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Headteacher's Message

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. It has been an exciting return for children this week with many talking about the activities they enjoy at Halloween and the upcoming Bonfire night at the weekend. There are lots of local firework events that I'm sure many of you will be attending. Some of our families are also excitedly preparing for Diwali - known as the Indian Festival of Lights'. The children will learn a little more about this in assemblies next week. We will soon have Christmas on the horizon – please check our online calendar ahead of time for details of our Christmas events. More details will follow nearer the time.

Thankfully, we seem to have escaped the storm that has hit other parts of the country. However, at this time of year, we tend to find ourselves reviewing our policy around wet play as we are all too familiar with the variable weather conditions that we are likely to experience during the autumn and winter terms. At Walton Oak, we try hard to ensure that whatever the weather, the children get outside at break and lunch times to have some fresh air, natural light and some well needed movement and social time. We have to be prepared that sometimes, this will involve them being outside with a reasonable amount of wind and rain. Therefore, it is important that children have suitable clothing. A warm, waterproof, named coat is essential and they may also bring a change of shoes or boots in a named carrier bag to swap into. Please ensure you name everything as I'm sure you can imagine that finding the correct owner of unnamed items, among over 400 children is no mean feat!

It was lovely to see children in their own choice of clothes today to raise money for the Stripey Stork and Walton Charities Christmas appeal. Thank you to all who contributed towards ensuring that some of the thousands of children living in poverty across Elmbridge have a gift to open on Christmas day.

I am excited for the half term ahead and all the fun and festivities it will bring.

Siân McCarthy

General Information

Reception 2024 Open Day Tours:

We have more tours arranged for prospective Reception parents. The next one is next **Tuesday 7th November, 9.30am**. The final two are Thursday 16th November and Tuesday 9th January, 9.30am. Details of these and the booking link are available on our website: <https://www.waltonoakprimary.co.uk/>



School Photos

Just a reminder that individual school photos will take place on **Monday 13th November**. Please refer to the letter emailed (31/10/23) regarding time slots for sibling photos and ladybirds class.

Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF)

Surrey County Council have partnered with HolidayActivities to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), a scheme which offers free school holiday club places to children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). This means that we automatically distribute HAF vouchers to all our eligible families via the free HolidayActivities platform without families having to request the vouchers. Vouchers will be sent via email to the same parent who currently receives the holiday time FSM vouchers. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to check the contact details for the individual who will be receiving the vouchers please contact the school office by latest 3pm on Monday 6th November. For more information about HolidayActivities, please see their website <https://www.holidayactivities.com/>.

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Reading

Children Reading at Home

Thank you to everyone who sent photographs of children reading at home. All of these will be put on a display in the library. Our prize draw winners were: Amelia in 5P, Honor in 1A and Evie from Nursery. Their photos are shown below:



Despite the competition ending, we would still love to receive any photos of our children reading at home. This could be with an adult or to themselves. These will be added to our Reading at Home display.

Tiny Happy People

This week's activity is all about rhythm. Find yourselves some pots and pans and have a go at the activity below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/drumming-games/zbd2tbk>

Lots of children love to make noise, this activity will allow them to have fun making noise but also learn about rhythm, develop their hand and eye coordination and understanding of syllables.



Oracy

This week's THUNK

Which is more important, being right or being nice?





Extra-Curricular Events

Year 6 Boys Football Cup Match

Yesterday, was a big match for our team and it wasn't a bad game. If anything, anyone who was on that pitch had worked their heart out. Our goalkeeper Blake had an amazing game. If there was an award to get he would've won it. The defenders (Harrison and Harley) had a hard game because the Cleves' team was quick, so they could run past with the skills they used. At one point, Harrison scored from far out! The midfielders (Archie, John and Lukas) had loads of work because they had to keep persevering, even when it got hard. There were some pretty good chances from the midfielders which were passed up from the defenders. The striker Charlie had to keep a position because the Cleves' defence was strong. There were two goals from Walton Oak players which was a goal from Archie and Harrison. *By Archie and Harrison, 6G*



