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Headteacher's Message

This week we welcomed our new cohort of Reception children. They have settled in beautifully and have shown enthusiasm for exploring their new learning environments, both in and outside of the classroom. We've had several new starters in nursery too. It is a big step for some of our youngest children to leave their parents for the first time. The separation can be tricky for parents too (sometimes trickier) – everyone has managed this really well!



Our Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday brought lots of families into the school to discover more about the important routines and learning experiences that will take place during the year ahead. I hope that those who came found it useful. We are already planning many other opportunities for parent engagement this year. Working in partnership with parents is so important and the children love to bring their home and school worlds together to share their experiences with the important people in their lives. We will update you further in the coming weeks.

The positive vibe across the school has continued with many children coming to show me and other senior leaders their work so we can celebrate their successes with them. It is good to see an increase in gold leaf achievements this week and many children earning green points and sporting bronze and silver stickers. I know there will be many more children celebrating these achievements in the near future.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to share our Ofsted report with you all. We were visited in the penultimate week of the summer term for an ungraded inspection and it was agreed that we remain a GOOD school. I invite you to have a read of the report, which was emailed to all of our parents earlier today - I am sure you will agree it is very positive. I am particularly pleased that our considered efforts towards making improvements in our identified priority areas were recognised. The report can be accessed via this link: <https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Ofsted&pid=17> It will be published on the Ofsted website in around a week's time.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Hello Yellow Day

On the 10th October it will be World Mental Health Day. To raise awareness of the importance of looking after our wellbeing and mental health, we will be inviting children to wear a yellow accessory to school on the 10th October. The organisation Young Minds, in support of World Mental Health Day, encourages children and young people to wear a splash of sunshine to show everyone that they are not alone in a campaign called #helloyellow.



Children could wear a pair of yellow socks, a yellow bow or a yellow wristband in addition to their normal school uniform. Throughout the day, we will have a variety of activities and assemblies for children to explore ways to look after and maintain their wellbeing. All of this learning is underpinned in our PSHE lessons throughout the year in which we implement 'Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE' Programme.



At Walton Oak, we understand and value the importance of wellbeing and mental health awareness within our whole school community. World Mental Health Day is a further opportunity to raise this matter.

Scooters and Bikes

Please remember our rule regarding scooters and bikes on the school premises. Children should walk next to their scooter or bike and not ride it. This is for everyone's safety as we have a lot of children and parents entering and exiting the site during the morning and afternoon drop off and collection times.

EYFS Outdoor Area

Last week we shared some photos of our Nursery children enjoying the outside spaces. This week, our Reception children have had the opportunity to explore their outdoor learning environment. They have been very busy!



Local Area SEND Inspection in Surrey

Surrey SEND are currently being inspected by OFSTED and the Quality Care Commission. They are keen to hear the views of parents with children who have additional needs or disabilities. You can give your views about Surrey's SEND provision here: <https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/AreaSEND-ParentCarer/10284395>

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carers personal data. This document can be found via this link: <https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/about-us/lumen-learning-trust-policies/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr>.

Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum; Remote Learning Offer.



Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

Sharing data and information with NHS Surrey to support children to access local health and wellbeing services

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to: <https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances:

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.
3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Education Inclusion Office.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.



Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows:-
North West - Tel: 01483 518130
South West - Tel: 01483 517179
North East - Tel: 01372 833588
South East - Tel: 01737 737777

Oracy

This week's THUNK

(an unusual question to make you think)



What Colour is Tuesday?

Remember there are NO right or wrong answers to these questions – simply YOUR answers.

You do, however, need to think about your answers and be able to justify them – in other words, don't say the first thing that comes into your head AND fully explain your answers when you give them.

Perhaps you could discuss the question over a family dinner? Make sure you listen to each other and take everyone's responses seriously – even if they sound odd and make you smile, as long as they can be justified then they are valid.

Pastoral News

Walton and Hersham food bank

Each week during the Autumn term we will be familiarising our Walton Oak families with the local services in the community by providing information on a different one each week.

This week, we are focusing on **Walton and Hersham food bank**. It is led by manager Nina Malyon who works closely with Walton Oak School to provide short term crisis relief for families in need.



"We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis". Walton & Hersham Foodbank

For further information about the steps to follow to receive foodbank support, please follow this link:

<https://waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help> or email info@waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk

Our HSLW works closely with Walton and Hersham foodbank and can also support you in accessing support. You can contact Natasha on 07938 645949 or via the **HSLW** button on page one.



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Saxon Primary School is looking to recruit a 1:1 Teaching Assistant

...who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and has a high expectation of themselves and every child. For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-11-1366495> or click the link to 'Jobs in the Trust' on the left hand side of Page one.



Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting

Walton Oak is looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. This is a full time, term time role, working 32.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1368278> or click the link to 'Jobs in the Trust' on the left hand side of Page one.



