the reception children have started to learn their first 5 sounds with Fred the Frog and the year one children have continued with their RWI. In maths we have been looking at our numbers, counting objects and recognising numerals. We also had great fun making Moppy houses in our woodland adventures.

Oak Class

In Oak class this week the children have been looking at partitioning numbers in maths. Partitioning is a way of working out maths problems that involve large numbers by splitting them into smaller units so they're easier to work with. Then in Literacy they have been looking at the creation story.

Sycamore Class

In Sycamore class this week they have also been looking at partitioning numbers and in science they have been looking at what materials the Vikings would use. They have created a map about emotions in Literacy which the whole class got involved in.

Dates for Your Diary – This Term

Wednesday 18th September – AGM Village Hall at 7pm.

Tuesday 24th September – Caythorpe Residential Meeting for parents (Year 2-Year 6) at 6pm.

Friday 27th September – Messy Fiesta 1pm-3pm, parents are welcome to collect children from the church.

Thursday 3rd October – Football tournament Year5/6 (to be confirmed)

Friday 4th October – McMillan Coffee Afternoon 3-4pm (further details to be confirmed)

Thursday 10th October – Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament (to be confirmed)

Friday 11th October – Open Classrooms followed by Special Assembly.

Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October – Half Term

Afterschool Club Activities

w/c Monday 16th September

Monday 16th – Construction

Tuesday 17th – Archery Club with Super Star Sports

Wednesday 18th – Discovery Club with Super Star Sports

Thursday 19th – Celebrating International Day of Peace

Friday 20th – Free Choice

Homework

At the end of the summer term we sent out a survey regarding homework to gather parent's views and opinions. I have looked closely at the results and research regarding effective homework.

Therefore we will be focusing on four key elements: reading, spelling, timetables and maths (link with current learning).

Holly Class Homework:

This will take the form of a 'menu' so parents and children can choose from a selection of activities to develop a wide range of on-going skills. Reading books will also be sent home for daily reading and as children progress they will begin to bring spellings home too.

Oak and Sycamore Homework:

Reading

Each week the children will be expected to read every day regardless of whether they are on 'book bands' (books banded based on their difficulty) or if they are a 'free reader'.

Spellings

They will also be sent home weekly **spellings** linked to the sounds or spelling patterns they are currently learning.

Timetables

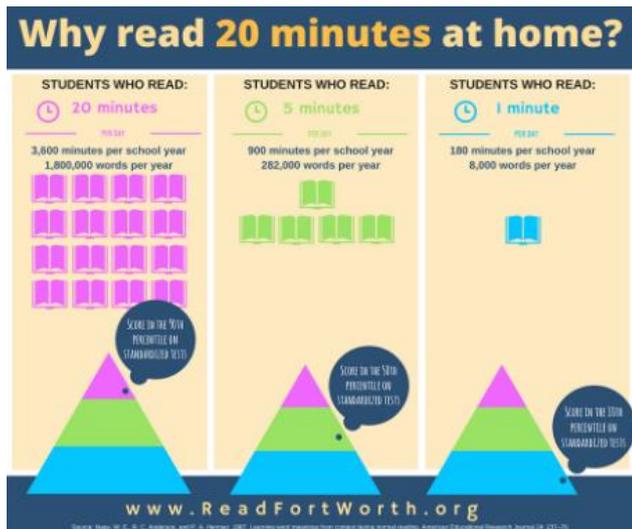
For maths they will be regularly assessed which times tables they need further practise with and these will be altered on **Timetables Rockstars** so that they can practise these further and develop their fluency. By the

end of Year 4 all children should speedily recall multiplication facts up to 12x12. We recommend 5-10 minutes, 3 times a week.

Maths

This year we are using 'My Maths' which is an online programme that supports the teaching and learning in school. It gives help for parents as well as being interactive and engaging for the children. A weekly unit will be set by the class teacher based on what they have been learning that week or revision from the previous week.

If your child is having difficulties with the homework, then please speak to the class teacher.



Muscles needed!

Mrs Kerton and Miss Gilbert are desperately wanting to move the wendy house into the outdoor area of the new classrooms. If anyone is able to lend a hand to move it we will gather straight after school next Friday (20th).

Book Swap at Waltham Church

We're having a one-off get together to talk and eat cake and swap books. Tuesday September 17th 2pm-4pm Waltham Church. Get a new supply of books for adults and children as the evenings draw in. Contact Christine Carter 464338 for details

Reception Class Photo – Grantham Journal

The Grantham Journal will be coming into school on Thursday 3rd 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 Kerton know.

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

Please could children in Holly class have 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.

Cross Country League at Prestwold Hall (Year 3-6)

Dates and times for the first 3 events taking place at Prestwold Hall are as follows:

September 28th

October 26th

November 23rd

Year 3 girls – 10.00

Year 3 boys – 10.15

Year 4 girls – 10.30

Year 4 boys – 10.45

Year 5 girls – 11.30

Year 5 boys – 11.45

Year 6 girls – 12.00

Year 6 boys – 12.15

If your child would like to take part, then please contact the school office.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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