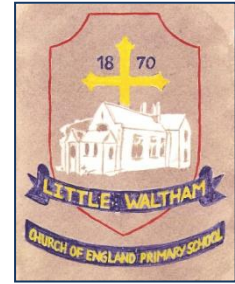




LITTLE WALTHAM C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

Awards

There were no awards given out last week due to the 'Bazaar'.

Tonight's performance

All children need to be in school from 6.10 pm in order to prepare for the start at 6.30 pm. Please collect them from the hall at 7.45 pm.

Important Notice – Last Day of Term

On the last day of term, Friday 16th December, school will close at 2 pm after our Christmas Service at St Martin's Church. We will walk to the church after an early lunch for our service; we hope you will be able to join us there at 12.45 pm. All pupils will walk back to school with their classes to gather their belongings and be ready for you to collect them in the playground at 2 pm. If you are unable to pick up your child at this time, please advise Mrs Maycock. Please feel free to follow the children back to school and wait in the hall for them to finish in their classrooms.

VACANCIES

Little Waltham Primary School

We are looking for an enthusiastic and competent

Finance & Office Assistant

To join our friendly and successful school
to start January 2012

11 hours a week Thursday and Friday 8.45 – 3.15 (includes 1 hour lunch)
(term time only)

Band 2 points 11-14 depending on experience

For more information and an application pack please contact

Mrs Gillian Polhill School Business Manager 01245 360246

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 14th December 2011

School Cook

We require a cook for 20 hours per week
(term time only)

Please contact Teresa Dando on 07799896583

Little Waltham School Christmas Postal Service

The post box is located in the hall and our Year 6 postal workers will sort and deliver your school post every afternoon until the last Thursday of term. Please ensure that your envelopes are addressed correctly. Write the name in full and the class otherwise we can't guarantee delivery. Thank you. Mrs. Porter.

Free School Meals

We have recently received this information from the Department for Education.

'To increase your Pupil Premium allocation, as many parents as possible should register for Free School Meals by next January's census. We've gathered good practice from schools on how you can encourage more parents to do this.'

You may also want to make parents aware of updated information on the [DirectGov website](#) about the process of registering for Free School Meals and its link to the Pupil Premium.

Your local authority will be able to tell you the last date by which applications should be submitted to ensure eligibility is confirmed in good time for the 19 January census day.'

The last date for applications is 18th January.

Payment of Money

Please would you send **all** outstanding payments for dinners, clubs etc into school with your child, by Thursday 15th December. These should be in a named envelope with details written on the front. Thank you.

'Thank You' from Mrs. Barwick

Mrs. Barwick would like to say a 'big' thank you to everyone who had hanging baskets and pots refilled. A grand total of £212 was raised.

Movie and Munch – Thursday 15th December

The 'Friends' are hosting a 'Movie and Munch' evening on Thursday 15th Dec. from 3.15pm. Tickets cost £3.00 and include a drink and popcorn. Tickets available from the school office.

Little Waltham Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets for the class hampers are now on sale. The 'Friends' will be donating the contents of the hampers this year: however, should you wish to make a small contribution this will be greatly appreciated. All funds will go towards new computers for the children's use. Tickets are 25p each or 5 for £1. Your child will be able to purchase tickets from their classroom. The raffle draw will take place on the last day of term Friday 16th December. Thank you for your generosity and GOOD LUCK.

Children's Society – The Christingle Service

If children would like to bring in any coins to go into the class "Christingle Candle" we would be very grateful. These "candles" will be collected tomorrow by Miss Wyatt ready for the Christingle Service to be held at St. Martin's Church on Sunday 11th December.

School Book

Don't forget to buy your copy of the 'Something Special to Me'. These can be purchased from the school office for the special price of £5.

'Stargazers' DVD

This morning's Christmas performance of 'Stargazers' has been captured for you on DVD. These are available from the school for the special price of £12. To order your copy of the Stargazers DVD please complete the attached form and send into class with the relevant payment. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 14th December in the afternoon is the time for our Class Christmas Parties. Children can bring clothes to change into for the party. They need to bring a NAMED cup and plate in a carrier bag with them into class in the morning. Requests for food will be on boards in the entrance of the school from Tuesday 6th December. Thank you.

Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar was a huge success raising £2045.74. It was wonderful to welcome so many people along; there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the school - a real buzz of excitement. Thank you all for supporting us and spending so much!

We would like to say a special thank you to all the Friends and volunteers who gave us such support; helping with organisation, wrapping things up, operating stalls, sorting out items for sale - to name just a few.

Also a big thank you for all your donations, the quality and quantity was quite amazing and certainly added to the overall success of the evening.

The children's crafts were excellent, their hard work and creative skills were a major contribution. Each class will have £100 to spend on something for their classroom. The remainder of the proceeds will be put towards new computers for the children.

If you weren't able to come to the Christmas bazaar and still need to buy some last minute bargains, don't worry, we still have some items for sale that can be purchased from the reception area at the end of the school day.

Magical Maths Corner

Don't forget you have until 8th December to complete the third set of maths challenges and post back your answers in the Magical Maths box in class 4 and please remember to put your name and class number on the back.

Barnardo's Tickets – North Dome

Jane Lewis has a spare ticket for the Barnardo's event at St. Pauls Cathedral on Tuesday 13th December, if you are interested please contact her on 07961 355334.

News from St. Martin's Church

St. Martin's Church is holding its Christmas coffee morning on Saturday 10th December from 10.30 – 12.00. Join them for coffee and mince pies in the Barn behind St. Martin's Church. There will be a Christmas Tombola with lots of prizes.

St. Martin's also needs postmen if there is a kind person out there who could get together a team of volunteers to deliver Christmas cards with the Christmas service information from St. Martins around the village, please contact Mrs. Trew or Sandra Sykes. Thank you.

Were You There? – Christmas Special Holiday Club

Little Waltham Churches invite children of between 6 – 11 years of age to a one morning Christmas Special Holiday Club, to be held in St. Martin's Barn on Tuesday 20th December 10am – 12 mid-day. It will be a fast moving fun filled morning celebrating Christmas with storied, songs and crafts.

Application forms may be obtained from the school office. For further information please ring Julie Warner on 01245 36065

Christmas Magic Event – Broomfield Library

Broomfield Library is hosting a Christmas Magic Event on Monday 19th December 2-4pm. There will be trails and quizzes, crafts and festive stories. Suitable for children up to 7 years. For more details please contact Broomfield Library on 01245 440254.

Free Family Christmas Event (with real live reindeers)

The Anglia Ruskin University – Students Union and Student Services are running a free Christmas event on the 9th of December from 6 – 7.30 pm and would like to invite all students, staff, local residents and their families to come and enjoy a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. The event will take place outside the Anglia Ruskin University Tindal Building located in Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford. CM1 1SA. They have reindeers and barn owls, a sleigh with Father Christmas, A fabulous gospel choir, seasonal readings by the chaplaincy, mulled wine and hot mince pies and much more.



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
Tue. 13 th December.	Barnardo's Concert
Wed. 14 th December.	Class Parties
Thur. 15 th December	Movie and Munch
Fri. 16 th December.	St. Martin's 12.45 pm
Fri. 16 th December.	Break up for Christmas at 2pm
Tues. 3 rd January.	Return to School
Fri. 16 th March.	Non Pupil Day
Fri. 30 th March.	Break up for Easter
Mon. 16 th April.	Return to School
Thurs. 19 th April	Bags to Schools collection
Mon. 11 th June.	Non Pupil Day
Sat. 7 th July	Party in the Playground
Mon. 23 rd July.	Non Pupil Day

Challenge 1

Last night I had 8 and a half hours sleep.
What time could I have gone to bed and what time could I have woken up in the morning to ensure that I slept for 8 and half hours?



Challenge 2

I went to the cinema at the weekend to see Arthur Christmas. The film lasted 1 hour and 45 minutes and there were 20 minutes of adverts. What time could the film have started and finished?



Challenge 3

Yesterday I went up to London with a friend. The journey took 20 minutes each way, and we were in London for 5 hours. On the way home the train was delayed for 15 minutes. How long were we out for? What time could we have gone out and what time could we have got home?



'Stargazers' DVD

Name of Child..... Class.....

I would like to purchase Copies of the 'Stargazers' DVD at £12 each.

I enclose payment of £..... Cheques made payable to Keith Bonsor.