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Headteacher's Message

I have been pleased to see children going out on their first enrichment trips of the year. Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Wisley Gardens on Wednesday, where they made 'real life' links to their classroom learning about habitats.

Day trips and residentials are an important part of our enrichment offer for children at Walton Oak. They provide children with first hand experiences which help them to make lasting connections with the learning that takes place in school, as well as develop a whole host of other social, emotional and academic skills.

There are more trips taking place next week and throughout the year. I look forward to being able to share these experiences with you in the future.

Next week we are celebrating Harvest. We will bring the whole school together for a special assembly, where the children will learn about the importance of the food we eat, where our food comes from and the importance of farming. We will share thanks for the food we have available to us – that we enjoy and that also give our bodies the nutrition they need. We will also think about the people who may not have enough to eat and consider our responsibilities in ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious food, by sharing what we have.

The children have been learning some special songs to enjoy together and we invite Walton Oak families to bring donations of non-perishable food items to school throughout next week. Once again, we will be supporting our local foodbank, meaning that our support will be received directly by our local community.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

BBC Tiny Happy People



Research shows us that a child's experiences in their first five years has a significant impact on their developmental outcomes later on. In particular, a child's early language development is crucial to support their thinking, communication, relationships, ability to explain how they are feeling and underpins all learning when they get to school. The BBC has developed a brilliant resource to support parents in developing your child's communication and language skills so that they can have the best start in life. It has a range of tips, videos and activities that you can build into your daily routine. Miss Brazil took part in the training in the Summer term and is now a 'Tiny Happy People Champion.' Each week she will be sharing a simple activity from 'Tiny Happy People' in The Wire that you can try at home. These are aimed at children aged 0-5 years, but many of the activities are suitable for all the family to get involved in. Have a look at the website bbc.co.uk/tinyhappypeople or follow the QR code.



Flu Vaccination

The deadline for Flu Vaccination e-consent is 4pm on Monday 25th September.

Go to: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk and enter our school's unique code **SR134557**





Playtime Provision – Loose Parts

Our loose parts shed is an important part of our playtime provision. It contains a range of quality assured 'scrap' for children to improvise with as part of their creative play. Items that can be used for make believe, den building, dressing up and general play are very much needed. If you happen to be having a clear out or know that you have some unwanted items at home that we could use, please send them in and let the office team know that they are for our scrap store.

Popular items are: large boxes; material e.g. old blankets, sheets, curtains; tarpaulin; old clothes in adult sizes so children can put them on over their uniform; handbags and briefcases; suitcases; old baby buggy or pram (real size); pots and pans; plastic plates and cups; baskets; computer keyboards; old style office phones; cargo style nets; sofa seat cushions; scatter cushions; crates; cable reels; anything else that looks like it could be fun (and safe) in the hands of a child!



Year 5 - Learning Update



This week, 5P were working in teams to work out which Medieval artefact was the 'imposter!' The children had to decide whether they thought the artefact was telling the truth or a lie. If the children thought the artefact was lying, they needed to think about what the artefact might

have actually been used for. They then thought about similarities and differences between items used today and in Medieval Britain.



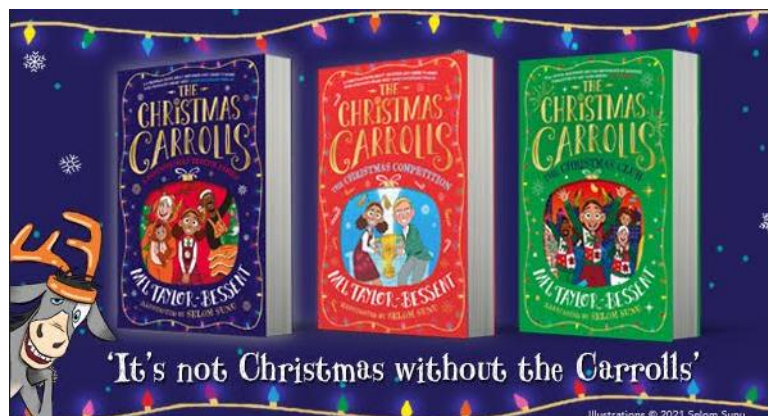
Harvest Donations:

