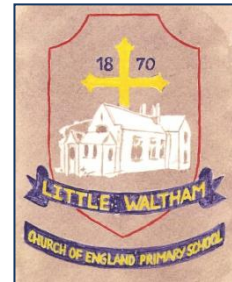




LITTLE WALTHAM C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome

Welcome back to all the children who are returning after the summer holiday, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday morning. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and their families who have started at Little Waltham this week, we are sure that you will be very happy during your time here. Another new face is Miss Ives, who will be teaching Class 4. We know that everyone will make her very welcome too.

You will notice that our ICT suite has been updated during the holidays, we now have purpose built benching for 30 computers. Initially the suite will house the existing computers from the Atrium and the classroom ones. The laptops will be set up in the classrooms. We are planning to purchase more computers over time as our budget allows. This will enable whole class teaching of ICT and provide the children with greater opportunities to develop their skills across the curriculum.

Important Dates

Please remember to check the important dates list at the end of each newsletter. This list contains information about term dates, non-pupil days and events in the school calendar.

Thank you from Mrs. Howeson

I'd like to say an enormous 'thank you' to all the parents, staff and governors for the many lovely gifts I received in July. As many were 'joint' gifts, it is impossible to thank you all individually but I was really touched by your kindness and overwhelmed by your generosity – my heartfelt thanks to everyone.

Best wishes for the new term – I'm sure I'll see some of you at events like the Christmas bazaar!

G. Howeson

Thank you

Mrs. Edwards would like to say a 'Big' thank you to everyone for their best wishes and the presents she received for her wedding.

Medical needs update

Please call into reception and advise us of any changes to your child's medical needs. We would ask that anyone who has a child with asthma calls in to check that inhalers held in school are in date and we would request that you obtain a second inhaler from your doctor so that one may be carried at all times by your child.

Swimming

Swimming will commence week beginning 12th September 2011. Classes 3,4 and 5 will swim on Tuesdays and classes 1 and 2 on Thursdays. Please would you ensure that your children have suitable swimwear for their lessons. Only swimming shorts with mesh inner supports, with a maximum of third thigh length are appropriate for the boys. Long baggy shorts are dangerous and tend to gape during the lesson. Girls should wear a one piece costume. Unfortunately if your child has unsuitable swimwear they will be unable to swim. Please make sure towels and swimwear are clearly named.

Coats

As the weather has turned cooler and wet this week, we would ask that all children have a named coat in school. Thank you.

Parentmail

Parent mail is a useful way for the school to communicate with you. It allows us to send out information quickly and ensures that you receive it. All you need is an up to date e-mail address. If you have not already signed up for parentmail please see Mrs. Grimes in reception.

Dinner Money/Trip Money

Please can we once again remind parents that dinner money should be paid at the beginning of the week and that all monies should be placed in a clearly named envelope. All money should be given to the class teacher by the children and not to reception.

Data Collection Sheets

A Data Collection Sheet will be coming home within the next week with all your child's details. Please check all the information is correct, if there are any changes or missing details complete and return to the school office so that we can update our records.

Little Waltham Gardening Club

We would like to say a huge thank you to The Little Waltham Gardening Club for their generous donation of £113 to the school. The money was raised during an open garden event at the home of Mr and Mrs Weavers during the summer holiday, so also many thanks to them for hosting the event.

Harvest Festival - Friday 23rd September

Our Harvest Festival service will take place at St. Martins Church on Friday 23rd September. Children should be taken to the church that morning, not school, where registers will be taken. They can be brought to church from 8.45 am onwards but will need to be at church by 9.00 and the service will start as soon as registers are completed, about 9:05. Children are asked to bring decorated harvest boxes with harvest gifts in, which will then be displayed in the church. Decorated boxes will be judged after the service with a 1st and 2nd prize for each class. These will be distributed around the village as usual. Please would you check that all donations are 'in date'. Thank you.

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will start again next week. We still have a few places available, if your child would like to take part in one of these a complete list can be found on the outside notice board just inside the school gates. Please collect a form from reception and once it has been completed, return it to the class teacher complete with any monies due. Thank you.

Class Gardens

Our Development Planning for the school includes providing opportunities for all the children to experience the pleasure of gardening. Classes One and Two already have their own gardens which are flourishing well, so we have purchased three purpose built containers which will provide gardens for Classes Three, Four and Five. Mrs Howeson very kindly donated a garden voucher of £100 to the school at the end of last term, thank you. We have also ordered equipment from the Sainsbury's vouchers to help us look after them. The donation from the Gardening Club will purchase a storage unit to keep the tools safe. Once the planters have been assembled and put into position, we will organise the purchase of soil and seeds or plants.

