

Dear Parents,
Welcome to the last school newsletter for 2019. Thank you for all your support this term and on behalf of all the staff thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we have received. I have also been touched by the many positive comments received from parents this term. So many people have made wonderful comments about Waltham Primary School, which are all much appreciated.

Christmas Concert – Tuesday 17th December

Thank you for joining us for our Christmas Concert service at Waltham church; I'm sure you'll agree, it was truly wonderful. Every child had a chance to shine and they were simply amazing! I am very proud of them all. Thank you to everyone who made such lovely comments, it means a lot. A total of £177.63 was donated in the rectory collection which will be split 50/50 between the church and Storehouse.



Governors Trophy

Well done to Nancy for being awarded the governors trophy for this term. We are all very proud of her and her achievements.



Christmas Party



The children enjoyed the annual Christmas Party on Thursday with Santa making a surprise appearance at the Village Hall, all the children received a gift and enjoyed various party games!



Start of Term – Tuesday 7th January

The children will be having dance on the first day of term, please can they come to school in their PE kit.

Holly Class

Mrs Chambers is continuing to teach Holly class in Mrs Kerton's absence and I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that Mrs Chambers is going to continue in this role until Mrs Kerton returns, so as to provide consistency for the children.

We recognise that for many of the children in Holly class it has been hard having to adjust to a new teacher, and we realise how unfortunate this is at the start of a school year. However, we are doing our utmost to respond to this situation as best we can, and to provide the children with consistency in the interim. If you have any queries or concerns about this issue, please come and speak to me.

Mrs Chambers has kindly asked that all parents say goodbye to their children either on the playground or at the gate outside of Holly Class so that the children come into the classroom independently and so they can get settled and start their morning activities straight away. Mrs Chambers or Mrs Williamson will be close by to take any messages.

Morning Drop Off

Please can you I remind you that the school gate is open from 8:40 until 8:50 when school officially begins. Any children entering school after this time is registered as late. It is important children have time to enter the classroom and get settled before lessons begin. We recognise that we can all have chaotic mornings when it is an exception but we are seeing a number of children coming to school persistently late. I will be monitoring this closely in the new year and where this continues to happen I will need to take further action.

Car Park

I have it on "good authority" that a few parents now feel it is appropriate to park in the school bus area when it is raining at the end of the school day. This makes visibility for vehicles both arriving and leaving the car park even more difficult than it is usually is. Please try and take care when collecting your children and avoid parking in the layby, thank you.

Changes to After School Club

Please check your child's bag for a letter regarding the changes.

Holly Class Dance / Drama

For the colder months, Holly Class will be having a dance / drama lesson with Miss Cheryl every Friday afternoon. Children can come to school in PE clothes that day.

PE / Dance

Dance lessons will start on the first day back (6th), PE will start again on Thursday 9th January. Please remember PE kits!



Christingle

Christingle will be on Friday 10th January from 1pm-3pm in Waltham Church.

Term Dates 2020/2021

The term dates for 2020/2021 are attached.

Swimming – Spring Term

A gentle reminder that Swimming will start on Monday 13th January for years 2, 3, 4 and 5 for 11 weeks. The first instalment of £24.09 is due on or before 6th January and the second instalment of £24.10 is due on or before 2nd March.

Waltham Church – Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service 4pm on Christmas Eve- dress up as your favourite nativity character- and join in this interactive telling of the Christmas story...all welcome.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8.40am.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Geeson
Head of School, Waltham CE Primary School



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Christmas Season Blessing

During the coming
Christmas season
May you be blessed
With the spirit of the season,
which is peace,
The gladness of the season,
which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
which is love.



Goodbye Mrs Reid

And.....



Goodbye Miss Gilbert.



**Waltham CE Primary School
Diocese of Leicester Academies Trust
School Holidays 2020/2021**



Autumn Term 1 First Half	
Schools Open	Wednesday 26 th August 2020
Schools Close	Friday 16 th October 2020
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October 2020 – Friday 23 rd October 2018

Autumn Term 2 Second Half	
Schools Open	Monday 26 th October 2020
Schools Close	Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas & New Year Holidays	Monday 21 st December 2020 - Monday 4 th January 2021

Spring Term 3 First Half	
Schools Open	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Schools Close	Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021

Spring Term 4 Second Half	
Schools Open	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Schools Close	Friday 26 th March 2021
Easter Holidays	Monday 29 th March 2021 – Friday 9 th April 2021

Summer Term 5 First Half	
Schools Open	Monday 12 th April 2021
Schools Close	Friday 28 th May 2021
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021

Summer Term 6 Second Half	
Schools Open	Monday 7 th June 2021
Schools Close	Tuesday 13 th July 2021
Summer Holiday begins	Wednesday 14 th July 2021

Bank Holidays
31st August 2020
25th & 28th December 2020
1st January 2021
2nd & 5th April 2021
3rd May 2021
31st May 2021

Inset Days 24th & 25th August 2018; 4th January 2019

190 Pupil days

Dear Parents and Children

I didn't want the term to end without sending you a little personal note



from me. Thank you to all those who have taken time to send me special messages, cards and gifts, especially to celebrate the festive season. I have really appreciated your kind words and generosity.

I am recovering well, and my energy levels are improving. My immune system is low which is why I have had to avoid school and the many different bugs that have descended upon you all. Missing all the Christmas performances and activities has been heart-wrenching for me; it's the first time in 32 years that I've missed them and I've been devastated. However, the teachers made sure they recorded them for me so I shall look forward to binge-watching in the New Year!

I'd like to express my thanks to the staff and Heads of School for the remarkable job they continue to do. We are blessed to have them working with us; their passion, enthusiasm and dedication has meant that I have not had to worry whilst I've been absent. I'd like to thank parents and governors for supporting them and to all you children who continue to make me so proud...I've really missed you.

What a GREAT TEAM WE MAKE!

As I read through your special messages, there's a couple I'd like to share with you which have kept me going and will ensure I'll be back in the New Year: "Thank you for bringing fun and sparkles to the school" "It makes a real difference when you are around school" "You are special to us." I am humbled and blessed to part of such a special community.

I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may God bless you and your precious family with peace, joy and good health in the year to come. Don't forget to read the special books I'm sure Santa will you and don't forget to eat your Brussel sprouts... mmmmmmmmm, delicious!

With my very best wishes,

Mrs H x



Shine bright like a candle burning in the wind

and never lose hope,

for every long journey needs the first step.

May the hope and joy that the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ brought to us

Be with you all throughout the festive season and beyond.