FOWO News

FOWO Committee and Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, 26th September, 7pm

FOWO is on the lookout for some new committee members! Being on the committee is open to all parents/carers; no particular experience is necessary, just a willingness to get involved. If you want to become a committee member, you are not expected to get involved in everything FOWO does. We are all volunteers; we do this in our spare time around other family/work/other volunteer commitments, and we try to spread the load between us. You can find out what to expect in this [explainer](#) here or talk to one of the current FOWO committee members.

On **Tuesday, 26th September at 7pm** we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. This is open to all parents/carers and staff associated with the school. The current chair and treasurer will provide a brief overview of the activities and finances over the last year. As is usual, the current committee will then stand down, and the new committee will be voted in. If you want to join the new committee, come along on the day or ask for Zoom details to join remotely. If you cannot attend on the 26th and want to join, please email us (fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk), and we can arrange for you to be added to the nomination list. You can also join the committee at any point during the school year; email us to learn more.

FOWO Class Reps

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a FOWO Class Rep this year! It's a huge help to us in getting information about FOWO events and initiatives. If anyone would like to help out with Year Four or Year Six, where we have only one rep, please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk to find out more information.

Nursery: Daisy Jewell, Vania Oliveira

Reception: Lucy Bishop, Sarah Shotton, Alison Wong

Year One: Rebecca Lunn, Caroline Smart

Year Two: Nicola Price, Nicola Vincent

Year Three: Kirsty Hubbard, Vicki Bateman, Emily Jarman

Year Four: Lucy Bishop

Year Five: Caroline Smart, Anika Mann-Patel

Year Six: Caroline Feltham

Christmas cards

We know it's only September!! But to let you know, this term, we are once again doing a design-your-own Christmas Card project. This year, we will be working with SchoolPrintWorld.co.uk. The Christmas Card designs will be professionally printed with your child's artwork on the front and their name on the back, and every pack of cards ordered raises funds for the school! No action is needed by parents/carers for now, the project is only just starting. Look out for further updates as the term progresses.

Drama

Local drama company and FOWO supporter is looking for young performers aged 8–12-year-olds to audition for its case of Annie JR.

Weekly rehearsals with experienced musical theatre teachers start from 27th September in Esher and Walton-on-Thames. Final performances with full staging, costumes, lighting, sound and microphones at The Cecil Hepworth Playhouse in December. Inclusive, experienced and inspiring Dramacube offer a part in the cast to every child who signs up for the term. To find out more details or book a 2-week taster, visit dramacube.co.uk.

Celebrations



Achievements outside of School

Fraser, 3N has had a great start back to this seasons football training. On Saturday, he was invited to play for his football academy's U8's team against AFC Bournemouth's U8's. It was a great experience for him and he was very excited to play at a premier league teams training facility. Fraser had 2 quarters in goal and made some very important saves and had another 2 quarters outfield helping the team to an impressive 5-4 victory.

His season for Walton & Hersham Youth FC also got underway on Sunday, where the boys stormed home with an emphatic 9-0 win, Fraser scoring 2 and keeping a clean sheet for the quarter he was in the sticks for.





Fraser's brother Roman, who started reception this week, attended his first Mini-Rugby for Reeds Weybridge R.F.C on Sunday and picked up 'Player of the Week'. Well done boys – we are very proud of your achievements and sportsmanship!

Alaia, 2C is very proud of herself for achieving her stage 3 swimming award in the little pool. She is now going into the big pool for her swimming lessons – well done Alaia!



Tierni, 4G is also very proud of herself for achieving her stage 3 swimming award too! She will be joining her sister in the big pool for her swimming lessons – well done Tierni!



Luana started her stage 1 swimming lessons on 8th August and has already completed it, on 12th September. She has now gone up to Stage 2 – Well done Luana!

Gold Leaves

Well done to the following children who all received a golf leaf this week:

Butterflies	Mera
Ladybirds	Alison
2C	Summer & Brandon
2D0	Ilana, Cora & Max
3C	Henry, Sophie, Noah, Edith, Frankie & Jessica B
3N	Ethan, Georgia, Jaxon, Noah, Dino, Louie, Immy, Vincent & Adiyat
4D	Charlie, Willow-Hope, Tommie & Ronnie
4G	Molly, Holly & Leo
5B	Abbie, Lara, Mimi, Navesh & Jemima
5P	James, Loui & Nicholas

On behalf of the Walton Oak staff team we wish you a pleasant weekend.



Area SEND inspection: survey information for parents and carers

Dear parent/carers

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area, as part of an inspection. We will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10284395>

This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.

Your views are important to us and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on Tuesday 19 September 2023.

The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. We do not ask for your name.

If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.

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Yours sincerely

Emma Leavey
His Majesty's Inspector



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