

St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday, 29th September 2023

Number 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of the Year 4 parents in school for their class liturgies this week – thank you to everyone who was able to make it. Thanks, too, for all your donations and help with the Macmillan cake sale this afternoon – I look forward to sharing the total raised with you all in next week's newsletter.

Reception Parents and Carers

You should have received a letter via email last week inviting you to our Foundation Stage Workshops on Monday, 2nd October. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about your child's learning in their first year at school, and to give you some practical ideas to help them at home. There are two identical sessions, one at 3.15pm and then the session is repeated at 6.00pm (you don't need to come to both!) We are able to provide a creche at the 3.15pm session, but please do not bring children to the 6.00pm session. If you haven't already signed up, please do so using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/agsr8uRzXa>

Music News

We are delighted to share the news with you that St Walburga's has become a 'Music Mark' school. This is awarded by The UK Association for Music Education in recognition of our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children.



Smart watches

We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing Smart watches to school. If you choose to send your child in to school with one of these, it is very important that they do not use them to send or receive messages during the school day, or use them to take photos. As you will have seen from our mobile phone policy, it is really important that children use this equipment appropriately. If a child misuses their watch in this way, we will have no option but to ask them not to bring it to school in the future. Please talk to your child about this.

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start in Reception in 2024! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on either Thursday 5th October or Thursday 9th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

Current Reception

We also have some spaces in our current Reception classes – if you know of any one who is looking for a place for their child, please pass on our details and ask them to contact the office.

Coats

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school as the weather is very changeable at the moment. We try as far as possible to ensure that the children get fresh-air and a run around at playtime, so it is really important that they have a warm, dry coat, even if it looks sunny when you leave the house! Many thanks.

Lovely news!

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Lee is expecting a baby in February! We are advertising now for someone to cover her maternity leave – and can't wait to meet the new baby!

Julia's House

Well done to Sophie in Year 2 who is running her first 1k on 7th October with her brother, to raise money for Julia's House. You can find out more, or sponsor her via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/benjamin-dziduch-1694714812389>

Second Hand Uniform

We have lots of second-hand uniform at the moment, and our super team of helpers have offered to run a sale for us on Tuesday, 3rd October from 2.30pm onwards. If the weather is fine, the sale will be in front of the main entrance, if it rains we will have to move inside. Come along and snap up a bargain before the children move into winter uniform at half term!

Flu Immunisation

You should have received an email from us last week with information about the flu immunisation taking place in school on Monday 9th October. If you wish for your child to have the immunisation you MUST complete the online consent form by **Wednesday 4th October**, you can do this via this link <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-flu> and our school code is **7KXwfj**. This immunisation provides protection for your child against this nasty illness.

Mission Statement hero

Our Mission Statement hero this week is local hero Mary Deboos. She set up RACE (Ringwood Actions for Climate Change), and has brought the Ringwood Community together to help the environment by organising clothes swaps, food banks, and planting trees and habitats. She was awarded a Green Award by BBC Solent.

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RP: Leon; RJ: Evelyn; 1JC: Hazel; 1WH: Jacob; 2NW: Paisley; 2ML: Ava; 3BM: Zuzanna; 3NL: Steaphan; 4CY: Leo G; 4CR: Malena; 5RD: Esme; 5RH: Rosabella; 6KB: Tom; 6PM: Jack.

Learning Champion: RP:Ariel; RJ:Kharis; 1JC:Rafa; 1WH:Antony; 2NW:Isaac; 2ML: David; 3BM: Alfie; 3NL: Alessia; 4CY:Evanna; 4CR: Deysi; 5RD; Luke; 5RH: Fabio; 6KB: Rhen; 6PM; Mateo.

Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary:

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| Mon 2 nd Oct | 2.15pm | 2NW Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome |
| Mon 2 nd Oct | 3.15 or 6.00pm | Reception Parents' Workshop |
| Tue 3 rd Oct | 2.15pm | 2ML Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome |
| Tue 3 rd Oct | 2.30pm | Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| Thurs 5 th Oct | 3.30-4.30pm | Stay and play session for children due to start school in September 24 (and their parents!) |
| Mon 9 th Oct | All day | Flu Immunisations |
| Tues 10 th Oct | 2.15pm | 3NL Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome |
| Wed 11 th Oct | 2.15pm | 3BM Class Liturgy – parents and carers welcome |
| Wed 18 th Oct | All day | Harvest celebrations and Food Bank collection |
| Wed 18 th Oct | 3.30-7.00pm | Parents' Evening (online)– more info to follow |
| Thurs 19 th Oct | 3.30-7.00pm | Parents' Evening (online)– more info to follow |
| Fri 20 th Oct | 2.50pm | Children break up for half term |

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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