

Dear Parents,

As you all know Mrs Kerton is leaving Waltham school to pursue other interests, due to her personal circumstances we are unclear at this point if she will return to say farewell but we appreciate that some of you may wish to contribute towards a leaving gift, if so we are happy to collect donations and we will see that she receives them. The deadline for collection will be Monday 10th February, please send in a sealed envelope with your name written on and 'donation for Mrs Kerton'. As stated in the letter – Mrs Chambers will continue to provide consistency in teaching and learning in Holly class for the remainder of the spring term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Hopkins.

Christingle – Friday 31st January

On Friday afternoon the children enjoyed making their own Christingle at the Church with Mike and Rev John Barr. This was then followed with a short service. Thank you for joining us.



After-School Club New Year Party - Friday 31st January

On Friday afternoon we enjoyed our After School Club New Year Party hosted by Claire Allen and Mrs Burrows. The children enjoyed many party games including musical statues, gorgeous party food and finished with a disco. This event was hugely successful and thank you for all the lovely comments we have received.



Year 4 and Year 6 Meetings

A gentle reminder that Year 4 Multiplication check meeting is on Tuesday 11th February at 6-6.30pm followed by the Year 6 SATs meeting from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Faith Visit – Wednesday 12th February

To support our creative curriculum the whole school will be going on a Faith visit to Leicester. This will be a wonderful learning opportunity. We will be leaving school at 8.45am (ish) and all children will need a packed lunch with plenty of water to drink (preferably in a back pack) they must wear full school uniform including their Waltham jumper. Any medical requirements please contact the school office for a parental agreement to administer medicine form unless you have already completed one. We aim to return to school by 3.15pm. Children are to be collected at the usual time unless they are going in to after school club. If you have any questions or concerns then please do come and see me.



WWF Australian Bush Fires

We are delighted to announce that £216.57 has been donated to WWF Australian Bush Fire. With the money raised they will help to –

- Provide emergency funds to care for injured wildlife.
- After the fires clear, helping restore homes for koalas and other wildlife, planting the first 10,000 trees urgently needed in koala habitats.
- Supporting the response, recovery and restoration teams in any other way we can.
- Helping pressure governments to strengthen laws that prevent excessive tree-clearing, before its too late. A huge thank you to our Eco-Warriors for organising this fund raising event and thank you to all the parents for your support and generous contributions.

For further information please visit the website-
https://support.wwf.org.uk/australia-bushfires?pc=ATB001001&gclsrc=aw.ds&ds_rl=1262365&ds_rl=1262365&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5s_8p8a15wIVBrDtCh2kvABnE_AAYASAAEgKsj_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Let you Light Shine – School Display

Thank you to everyone who has so far sent in photos and a short blurb about their children's hobbies and achievements outside of school. There is still time to send them in to the school office – office@waltham.leics.sch.uk

Spare Text Books

We have a number of maths textbook which are now no-longer used. We would like to offer them to parents and children to use as they wish at home. They are based on the curriculum pre 2014 therefore we recommend that you choose a textbook that is a year older than they are currently in e.g. if they are currently in Year 2 we recommend taking a Year 3 text book. They will be available at the start and end of the day next week in the playground shelter. These will be on a first come, first served basis.

Spring Concert

Letters went home yesterday about the Spring Concert organised by Mrs Donnelly on Friday 27th March. For the first time, it will be performed jointly by Waltham and Croxton Primary Schools. Please kindly complete the reply slip and return to school by Friday 6th March.

FOWS are holding a Race Night on 25th April. This will be a family event to raise money for the school. Please keep the date free. More information to follow. If anybody has any questions then please speak to Amy Spencer.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Geeson
Head of School, Waltham CE Primary School



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Hi Everyone....

It is Messy Church this coming Sunday 9th February and our theme is Candlemas - the time when Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple and they meet Simeon and Anna - who had waited a very long time to meet the promised light of the world andwe will be thinking about our own encounters with Jesus and our love for our church community and the world. We will be making origami doves and hearts, a candle (battery) night light, making heart decorations, playing the

waiting game... and making and eating crepes which are a traditional Candlemas treat in France.. we will also have table talk for adults, and a short worship time followed by tea, coffee and cake..

It all starts at the usual time of 1020am in Waltham Church.

On Sunday 16th February it is Cafe Church at 9.30am in Waltham Church, where we will be looking a bit deeper into Eco church and looking after our world - If you haven't tried Cafe Church before - why not give it a go? - we have fresh coffee and tea, bacon butties, toast, bagels and fruit to tempt you!

Cafe church is all age and although there are no specific children's activities there is enough to keep them occupied - and it is very informal..

Like Messy church, there is no charge for Cafe Church but donations are welcome.

In Waltham Church on Tuesday February 25th 2.30pm-4.30pm we are having a special Shrove Tuesday book swap with freshly made Pancakes and yummy toppings too of course!! Bring a book to swap if you want and choose from our excellent selection of books including children's. Tea & cake too!

On Friday 28th February at 7pm we are having our next film evening. We can't name the film here... but here's a clue!A moving and amusing film based on a popular TV series about the wealthy Crawley family who, together with their servants, prepare for a Royal visit to their stately home (Cert PG-2019) ... There is a poster in the church if you haven't managed to guess! Film events including refreshments (popcorn, drinks, sweets etc) are free but again we welcome donations.

We are running a short (5 week) course over Lent called Everyday Witness. It will be held on Wednesday evenings 7.30-9pm starting 12 March and also on Thursday afternoons 1.30-3pm starting 27 Feb. Both will be held at our house in Waltham over tea/coffee and cake. To register your interest or to find out more please ask us or call us 01664 464802.

If you know of anyone who might like to come to any of the things we are doing, please feel free to forward them this email or invite them to come along with you..

We hope to see you at some or all of these events in the weeks ahead.

Best wishes
Mike & Chris

Venture Mind Quiz

At Waltham Village Hall

Friday 6th March 2020

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £8.50 to include hot supper and dessert

Bar open all evening

Raffle

Tickets from Allison Green

(T) 01664 464426

(M) 07825 372156

Entry by pre booked tickets only, Teams of 6 to 8

The event is in aid of 1st Waltham Scouts

Sunday 9th February



Waltham Church @10.20am

Candlemas..

Groundhog Days, long waits, snowdrops,

candles, love,

....and crepes



Crafts, activities, songs & fun

... followed by tea, coffee and cake

All Ages Welcome