Enrichment Activities

Year 5 Magna Carter visit

Before half term, Year 5 visited the Magna Carta memorial in Runnymede:



When we went on the Magna Carta trip, it took approximately half an hour to get there by minibus. We headed through the field to find a group of decorated chairs and we predicted what we thought the symbols meant. One of the chairs had a shredded picture of the Magna Carta as King John broke his seal, and broke the rules of the Magna Carta (also known as the Great Charter). After that, we went to the memorial of the Magna Carta. It was a big podium under a covering. We listened to our audio guides that we had recorded in class. We enjoyed our visit to Runnymede as it made history come to life! *By Jemima, Chloe, Cvetelina and Magnus, 5P.*

Pastoral News

Mindworks



Mindworks offer a range of support for pupils and their families. They have an out-of-hours phone line that provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with attention, activity and/or behaviour.

Skilled and friendly advisers will talk through ways of calming down difficult situations as well as possible coping strategies. It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

They also have links to a number of additional services throughout Surrey for parents to help them support their children and their own mental health.

Mindworks can be contacted on: 0300 222 5755

See this link for further details:

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/advice-information-and-resources/resources-and-information-parents>



Job opportunities across Lumen Learning Trust and its schools

Echelford School is recruiting:

Your Community Needs You!

Are you friendly, reliable, willing to work outdoors in all weathers and physically fit, to ensure the safety of children and parents? Do you care about your community and have a little time to spare? If the answer is yes, we have the perfect job for you!! Echelford school are recruiting for a school crossing patrol officer. For more information click the link to '**Jobs in the Trust**' on the left had side of Page one.



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 click the link to '**Jobs in the Trust**' on the left had side of Page one.

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is looking to recruit two term time Office Assistants

Riverbridge is recruiting for their office administration team. If you have excellent IT skills, highly effective written and verbal communication skills and the ability to manage multiple priorities then they would love to hear from you. The application deadline has been extended to Monday 13th November with interviews to take place on Thursday 16th November. To find out more about the role and to apply online please visit eteach via this link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-office-assistant-1378706>.

FOWO



QUIZ NIGHT – Friday, 10th November, doors open 7.30pm, quiz starts 8pm

Just one week to go until the Quiz Night on Friday, 10th November. Whether you're a knowledge buff or just want to come for fun – everyone is welcome! Come as a team of 4-8 people, or sign up individually or as a smaller group, and we will create/find a team for you! Feel free to invite friends and family from outside our school community to join you. Tickets cost £15pp with food (fish & chips or vegan burger & chips from the Golden Century in Hersham) or £10pp without. Buy your tickets on Classlist. If you are part of a team, you can buy tickets individually; just nominate a team lead and state their name when asked so we know which team you are part of.

Children's Christmas jumper and Second-hand uniform sale, Friday, 17th November, 3.15pm

Grab a bargain at the next second-hand uniform and children's Christmas jumper sale on Friday, 17th November. All items £1. Donations of good quality, reusable uniforms and Christmas jumpers gratefully received from Monday, 13th – Friday, 17th November. Please leave these in the purple bucket in the foyer

Christmas Fair, Friday, 1st December, 3.30 – 6.00pm

FOWO is in the thick of Christmas fair preparations and is putting the call out for:

- **Event sponsors:** could your workplace sponsor the fair in return for advertising and promotion?
- **Raffle prizes:** could your company provide or fund a raffle prize in return for promotion?
- **Stallholders:** we are keen to support businesses in our school community. Any school families that have a business selling items suitable for a Christmas fair are welcome to have a stall for a pitch fee of £10. A raffle prize would also be appreciated.

Can you help? Please email fowo@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk for more details.

Elmbridge Community Lottery – Please support FOWO

FOWO now has an [Elmbridge Community Lottery](#) page! Buy tickets (£1 each) to be in chance of winning prizes of up to £25,000 each week. 50% of all ticket sales through the FOWO page go to FOWO, while 10% go to other local causes. To start supporting us, please visit www.elmbridgelottery.co.uk and search for FOWO.