This year, we are once again donating out Harvest contributions to the Walton and Hersham foodbank. **We would appreciate any donations of non-perishable items to your child's classrooms by Friday 29th September.** The foodbank has requested the following items in particular: Tomato, chicken or vegetable soup; tinned meat (hotdogs, meatballs, ham etc); tinned spaghetti; biscuits; long-life juice or squash; ketchup or mayonnaise; chocolate/sweets; instant coffee; deodorant. They have expressed that due to kind donations throughout the summer they already have a surplus of baked beans and cereal.

Reading

Author Visit

The author, Mel Taylor-Bessant will be visiting KS2 on 10th October. There is still time to pre-order any of her books which she will dedicate and sign following her assembly and question and answer session.





Library Books

We are missing a lot of library books and would be very grateful if everyone could have a good look at home to see if they can be found. We have a wonderful library space at Walton Oak – it is quite literally at the centre of our school! A lot of money was spent last year, restocking it with lovely new books for the children to enjoy when they visit with their class each week. It is important that we allow children to take the books home to read at their leisure or share with their families. However, we may have to rethink our systems if they are not returned – possibly asking for the book to be replaced. For now, we would just like them back. So we are calling a book amnesty in the hope we refill the shelves. Please return any books found at home to your child's class as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

Reading Ambassadors

We are excited to re-launch a special role in the school which is open to anyone who can complete a series of challenges to become a Reading Ambassador. We already have a huge number of Reading Ambassadors who are keen to earn their next prize. We would love all our new starters and those who have been with us a while and now feel ready, to have the opportunity to earn this role.

As a Reading Ambassador, pupils are involved in shaping what reading looks like at Walton Oak. We have some exciting opportunities lined up including connecting with local resources such as the library, helping to restock the library and book areas, writing content for the Wire, links with real life authors and developing the role of Reading Ambassador through their own ideas. Further information about this will be shared soon, including different 'tiers' of Reading Ambassador with different responsibilities.

To become a 'first level' Reading Ambassador Pupils must do the following:

- Read at home at least 5 days per week for 3 weeks and have this signed by a parent or other adult.
- Share a favourite book with their class – either reading aloud or talking about the book.
- Write a book review (with adult help for EYFS/KS1 children) which can be displayed in classrooms, the library or the Wire.

Interested pupils should collect a checklist from their teacher, as well as book review template to be completed in their own time. Pupils who complete these initial tasks will receive a Reading Ambassador badge and will begin their responsibilities straight away. We look forward to seeing what our new team will look like.

Next week, we will also share information about the reading prizes children can earn when they read regularly at home.

Oracy

Last week's THUNK

There were some interesting discussions around last week's Thunk. Children and staff enjoyed putting a colour to Tuesday. Colours mentioned were yellow, white, black and reasons ranged from the letters in the word to the lessons that were on the timetable that day.



This week's THUNK



Is there more happiness or more sadness in the world?



We would love to share some of your thoughts in the Wire next week.



Enrichment Activities

Year 2 Wisley Trip



As part of our learning about habitats, the Year 2 children ventured to Wisley Gardens this week. While we were there, we took part in an acting workshop exploring different habitats as well as looking for different types of creepy crawlies and minibeasts. We also discussed the importance of keeping soil healthy through looking after worms as we planted our very own oxeye daisy seed. In addition to our workshop, we explored the beautiful gardens to create our very own natural rainbow and walked through the historic centre of Wisley, contemplating how Wisley has changed since the first plant was planted over 100 years ago. All of the children were incredibly well behaved and represented our school brilliantly. We also had a wonderful time despite the rain that came with us that day.

"It felt like the Amazon rainforest. It was like exploring the real rainforest."

