



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 25th October 2024

Number 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally made it to the end of the half term! It's been a long one – I know the staff are definitely ready for a break and I am sure most of the children are too. We have done so much already this school year, and we are looking forward to the Christmas term and all the excitement and learning that entails! I do hope you have an enjoyable break with your families.

It was lovely to 'see' so many of you at Parents' Evening this week – I hope you found it useful! Thank you to all of the staff who stayed in school for the extra hours to make this possible.

This week we had a visitor from CAFOD who talked to the children in Key Stage 1 about Catholic Social Teaching, and we also had a visit from the Road Safety Team who provided workshops in every class.

Today we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Mortimer. Mrs Mortimer has been working in our school for 34 years! Can you imagine how many children she has helped over her time with us? We are so grateful for all she has done for all her St Walburga's family. We will really miss her, and wish her every happiness in her well-earned retirement!

We would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful PSA that took the time to organise a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday, we raised an amazing £209.00.

Life Education Visit

Thank you very much to those of you who have already made a contribution towards the cost of the Life Education team visit which is happening in the week after half term, it is VERY much appreciated. This is a costly resource, but one which is such good value for money given the engagement of the children, and the quality of the information they are given about keeping safe in a variety of situations. We are asking for a donation of £3.50 per child via WisePay– if you can't contribute this much, anything is appreciated, if you can pay more than £3.50 – thank you.

Reception children

After half term, the Reception children should come into school via the Key Stage 1 playground gate – it will be lovely for them to have a chance to play in the playground before the school day starts. The gates open at 8.25am – I would ask that you drop your child and leave promptly, as the area outside the gate can get congested and we need to be able to keep an eye on all the coming and going.

Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31st October, and you must ensure you have completed all your forms and returned any supplementary information by then.

Lunches

The hot meals deadline for the week after half term has passed – if you have not ordered lunches for your child, please ensure you send them in with a packed lunch.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Please send your child in to school with a minimum donation of 50p if they would like to buy one.

Uniform

All the children should be wearing winter uniform when they return to school after the holidays. It is a navy pinafore dress (KS1), navy skirt (KS2), or grey trousers, with a white shirt and a TIE for every child. Your child should also have a cardigan or jumper with the school badge. On PE days, your child should wear navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a yellow polo top with the school badge, and either our school hoodie with the logo, or a plain navy sweatshirt. You can find full details on our website. We have plenty of second-hand uniform, so please ask at the office if you are missing anything.

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 rearranging 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/t9WKh1JRd> 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 in St Edmund Campion Church on Monday 16th December at 6.30pm – more information to follow!

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RJ: Freddie; RP: Juan Luis; 1JC: Maja; 1WH: Hallie; 2NW: Joshua; 2MS: Aria; 3NL: Max; 3DB: Demir; 4DC: Alexa; 4PM: Navish; 5RH: Maya; 5JC: Zayra; 6KB: Stanley; 6HT: Joseph

Learning Champion: RJ: Luka; RP: Luca; 1JC: Alisha; 1WH: Lithus; 2NW: James C-H; 2MS: Jamie; 3NL: Freddie; 3DB: Max; 4DC: Max B; 4PM: Ariana; 5RH: Beatrix; 5JC: Amaya; 6KB: Marcel; 6HT: Alex

Dates for your diary:

Mon 4 th Nov	8.40am	Children start back at school
Thurs 7 th Nov	AM	Choir Rehearsal at Epiphany for Pavilion Christmas Concert
Thurs 7 th Nov	3.30- 4.30pm	Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 25
Thurs 14 th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Fri 15 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Showcase
Mon 18 th Nov	2.15pm	2NW Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Tues 19 th Nov	2.15 pm	2MS Celebration of the Word – parents and carers welcome
Weds 20 th Nov	AM & 7pm	Choir morning and evening performance at the Pavilion
Thurs 21 st Nov	1.30pm	5JC Class Mass – parents and carers welcome
Mon 2 nd Dec	All day	Staff training day – school closed for children
Weds 11 th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's- surname A-H
Weds 11 th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's- surname A-H
Thurs 12 th Dec	9.15am	Reception Christmas Performance Child's surname I-Z
Thurs 12 th Dec	10.30am	Year 1 Christmas Performance Child's surname I-Z
Mon 16 th Dec	6.30pm	Year 4 Advent Service- more info to follow
Tues 17 th Dec	2.00pm	Year 2 Carols and Mince Pies

Wishing you a lovely half term with your family.

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