

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School Newsletter
June 2017

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Please make sure any snacks or packed lunches **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY EGG, NUT or SESAME PRODUCTS** due to serious allergies. Thank you.

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday. We ended last half term with the Key Stage One SATS and I would like to thank all of the parents who did such a fantastic job of running the breakfasts for our children - well done and thank you.

Mrs Thurley

Over the half term Mrs Thurley was diagnosed with Leukaemia and is currently undergoing treatment for this. She is such an integral part of this school and has taught many of the parents when they were children too. I spoke to Mrs Thurley last week and she is in such strong spirits, demonstrating what a remarkable person she is. If you would like to send your best wishes to her, then the School Office will be happy to collect any cards and send them on to her.

Mrs Myers

The school are having a collection for Mrs Myers to thank her for the years that she dedicated to the school and all her hard work. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Mrs Myers please place your donation in an envelope and hand in to the School Office. She is still completing her treatment and we wish her all the best in her recovery.

Outdoor Changes:

Over the half term we have extended the EYFS outdoor area so that children have more opportunities for learning outside. This means that sometimes before or after school, there may be play equipment and resources left in this space; please can you ensure that the younger children do not play with these as you drop off and pick up your child to and from school. Thank you for your support with this. In addition to this, we have also started work on the playground stage area and hope to have finished this soon.

Puppy Project:

I will be bringing my Labrador puppy to school from 19th June which will be in a large puppy crate in my office. This is to socialise it to school life as part of my preparation to having a Reading and Therapy Dog. I have taken advice from Great Berry's Primary School that already have two school dogs. I visited their school a year ago and was so inspired by the positive impact that the children's canine friends were having on the pupils' learning and emotional well-being that I started a plan to secure my own version of this project.

The puppy will not be going into classes and will be outside at different times to the children; however, the children will be allowed, in small groups, to visit it and will be supervised during this time. If your child has an allergy to dogs, then please notify your the School Office so we can ensure that they will not come into contact with it.

Her name is Zephyr (which means gentle breeze) and she is at the very beginning of her training programme so she will be unable to be used as a Reading dog yet, but still the children will learn about the importance of being a good example for her and how they must be really quiet and calm if they are going to visit her.

Dojo Party:

Congratulations to the Hedgehogs who won the Dojo Party at the end of half term, enjoying some fun games and an ice-cream sandwich as their reward! All classes now start again, building up dojos for displaying the school's Christian core values and maintaining outstanding attendance and punctuality. We are focussing on Courage and Compassion this half term, so if you have any examples or stories that relate to these values then please let us know and we can share them in our Collective Worship.

Netball and Football Volunteers:

Due to the popularity of netball club, we require another volunteer to help Miss Mitchell every Thursday after school. We are also looking for a volunteer to run the Year 5 and 6 Football Club from September. If you can help out, please can you speak to the School Office. Thank you.

Holidays during term time

Please be aware that holidays taken during term time could incur a penalty to parents by the Education Welfare Service. Please see our website for the school's Attendance Policy and a copy of the letter informing parents of the possibility of incurring a penalty by taking holidays during term time.

Mrs Thomas

Core Value Champions:

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Finlay Wallbanks - Responsibility Paul Ballard - Perseverance Hayden Harris - Respect
Sophie Heaney - Responsibility Amber Harris - Perseverance Finlay Wallanks - Creativity
Freddie Amman - Creativity Lara Gatward - Respect Libby Turner - Perseverance
Charlotte Liddicoat & Edie Newell - Responsibility
Sienna Webb - Respect Daisy Goodall - Respect Isabelle Millman - Creativity
Freddy Goodall - Compassion Phoebe Hussey - Perseverance Olivia Martinez Hyde - Perseverance
Presley Harris, J'edine Orubo, Melvanna Orubo & Sophie Heaney - Responsibility
Harry Stockdale - Compassion Evie Rose Newcomb - Responsibility Harry Thomas - Creativity
Florrie Hubberstey - Courage Toby Bennett & Harry Allpress - Creativity Morgan Pattle - Responsibility
Jamie Wyatt, Presley Harris, Freddie Amman, Paul Ballard - Creativity
Charlotte Liddicoat, Edie Newell, Wiktorina - Creativity
Daisy Bird, Willow Dixon, Amber Harris, Florrie Hubberstey, Elsie Plummer & Harriet Vandenbosch - Responsibility
Seth Deller Hendy - Perseverance Isabella Gardner - Creativity Tyler Bush - Perseverance
Dylan Liddicoat, Finlay Wallbanks & Joe Fisher - Perseverance
Ava Grist - Perseverance Jake Deller Hendy - Courage & Responsibility Devon Harris - Responsibility
Millie-Mae Cameron - Responsibility Freddy Goodall & Tommy Vogel - Perseverance
Courtney Russell - Responsibility Phoebe Hussey & Amber Harris - Creativity Woody Dixon - Perseverance
Max Fisher, Morgan Pattle, Elsie Plummer & Amber Harris - Responsibility Paul Ballard - Creativity
Roxanne Little - Responsibility Tommy Vogel - Responsibility Olivia Martinez Hyde - Compassion

Diary Dates

- Celebration Assemblies - every Friday at 2:45
- KS1 Athletics - Wednesday June 21st
- Yr 3, 4 & 5 Rope Runners Trip - Monday 26th June
- KS2 Athletics - Wednesday June 28th - details to follow
- Circus Skills - Monday 3rd July - details to follow
- Sports Day - Wednesday 5th July
- Bounce Afternoon - Friday 7th July - details to follow
- Yr 4, 5 & 6 School Play 'Olivia Twist' - Wednesday 12th July
- End of Year Awards Ceremony - KS1 9:15, KS2 10:30 - Thursday 20th July
- Yr 6 Leaver's Assembly - YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY - Friday 21st July - 9:15

Share your views through Parent View

If you are unable to come to the parent forums you can of course discuss matters with your child's class teacher, Deputy Head or Headteacher or alternatively you can share your views through Parent View. Parents and carers can give their views of our school at any time of the school year *and* at the time of a school inspection using an online questionnaire called Parent View. Please register with an email address and a password at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to 12 short questions about aspects of school life. Your views are important in helping inspectors make a decision about our school, and to help us know what is going well and what could be improved. If you do not have a computer or an email address or if you would like help to use Parent View, please come into school and ask at the School Office.