Brandon, 2C



Pastoral News

Parenting Puzzle

This week, we would like to offer our Walton Oak parents the exciting opportunity to attend a parenting puzzle course at Riverbridge Primary School, one of our Lumen schools.

Parenting can be puzzling at times! The parenting puzzle is a 10 week course that encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children and get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour. The sessions are informal, fun and a great confidence booster.

This free programme delves into parenting in more detail. The two-hour per week sessions, running over 10 weeks, focus on: empowering parents and carers to build positive relationships with their children and develop understanding about why children behave as they do.

To find out more about the Parenting Puzzle course and book yourself a place, please see attached flyer for contact details. Alternatively you can contact Natasha on 07938 645949 or via the HSLW button on page one.

If transport to and from the course is a barrier to you attending then please contact Natasha to problem solve together.





Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

Are you committed and passionate about education and keen to make a difference? We are offering a wonderful opportunity to become an integral part of our exceptional community of children and adults.

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Class Teaching Assistant at Echelford Primary School.

For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1367971> or click the link to 'Jobs in the Trust' on the left hand side of Page one.

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children within the classroom as well as those attending the after school club. The right candidate will be joining a strong, professional team of enthusiastic staff who will work alongside you in a supportive and constructive way.

For more information please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-and-after-school-club-team-member-1367957> or click the link to 'Jobs in the Trust' on the left hand side of Page one.

The Echelford Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the after school club.

For more information please visit- <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-assistant-1367946> 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 hardworking 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>



Darley Dene School is recruiting:

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1369455>



FOWO News

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

On **Tuesday, 26th September at 7pm** will be holding its Annual General Meeting. We will be reviewing the activities and finances of the last year, voting in the new committee and discuss the planned activities for the autumn term. The meeting is open to all parents/carers and staff associated with the school, just simply come along on the evening. We are also actively looking for new committee members, again please come along on the day and if you would like to find out more details in advance just email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk. Zoom details are available for anyone who cannot attend in person.

For further information about up and coming FOWO events, CLICK the FOWO button on the left hand side of page 1.



Celebrations



Achievements outside of School



Eva Dron took part in the world-famous Settrington Cup pedal car race at the Goodwood Revival classic car racing festival earlier this month. She was driving her dad's Austin J40 that was built in 1958. Eva not only finished 14th overall out of 70 drivers but was interviewed several times by TV crews, both for the live stream on YouTube and Sky Sports, and for the ITV4 highlights show. What an exciting opportunity – we are very proud of you Eva!

Gold Leaves

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

Butterflies	Kash,
Ladybirds	Cillian
Hedgehogs	Luana
Squirrels	Leo & Cecie
1A	Albie, Esmae, Phoebe, Lilah, Isla & Rory
1H	Fionn, Dylan, Kirthana & Sidney
2C	Alan, Edward, Nela, Elizabeth & Hayden
2DO	Jasmine & Heidi
3C	Zach, Mustafa, Anoushka, Suraiya & Henry
3N	Amelie, Fraser, Noah, Ezmie, Daisy, Maya, Elliot, Georgia & Joshua
4D	Ella, Nina & Lamar
4G	TJ, Mert, Eliza, Annabelle, Skyler, Delilah & Molly
5B	Maci, Moosa & Roxie
5P	Riley
6G	Poppy, Harrison, Penny, Evita, William, Finn, Larnie, Jayden & Harley
6P	Mary, Zara, Theo, Harriet, Lilly, Zahara & Lilly – May

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



Come and find out how to get the best out of family life

Over the 10-week Parenting Puzzle Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning the importance of looking after ourselves



To find out more about the Parenting Puzzle course and book yourself a place contact

Jane Hughes (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07766 385113

Linda Lenton-Clark (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07825 742508

Course will be run at our Knowle Green Base from 9.15am-11.15am on Thursday mornings on the following dates

September 28th, October, 12th, 19th November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th, 14th