St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday, 8th November 2024

Number 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely having the children back in school this week. Thank you for sending them back in looking so smart in their winter uniform!

It's been very exciting having the Life Education team in school this week – thank you so much to those of you who were able to contribute. The children really enjoyed their workshops, learning about being safe and healthy, and of course meeting Harold the Giraffe too!

Poppies and Remembrance Day

We will be marking Remembrance Day with a special Celebration of the Word on Monday. Poppies will still be on sale until Friday 15th November. If your child would like to buy one, please send a coin in (minimum donation 50p). If your child attends Scouts, Brownies, Beavers, Squirrels or similar, and would like to wear their uniform on Monday, they are welcome to do so.

Mermaid Tail Trail

Thanks to those of you who have supported our 'Mermaid Tail' fundraiser for Julia's House – we are looking forward to seeing the designs come in. Thanks to Mrs Huntley and the Art Ambassadors for organising this.

Crossing the Road

The crossing patrol operative has asked us to mention that some parents are crossing with their children on the junction, rather than using the crossing where she is standing. This means that cars are slowing down, then speeding up, then slowing down again. She has told us that a child on a scooter was nearly hit. Please use the crossing – if nothing else, think of the message you are giving your child by crossing in the wrong place.

Christmas raffle

Following the success of our Christmas raffle in the last few years, we would be very grateful for any donations of prizes – this could be vouchers or new 'things' such as biscuits, wine, toiletries or toys. Please let us know via the office if you are able to help. Many thanks.

Parenting Course Jan 2025

We ran a successful parenting course here at school in the first half of the Autumn Term with the support and input of the Early Help team. We are arranging another 6-week course on a Thursday, 9.00am - 10.30am from 9th January 2025 to 13th February 2025. The course will include lots of practical advice about supporting your child at home with behaviour, bedtimes etc. At this stage, we would like to ascertain the possible level of interest. We would appreciate it if you could complete the electronic form in the link below, indicating if this is something that might be of interest to you https://forms.office.com/e/t9WKh1JRdJ You are also more than welcome to get in touch with Mrs Symes if you would like to discuss your interest further. We will contact you at a later date to confirm your place on the course. Many thanks.

Christmas!

We are making plans for our Nativity and Advent performances this year. I am giving you plenty of warning of the dates in the hope that you will be able to book time off work if necessary, and make child care arrangements to avoid bringing younger siblings. Places will be limited to three per family, if you have no choice but to bring a preschool child with you, this will count as one of your places, even if they sit on your lap. We will be issuing tickets, again in order to keep an eye on numbers. If you are unable to come to the date assigned to you, you are welcome to arrange a 'swap' with a family from another date. The groups have been divided according to children's surnames:

Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 11th Dec, 9.15am - Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 12th Dec, 9.15am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 1

Performance 1: Wed 11th Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **A-H**

Performance 2: Thurs 12th Dec, 10.30am – Child's surname **I-Z**

Year 2

Carols and Mince pies – Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm

Year 4

Advent service will take place on Monday 16th December at 6.30pm – more information to follow!

Children in Need

Please see the attached letter from the School Council about Children in Need day on Friday 15th November.

School Photo Order Deadline

The deadline to order your child's school photo is Monday 11th November – if you order after this date, you will not get free delivery to school!

Attendance

At the end of Autumn Half Term 1 our whole school attendance was 96.61%. Our target is 96%, so we are doing well so far! Here is a breakdown of the overall attendance for each year group. All our year groups are currently on target and Year 4 are doing particularly well!

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.60%
Year 1	96.49%
Year 2	96.24%
Year 3	96.86%
Year 4	97.65%
Year 5	96.32%
Year 6	96.13%
Whole school	96.61%

Staff Training Day

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 2nd December for a staff training day.

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RJ:Amara C; RP: Aria; 1JC: Kira; 1WH: Rafi; 2NW; Chloe: 2MS: Elsie; 3NL: Tiggy; 3DB: Darcey; 4DC: Nicholas R; 4PM; Harrison; 5RH: Evelyn; 5JC: Abigail; 6KB: Klaudia K; 6HT: Nikola

Learning Champion: RJ:Alby, RP: Lucas; 1JC: Harry; 1WH: Jenson; 2NW: Martina; 2MS: Finley; 3NL: Jack; 3DB: Bahar; 4DC: Matthew; 4PM: Zak; 5RH: Zack 5JC: Noah; 6KB: Bertie; 6HT: Elise

Thurs 14th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Fri 15th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Showcase
Fri 15th Nov	All day	Children in Need- Mufti day
Mon 18th Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 19th Nov	2.15 pm	2MS Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Weds 20th Nov	AM & 7pm	Choir (selected children ONLY) morning and evening performance at the Pavilion
Thurs 21st Nov	1.30pm	5JC Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Mon 25th Nov	Am	Year 5 Science dome visit (in school)
Mon 2nd Dec	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Weds 11th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's- surname **A-H**
Weds 11th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's- surname **A-H**
Thurs 12th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's surname **I-Z**
Thurs 12th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's surname **I-Z**
Mon 16th Dec	6.30pm	Year 4 Advent Service- more info to follow
Tues 17th Dec	2.00pm	Year 2 Carols and Mince Pies

Wishing you all a lovely weekend with your family

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