



Dear Parents,
Welcome back! Hope you all enjoyed the half term and are ready for this LONG half term ahead: 8 weeks in total!

Parents Evening

It was lovely to see and chat to so many of you over the past two evenings. All meetings were positively received and the teachers were thrilled with your feedback. Thank you for continuing to support us in helping your child/ren.

Y6 Trip to Warning Zone

If you have not already done so, please can you return the permission slip for the above trip on Monday. Thank you.

Wear it Pink/Blue Day

Thanks to School Council for organising this. We had an array of pink and blue in assembly in order to raise money for the 'Wear it Pink' breast cancer charity and the Prostate Foundation. A total of £120 was counted out by School Council, so thank you all for your generosity.

Remembrance

Poppies are available to purchase by donation in school all next week. This is being organised by School Council.
School Council met up with Waltham reps before the holiday and are trying to engage all the Vale Schools in organising a Poppy Hunt to promote the sale of poppies. They are planning to make a giant wreath and MARCH down to church for the 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock on 11th November. If you'd like to march down with us, please arrive at school at about 10.45. This year marks the centenary of World War I so is particularly special this year.

Sewing Club

Just a reminder that sewing club starts again next Wednesday, 5th November, for children in Year 3-6. If your child wishes to attend please ensure you have returned the permission slip.

Cross Country

Just a reminder about the cross country event on Saturday 1st November at Prestwold Hall. If you are attending, you will need to register on arrival. Good luck!

Message from Revd Fred Connell

On Sunday 16th November a service of contemporary worship for all ages led by the young people of Harby will be held at St Mary's Harby at 4pm. All ages welcome!

Parking

Please can you ensure when picking up and dropping off at school that the bus area is kept clear and there is sufficient space either side of it for cars to move freely through the village. We have received a complaint from a neighbour, which is not good for community cohesion so please park well away from this zone. I am still working on getting the lines re-painted and I'm hoping this will be done (finally) before the end of term. Thank you.

Next week's Maths in class

Next week, the classes will be focusing on the following objectives, so please do try to support them with their learning:

Class 1:

Rec: Ordering numbers/adding groups
Y1: Adding/subtracting & place value

Class 2:

Shape & measures

Class 3:

Miss Geeson: Multiplication
Mrs Longden: More fractions!

DfE Advice Regarding Ebola Virus

The DfE have issued the following advice for parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching the Ebola Virus. Public Health England advice is:

- The risk of Ebola arriving in the UK is low and to date there have been no cases of Ebola Virus Disease being contracted in the UK.
- Any person arriving in the UK having travelled from any Ebola affected countries will be screened. If they are free of symptoms they are not infectious so there should be no restrictions on their school attendance or normal activities.
- It is not possible to catch Ebola from a person who is not showing signs of being

infected. It can only be caught by direct contact with the blood or body fluids of a person who is ill with the disease.

- There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend school or their early years setting as normal.

Further information on the Government's response to the Ebola virus can be found on GOV.UK.

Safety message: Trick or Treat

If you are going out on the streets tonight make sure you have an adult with you and you do nothing to upset any of your neighbours. If you see this sign →

If you want an alternative evening to the scary theme and one which is much safer and doesn't promote knocking on the doors of strangers, there's a Starlight Night at Waltham Church starting at 5pm. There's a fancy dress and pumpkin competition, activity stalls, sweets and treats.

More Safety

The dates have been announced for the next period of industrial undertaken by Fire Fighters:

Friday 31st October 18:00 – Tuesday 4th November 18:00 (continuous 96 hour period)

Not only is this the most prolonged period of strike action taken so far, but falling on a weekend when bonfire/fireworks events will be taking place, it carries a higher degree of risk than normal. The important messages regarding vigilance, taking precautions, and staying safe are therefore even more vital.

Have a lovely weekend and TAKE CARE.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J.V. Hopkins
Head teacher



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