



The Walton Oak Wire

Autumn Term

Week 2

11th September 2020

Welcome, once more, to the Walton Oak Wire. We hope it is working for everyone and acting as an effective means of discovering key information and news about school life. We will be adding new features as we increasingly find our feet in these unique times. If there is something you feel we might add as a regular item, please do drop the office an email and let us know. Ultimately, this publication is for you and, while we can share messages within it, we very much want parents and carers to be able to shape the content.

The children continue to throw themselves into school life. Adults report a real appetite for learning across all classes and the vast majority of children have almost effortlessly readjusted to school procedures and expectations. Expectations are high at Walton Oak, in all departments. With respect to learning, I will soon be writing to parents and carers to outline some changes to homework across the school. In terms of how this will be delivered, we will be utilising Google Classroom. This is expected to bring us significant operational benefits but will also enable greater variety, differentiation and quality of feedback. We want all children to consolidate that which they have learned in school but also to encounter, and overcome, challenge. I look forward to sharing more soon and to hearing your thoughts once we are up and running with Google Classroom.

FOWO

Hello to all parents, carers and staff from FOWO (Friends of Walton Oak)

What a weird year!

We would normally be looking forward to New Parents' Drinks in September, planning our Quiz in October and thinking of ways to make our Christmas Fair even better than last year...

BUT in 2020, as we hope you'll understand, we have to do things differently so please bear with us. The rules are changing all the time so fingers crossed we'll be able to run some of our fun events later in the school year.



September 23rd. The socially distanced **FOWO AGM** will go ahead - if you'd like to put yourself forward to join the committee please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

October 16th. Although we can't host our annual pub quiz at school this year, we are working out how to run it online. Fingers crossed we find a solution so we can all try to beat our friends from the comfort of our own sofas. We'll update our Facebook page and send an email out when we have more details.

Raising funds without spending any money – we have pulled together a guide to help you raise funds for the school while you shop. You can find this and more in the FOWO area on Walton Oak's website including the committee members, planned events (subject to govt guidelines!), how to volunteer and of course how to help us raise funds at no extra cost to you.

Stay safe & look after each other.

From the FOWO team.

Vacancies—Play Team Member

We have a vacancy for an enthusiastic individual to join our lunchtime Play Team. The school is working with the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project to develop outstanding play opportunities for children to develop their resilience, problem solving, social and physical skills. As a member of the team, you will be responsible for setting up and supervising play during the lunch period.

You will be someone who:

- Builds good relationships with children
- Can think on your feet and make sensible judgements about supporting children
- I fit and healthy and willing to be outdoors and on your feet in all weathers
- Enthusiastic
- Committed to learning more about play principles.

We can offer a new, well-resourced school with modern facilities. The staff team are hard-working, enthusiastic and supportive.

Visits to the school are recommended and warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office for a copy of the job profile and person specification and an application form. For more details contact the Headteacher (Dan Sonley) or the School Business Manager (Jenny Boulton).

This role is Monday to Friday term time only, working 7.5 hours per week from 11:55am to 1:25pm. There are regular meetings for all Play Team Members which you would be expected to attend.

Closing date : 28th September 2020

Interview: 2nd October 2020

Stars Of The Week

Monday assemblies see us explore a theme together, as a whole school. These “Aspire” assemblies help us share and reinforce key messages while also identifying specific goals and targets for pupils to work towards.

This week's theme was *Digital Literacy*

We congratulate all of our stars:



Moles: Amelie
Kingfishers: Annabelle
Newts: Joey-Boy
Owls: Louis
Water Voles: Penny
Woodpeckers: Larnie
Muntjacs: Amir

Frogs: Rose
Otters: Chenoa
Kestrels: Tait
Sparrowhawks: Ryan
Kites: Olivia
Foxes: Milita
Badgers: Juno

Meet our new teachers

Miss Pott: School for me growing up was exciting, a place to grow and where I made friends for life. It was somewhere that still fills me with so many happy memories and certainly inspired me to become a teacher! As a child I couldn't wait to join every sports club that I possibly could – especially netball and athletics, and as an adult I still play netball regularly (You'll find me on the netball court most weeknights come rain or shine). For me this love for sport is super important in my love of teaching and I hope that in the not too distant future I can be a part of Walton Oak's sports team. My first week in year 5 has reminded me of just how much I love being in the classroom and seeing the smile on every child's face as they walk through the door. Over the next year I hope to help my class excel in every possible way, whether they need someone to talk to or some help figuring out their maths. I hope to see many of you around the school and look forward to what the rest of this academic year has to bring!



Miss Wight: This year I have the pleasure of teaching year four - Frogs class! I am so excited to have been welcomed into the Walton Oak community because our school is a place where staff truly want the best for every child and where children have wonderful attitudes towards - and a love for - learning. My own primary school experience holds some of my fondest childhood memories and it is those memories that have led me to possess some beliefs about what all children's time at school should involve. I was taught by knowledgeable teachers who cared about each and every one of their children and who made Learning exciting and unforgettable, and I knew I was a valuable member of my school community. Now, as a proud member of the rewarding and inspiring teaching profession, I hope that every child will be able to look back and say that they had a similarly wonderful experience here at Walton Oak!

Nursery spaces

We have a number of places remaining in our Nursery. Please do let friends know that they may still be able to get their children a place with us—either now or in January. Any interested party should contact Mrs Tiney, our Office Manager.

Gentle Reminders

Please can we remind all parents and carers that 2m social distancing should take place at all times. Help keep each other safe by adhering to this. Also, please stick to the staggered start/collection times for each class (unless alternative arrangements have been agreed with a member of the school team).

Diary Dates

Harvest Festival	16th October
Parents Consultations	20th October
Parents Consultations	22nd October
Half Term	26th—30th October
Christmas Break	21st December—1st January
Parents Consultations	9th February
Parents Consultations	11th February
INSET DAY	12th February
Half Term	15th—19th February
World Book Day	4th March
World Day	31st March
Easter Break	2nd April—16th April
Half Term	31st May—4th June
INSET DAY	19th July
INSET DAY	20th July
INSET DAY	21st July
Summer Break	22nd July—1st September