Celebrations



Achievements outside of School

Ahead of the half term break, Fraser, 3N, was selected to represent his Football Academy for the U8's in Belgium. They took 2 teams of 8 and with Fraser showing some great development in goal he was chosen as keeper. The boys did amazingly well, playing against elite academy teams such as Club Next, KAA Gent, KV Kortrijk, Sk Deinze and Club Brugge. They came 2nd in the league, progressing onto the knockout phases and winning the quarter and semi-finals, securing a place in the final with Club Brugge. It was 0-0 after the full 15 minutes with Fraser making some great saves to keep them in it. The dreaded penalty shootout was won with some unfortunate misses from Brugge and some calmly taken pens taken by us. Final score after pens 0-2. We're very proud. Well done Fraser!



Eva and Caitlin, 5P and Effie, 4G were mascots for Walton and Hersham FC on Saturday 21st October. They walked out with the team and bumped fists with all the players, the referee and the linesmen. They looked great in their team kits. Eva and Caitlin play for Walton and Hersham U10s and Effie plays for the U9s. What a wonderful experience for the girls!

Cayden, 6P recently won the Purple Belt award for Judo. At Hollywater Judo Club, the Purple Belt is awarded on a weekly basis to the child who, in the coach/coaches opinion, has worked the hardest and followed the requirements of the Moral Code of Judo. This is often a very difficult decision to make. Cayden's judo instructor described Cayden as a credit to Walton Oak School as he is a wonderful young boy who listens to the coach and practices hard. We agree and feel very proud of him. Cayden is also excellent when training with some of our younger Judoka. Well done Cayden.



Gold Leaves

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

1A	Sadie, Finley, Hallie & Sienna
2DO	Piper
4D	Kiara, Ella & Lamar
5B	Mimi
6P	Mary & Zahara

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







If you'd like to help with the Poppy Appeal, or with marshalling the parade, please get in touch via WoTTA.co.uk

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

Sunday November 12th

A joint churches service at Walton War Memorial

10:15 Road closure begins.
Rochills offer refreshments as we gather

10:40 Ceremony and Service at Walton War Memorial

11:00 Two Minute Silence

11:15 Parade begins

11:30 Free refreshments at St Mary's Church

More info: WoTTA.co.uk
[@PRWoTTA](https://twitter.com/PRWoTTA)



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Notice of Temporary Road Closures Sunday 12th November 2023

During the annual service of Remembrance at the War Memorial there will be closures in place to ensure that Walton-on-Thames residents can safely assemble at the memorial and allow for the parade. The service will start at 10:40 and is open to anyone who wishes to join us in remembering those who gave their lives to bring peace.



Details of Road Closures

- A) Total closure to traffic for the War Memorial Island at High Street junction with Ashley Road, Hersham Road and New Zealand Avenue 10:15-11:15
- B) Part closure of the High Street from 10:15-11:45. From 10:15-11:15 no access to High Street between Churchfield Road junction and War Memorial. From 11:15-11:45 no access to High Street between Bridge Street junction and Churchfield Road junction.
- C) Temporary closures on part of New Zealand Avenue, to allow for the parade, 11:15-11:30.

Details of Parade

The parade will leave the War Memorial at 11:15, heads up New Zealand Avenue, turning right through The Heart Plaza and then right up the High Street. The parade will be dismissed in the centre of the High Street.

Other Events

If you'd like to keep informed about what's going on in the town we now have a new Business Improvement District in Walton, with a Town Centre Manager responsible for running events. Follow them on social media via @welovewalton or check their website lovewalton.co.uk.





FOWO PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

DOORS OPEN 7.30PM

QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM
FRIDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

Join as a team of 4-8 people
or sign up as a smaller group and we will
find a team for you!

SIGN UP TODAY ON CLASSLIST
Tickets £15pp with food; £10pp without