



WALTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

18.03.24-22.03.24 Shakespeare Week
19.03.24 & 20.03.24 Parents Evening
20.03.24 Wear Blue for Marine Conservation
21.03.24 LKS2 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
21.03.24 School closes for Easter holidays
21.03.24 Waterton's Got Talent final at NJA
22.03.24 INSET day
08.04.24 School reopens
10.04.24 Reception Tropical Butterfly trip
15.04.24 Robinwood Parent Meeting 5pm
17.04.24 Class 1 & 2 Great Fire of London workshop
18.04.24 Class 3 Great Fire of London workshop
23.04.24 Class 5 INSPIRE morning
24.04.24 Purple Emperors INSPIRE morning
25.04.24 LKS2 Victorian Schools workshop
30.04.24 Class 2 INSPIRE morning
07.05.24 Class 7 INSPIRE morning
08.05.24 Holly Blues INSPIRE morning
02.05.24 School OPEN on local election day
06.05.24 School closed for bank holiday
10.05.24 KS1 trip to Eureka
13.05.24 KS2 SATs week
24.05.24 School closes for half-term
03.06.24 School reopens
04.06.24 Class Photos
04.06.24 Class 3 INSPIRE
05.06.25-07.06.24 Robinwood Y6
06.06.24 Transition parents' workshop (4pm)
11.06.24 Class 9 INSPIRE
14.06.24 Sports Day (KS1 AM, EYFS PM)
18.06.24 Class 1 INSPIRE
25.06.24 Class 4 INSPIRE
28.06.24 Sports Day (UKS2 AM, LKS2 PM)
02.07.24 Class 8 INSPIRE
09.07.24 Class 6 INSPIRE
14.06.24 PTA Father's Day Secret Room
22.06.24 PTA Summer Fayre
July Y6 trip to Lightwater Valley (TBC)
11.07.24 Y6 Leavers Concert (18.00)
17.07.24 Y6 Leavers Disco (16.30-18.30)
19.07.24 School closes for summer
22.07.24 INSET day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have written this newsletter pre-disco to get it out on time before I stay for the madness of pop, crisps and loud music on a Friday night! Thanks as well to Mrs Simms who has also offered to stay to help the PTA with the running of the event. More staff would have stayed but the disco coincides with a memorial event for Alison Morris at the New Inn that was planned in for the same date. I never met Alison but I know she was a wonderful and cherished servant to our school for many, many years and today is an opportunity for our staff team to pay tribute to her. Talking of longstanding service to the school, we recently presented commemorative mugs to Mrs Burke and Mrs Stockdale to mark ten years of working at Walton, having both started in early 2014. They have both made a difference to the lives of your children on each and every day since they started with us.

My Child At School app

As mentioned a few weeks ago, we are moving away from the ParentHub app. In the meantime, we have been using Class 4 as a trial for the My Child At School (MCAS) app. This has helped us to work around a few teething problems but we are confident that we will continue to be able to provide a user-friendly mass communication platform. For this last week of the half-term I have asked staff to use both ParentHub and MCAS for all communication (there will therefore be a duplication of messages). Friday 22nd March will be the last day that we use ParentHub and all communication moving forwards will be on MCAS. Please do contact the school office if you have any issues with this.

Parent Survey Results – follow up Homework survey

I recently mentioned that we would be reviewing our approach to homework. To help us with this we would be grateful if you could fill out this quick survey so that we can get your views to help us moving forwards. There will also be a few laptop stations set up at parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday where you will be able to fill out this form whilst waiting for your appointment – it's always good to make use of a captive audience! <https://forms.office.com/e/rWTdX0UbYu>

Litter Pick and Tree Planting

Working for Walton have asked us to promote their litter pick which is happening on Sunday 17th March as part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign. Come along to the Recreation ground opposite the Village Hall for 10.00am to be issued with pickers, bags, gloves and Hi-viz vests. Also, a reminder that we are CLOSED on Friday 22nd March for an INSET day. There will though be the opportunity for families to come to the school grounds at 10am for an hour to plant trees on the school site with Roger Parkinson from the Woodland Trust. If you are interested in this event please fill out this brief expression of interest form by Wednesday 20th March so we know how many to expect. <https://forms.office.com/e/iCFQaFgkbQ>

Mr. Craig Thorpe
Headteacher

HOUSE TEAMS			
Fortis Strength	Doctus Wisdom	Verus Loyalty	Amicus Friendship
3523	3495	4137	4120

Class	Week %	Week Pts	Term Pts
Holly Blues	97.4%	1	12
Purple Emperors	93%	0	4
Class 1: McDonald	99.73	3	13
Class 2: Hockney	99%	3	12
Class 3: Hargreaves	93.3%	1	16
Class 4: Moore	88%	0	12
Class 5: Woodies	97.3%	1	7
Class 6: Whittaker	92.3%	0	10
Class 7: Burrow	97.6%	1	10
Class 8: Sharman	97.4%	1	7
Class 9: Bronte	94.7%	0	5

ATTENDANCE
Whole school attendance this week was **95.4%**

100% = 5 points
98% = 3 points
95% = 1 point

Weekly winner: Non-uniform Friday
Termly winner: Treat day

School attendance [policy](#)
Wakefield Council attendance [link](#)

WALTON'S BEST

Congratulations to our pupils who have been recognised for their being their best selves and for making us all proud!

Holly Blue: Piper R & George B

Purple Emperors: Elliot A-W & Holly C

Class 1: Noah S & Elliott C

Class 2: Erin D, Alexandra H & Ted D

Class 3: Isaac A

Class 4: *Both unavailable*

Class 5: Anna B & Jack L

Class 6: Ellie D

Class 7: Will C-W & Benjamin S

Class 8: Francesca H & Noah B

Class 9: Jenson H & Thomas R

Sports Day & INSPIRE sessions

You will notice on the key dates section on the first page that we have put in dates for sports days. On Friday 14th June it is KS1 (AM) and EYFS (PM). On Friday 28th June it is UKS2 (AM) and LKS2 (PM). Obviously, these are subject to the weather on the day. If we did have to cancel then we would look to rearrange in July. More details will follow.

At my previous school we ran INSPIRE sessions where children were able to have up to two parents join them in the classroom for a session with their teacher. These were always very well received and I would like to replicate them at Walton. Families find it really interesting to get a glimpse of what their child's experience is like at school. Please see the dates on the first page. We will confirm plans for Nursery sessions in the near future.

A message from Miss Dixon, our leader of Science ...

This week has been Waterton's Science Week! A week where each student has put on their imaginary lab coat and embraced their inner scientist 😊 Our theme, "Everyday Scientists," has aimed to show the students in our school and the Trust that science is not just about laboratories and textbooks; and that it is in fact all around us, in everyday jobs. Throughout the week, each class has been given the task to explore the contributions of everyday scientists, including hairdressers, builders, farmers and mechanics. These investigations have highlighted the idea that anyone, regardless of age or background, can be a scientist! This won't be the last of our themed weeks. As it was very popular with children last year, we will still be holding our 'Walton S.T.E.M Week' in the Summer term of school. There will be more information regarding this closer to the time.

As we wrap up Science Week, remember that science is not just a subject to be studied but a way of understanding the world around us 😊

Moving forwards together