If anyone has any expertise or resources to offer, please contact the school office. Thank you.

School Bags

We are trying to make sure that the cloakroom areas are kept clear to avoid trip hazards. Please could you ensure that: -

- Any equipment brought into school is in a bag that can be hung on a peg - no bigger than a medium sized backpack.
- PE kits are kept in school in a bag with drawstring handles and swimming kits are sent into school in a similar bag, both of which can be hung on pegs.
- Trainers to be in a named carrier bag to keep them separate from P.E kits.

Garden Club

Garden Club starts again on Wednesday 14th September. Mrs. Barwick needs Mums or Dads to help. If you can offer any time please call into the school office and see Mrs. Grimes. Thank you.

Recorder Clubs

In order to give players the best possible chance of making progress in learning the recorder, I shall be running 3 clubs – Advanced, Intermediate and Beginners. Unfortunately, due to other school commitments, I am unable to start Beginner Recorder Club until after Christmas but I will advise details during next half term.

Mrs Maycock

Science Club

We are sorry but Mrs. Sterne is unable to run science club this term.

Morrisons Vouchers

We are once again collecting Morrisons vouchers for gardening club and the school gardens. We need 3000 vouchers so that we can purchase a tub and barrow for each class.

Bags to Schools

Our next Bags to Schools collections will be on Tuesday 1st November 2011 and Thursday 19th April 2012.

Natural Health and Pamper Evening

Treat yourself, friends and family to a night out with a difference!! Come and discover a relaxing evening of health, happiness and well being.

Please join us on Thursday, 22nd September from 7 – 10 pm. There is a £4.00 entry fee which includes a glass of wine on arrival, free demos and talks and various treatments at reduced rates. There will be a cake stall and refreshments plus time for you to fully relax and catch up with friends. Please come along to help raise funds for the school.

Tickets and treatments are available from the school office and from Sam Hull. Please call Sam on 07958 719342 or call in at the school office. All treatments are pre-bookable (from £5).

St. Martin's Church Flower Festival – This Weekend

St. Martins Church is hosting their annual 'Flower Festival' this weekend Sat.10th 11 – 5 and Sun. 12th 2 – 5. Our theme is Daughters of Eve and exhibits include Salome, the Queen of Sheba and Mrs. Noah. The School is taking part and Mrs. Edwards and Class 1 are telling the story of Ruth in flowers. Cream teas will be served on Saturday and Sunday. It's a great day out whatever the weather.

Little Waltham Pre-School

Little Waltham Pre-school has a few spaces left for September term 2011. Please contact us on our new number: 07718 278917

Out of School Activities!

Don't forget we have a number of out of school activity leaflets available from the front entrance.

Don't forget to use easyfundraising.org.uk

Whenever you are searching the internet for prices use easyfundraising.org.uk this will help to raise money for our school.

Use when buying on line www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Use when searching on line www.easysearch.org.uk

Dates to Note – Sept 2011 – July 2012

Date	Event
Mon. 12 th September.	Visit to Flower Festival
Mon. 19 th September.	Class 2 Meet the Teacher
Tue. 20 th September.	Class 3 Meet the Teacher
Thur. 22 nd September.	Class 5 Meet the Teacher
Fri. 23 rd September.	Class 4 Meet the Teacher
Fri. 23 rd September.	Harvest Festival.
Mon. 17 th October.	URC Service
Wed. 19 th October.	Parent Consultations
Thur. 20 th October.	Parent Consultations
Fri. 21 st October.	Break up for Half-Term Holiday
Tue. 1 st November.	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Tue. 1 st November.	Bags to Schools collection
Mon. 28 th November.	Non Pupil Day
Fri. 2 nd December.	Christmas Bazaar
Mon. 5 th December.	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
Tue. 6 th December.	Pantomime - pm
Wed. 7 th December.	Small Schools Carol Service
Thur. 8 th December.	9:30 Performance – 6:30 Performance to parents only
Tue. 13 th December.	Barnardo's Concert
Wed. 14 th December.	Class Parties
Fri. 16 th December.	St. Martin's 1:00 pm To be confirmed
Fri. 16 th December.	Break up for Christmas
Fri. 16 th March.	Non Pupil Day
Thurs. 19 th April	Bags to Schools collection
Mon. 11 th June.	Non Pupil Day
Mon. 23 rd July.	Non Pupil Day

