

Walkern Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term

Walk to School Week

This is from 12th to 16th November and during this week we will be encouraging parents/carers to park at the Sports and Social Club car park. Staff and parents will then walk the children from there to school. We are hoping that this will reduce parking congestion around the school and encourage our children to take the healthier option of walking to school when possible. This week is part of a whole school topic around road safety, congestion and working with local organisations such as the Parish Council. Parents/carers/residents have been asked to complete questionnaires before and after the week to get their views on its impact so please support us with this. As part of Our British Values children will have a voice about the community issues.

The Sports and Social Club car park will be open from 8.30am and close by 9.15am.

Please wait for the staff to help you cross.

Reading

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our recent reading activities. The children are being immersed in the world of literacy. Thanks to Miss Liddle for organising the afternoon and we look forward to future reading events this year. It is so important to encourage a love of reading as this is the key to all learning. The parent reading volunteers are really supporting us in this.

NSPCC Assemblies November 8th

NSPCC equips children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline 0800 1111. Trained NSPCC volunteers and staff delivered an assembly and workshop with the help of our Speak out Stay safe mascot, Buddy the speech bubble. Pupils are taught in a lively, memorable and child-friendly way.

It's an effective way to support our school's safeguarding duties and links directly to the curriculum. By the end of our visit, children feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. We will be doing a sponsored dance/skip athon in PE lessons to fund raise for the NSPCC.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact your Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP) for school, Mr Hall or Deputy DSP Mrs Oke.

PURPLE MASH

Walkern school supported by the PTA, have purchased a subscription to Purple Mash, which is a creative educational website for children. Used by thousands of schools, Purple Mash is a cross-curricular resource covering art to science and all subjects in between. As well as using it in school, children can access Purple Mash from home on a laptop, desktop, smart phone or a tablet. Each child will have login details and a password. This should make homework activities more fun.

Assessment Results Summer 2018

(N – National average, H – Hertfordshire average, W - Walkern.) Summer 2018 Results

Early Years Foundation Stage - Good Level Development Nat 71.6% Herts 72.8%
Walkern 77.8%

KS1	Expected and above			Greater depth		
	N	H	Walkern	N	H	Walkern
Reading	75.4%	78%	86.2 %	25.6%	31.8%	37.9%
Writing	69.9%	72.2%	82.8%	15.9%	20.4%	31%
Maths	76.1%	78%	82.8%	21.8%	25.8%	41.4%

KS2	Walkern			Walkern		
	N	H	Walkern	N	H	Walkern
Reading	75.3%	79.2%	75%	28.1%	33.5%	41.7%
Writing	78.3%	79%	83.3%	19.9%	24.3%	41.7%
Maths	75.6%	76.9%	91.7%	23.6%	26.8%	41.7%
Spag	77.7%	80.1%	83.3%	34.4%	37.2%	50%

KS2 Reading Writing Maths combined, Expected and above N 64.4% H 66.4% Walkern 75%

Greater depth reading/writing/maths combined N 9.9% H 12.9% Walkern 33%

Average Scaled Score	N	H	Walkern
Reading	105.1	106.1	104.3
Maths	104.4	104.9	107.8
Spag	106.2	106.8	108.3

Attainment has improved in many areas of the curriculum. The progress made by the year 6 cohort is still an area of concern which we are focusing on. The School Development Plan and School Evaluation Framework are on the website and show how we are responding to last year's inspection by OFSTED.

2018

Tuesday 13th November – Year 1 Open morning (9.15-10.15)

Wednesday 14th November – Year 6 NSPCC workshop (1.15 – 3.15)

Wednesday 14th November – Phonics workshop for parents (3.30)

Wednesday 14th November – Y2 Mini Olympics (1.00 – 3.00)

Monday 19th November – Year 2 Trip to London

Tuesday 20th November – Year 4 Open morning (9.15 a.m)

Thursday 22nd November – Year 2 Open morning (9.15 a.m)

Friday 23rd November – Individual / siblings photos

Friday 26th November – Year 6 H&W

Thursday 29th November – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 6th November – Year 3 Open morning

Friday 7th December - Occasional Day - School closed

Monday 10th December – Years 3 & 4 Trip to London

Tuesday 11th December – NSPCC – Thank you assembly

Tuesday 11th December – Dress rehearsal

Wednesday 12th December – Reception & Year 1 Performance

Thursday 13th December – Panto (school hall)

Friday 14th December – PTA Christmas shop – 1.15 p.m

Friday 14th December – Parent reading afternoons

**Friday 17th December – Rocksteady Concert 2.30 followed by the
PTA Raffle (winners announcement)**

Wednesday 19th December – PTA Disco (non-school uniform day)

3.15 – Infants disco

4.30 – Juniors disco

Thursday 20th December – Christmas service at St Marys church

Thursday 20th December – Christmas class parties (1.15)

21st December Christmas finish at 1.05p.m – No after school club

2019

Monday 7th January 2019 – Inset Day – School Closed

Tuesday 8th January – Back to school

Friday 18th January – Swimming starts for Year 3s

Monday 4th February – School nurse (Reception Children)

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February Half term – School closed

Friday 5th April – finish at 1.05 p.m.

Monday 8 April 2019 – Monday 22 April 2019 - Easter holiday

Monday 27 May 2019 - Friday 31 May 2019 Half term holiday

Friday 19th July – Finish at 1.05 pm (no after school club)

Monday 2nd September – Inset Day – school closed

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 Back to school