



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you had a lovely summer and were able to spend some time with your children, whether it be at home with our (mostly) lovely weather or away! During the summer holiday, Mr Villiers has been redecorating our two internal courtyard areas so they are more accessible and user-friendly for our children. The space next to the dining hall, when completed, is intended to be for drama and a general outdoor learning space and, during lunchtime, a space for children to have their lunches - weather permitting! The courtyard by the Upper School Library is an area for children to go and read and work more quietly during the busy school day. I'll post more pictures in the Walsgrave Weekly as these areas are completed during the first few weeks of the autumn term.



This year I would like to organise a career event for our older children to inspire them to look more widely to the opportunities in the world of work. I will be very interested in drawing on talents from our school community so the children can hear and see first-hand what it means to be a scientist, electrician, journalist, doctor, engineer, dancer etc. If you know of anyone who would be keen to spare an hour or so to help me with this project, let me know! More information to follow.

We warmly welcome the following new staff to Walsgrave C of E Academy this term: Mrs A Cherry who will be teaching in Year 1 and Miss L Cooper who will be training to teach at our school during 2018-19.

#### **Other Information in Brief**

- **Merit Assemblies** will commence on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. We will be holding these assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05 am for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Reception children will join us later on in the school year.
- **Walking Home from School.** We recommend that only children who are fully street-wise and in Year 5 or above walk home from school on their own. If older siblings are picking children up from school, they must be 14 years or older to accompany them home by themselves.
- **Diary Dates.** We will be sending the full list of diary dates for the Autumn term on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September. The class curriculum letters will go out the following Friday (14.9.18).
- **Passports.** If you require me to complete the signatory part of your passport application, I am happy to do this on the condition that you make a contribution to the School Fund of £10. I believe that I still offer value for money, as a doctor could charge you £30!!

I hope this information proves useful. Please remember you can keep up-to-date with all that goes on at Walsgrave C of E Academy, through Twitter, The Walsgrave Weekly and our website.

Yours sincerely.

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