



Walnut Tree Walk
PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

30th September 2021



Dates for your Diary

October	<p>Fri 1st: Year 1 (Caitlin) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 8th: Year 3 Class Assembly</p> <p>Wed 13th: Year 1 going on London sightseeing bus tour</p> <p>Fri 15th: Year 5 to the Science Museum</p> <p>Mon 18th: Year 4 to Maritime Museum</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Year 5 (Roisin/Sam) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 22nd: Last day of the half-term.</p>
November	<p>Mon 1st: Children return to school</p> <p>Fri 5th: Year 1 (Elio) Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 9th: Y1 (Caitlin) to Transport Museum</p> <p>Wed 10th: Y1 (Elio) to Transport Museum</p> <p>Fri 12th: Year 5 (Aimee) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 19th: Year 2 (Deborah) Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 22nd: INSET Day—see page 3</p> <p>Thurs 25th: Reception Class Assembly (Chris)</p> <p>Fri 26th: Reception Class Assembly (Connor)</p> <p>Fri 26th: Flu vaccinations (only if you give consent).</p> <p>Mon 29th Nov - Fri 3rd Dec: Year 6 Into University all week</p>
December	<p>Fri 17th: Last day of term. School finishes at 1:45pm.</p>
January	<p>Tues 4th: INSET Day</p> <p>Wed 5th: Children return to school</p>

Messages

Welcome to Gertrude and Gerry

Since the start of term, we have two new additions to the staff team. Gertrude will be working in Year 1 this term to provide some additional support, and Gerry is our sports coach, covering for Billy temporarily.

Attendance and Punctuality

Punctuality has been fantastic this term so far so thank you for supporting us with this. A reminder to the few late arrivals each day that lessons start promptly at 9am for KS1 and KS2 so children should be ready to come in at 8:55am. Early Years start at 8:45am - please can Nursery parents try to get in for that time so that the playground is clear for when KS1 and 2 come in.

Vaccines

We have had a few people asking about the Covid vaccines so I just wanted to make the situation clear. The Covid vaccine rollout is only for secondary aged pupils and there is currently no suggestion that this will be offered to primary aged children.

The flu vaccine is being offered to all pupils in November and I have attached a separate letter with a link to information about this as well as an online consent form for you to complete, stating whether you consent or decline. Please can all parents complete this form. **NO CHILD WILL BE GIVEN THE FLU VACCINE WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.**

School Policies

A reminder that all of the statutory policies - and many more - are available to view on our school website.

What's been happening at WTW

Year 6 have been taking part in PE Masterclasses at London Nautical School.



Year 5 were presented with Blue Peter badges and the Climate Heroes Award for the work they did last year to make our school more environmentally friendly



Year 2 went to Hyde Park to take part in a weather workshop, and Year 3 went on a sightseeing boat cruise down the River Thames.



Parent Conference Meetings this term

We will be holding Parent Conference meetings this term which will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's progress to discuss the progress they are making.

Nursery and Reception are holding the meetings week beginning 4th October 2021. You should have already received your letters about this.

Years 1 to 6 will be holding their meetings week beginning 18th October 2021 (the last week of this half term). The class teachers will be writing to you about this soon. It will be up to you to choose whether it is face-to-face in school or over the telephone.

Who to go to if you have concerns about your child

General questions or concerns

We have a number of people who you can go to with any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. **Your first port of call will normally be your child's class teacher**, but Andrew, Sue and Connor are always available if you would like to speak to one of them.

Additionally, Deborah is the Phase Leader responsible for Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) and Simon is responsible for Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6).

Special Educational Needs

Catherine is the SENDCo and her role is to coordinate the provision at Walnut Tree Walk for any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Parents of children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) should go to Connor as he oversees inclusion across the school, but particularly the Early Years.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

We have a number of professionals in the school who support children's emotional wellbeing and mental health, as well as offering support to parents. It would normally be the case that the school would identify children or parents to be supported, however, parents can also ask for support by speaking to Andrew. Please be aware that although we have an extensive range of provision, we have to prioritise according to the level of need or concerns.

Jen Wills-Lamacq

Dr Jennifer Wills is a Child and Educational Psychologist (DEdPsy, Chartered Psychologist, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council). She has worked in this capacity for over a decade and specialises in working with schools and families to promote positive mental health and academic progress. This includes individual therapy using an array of techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), play therapy and child-centred counselling. Jen works with us on Fridays and, in addition to some direct work with children, she can be available to meet with any parents who need support or advice with a particular issue they are experiencing. If this is a service that you ever feel you need, please come and speak to Andrew and if this is the appropriate support, we will set up a meeting for you.

Gardener Chalmers

Gardner Chalmers continues to work in school two days a week as a Drama Therapist, working with a number of children who we feel benefit from his sessions.

Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Our Mental Health Support Team provide early intervention on mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, such as mild to moderate anxiety. These Mental Health Practitioners, overseen by the NHS, work directly with parents to support children with emerging and developing needs. A typical program of support will consist of 8 sessions which will identify any problems or triggers for your child and then teach you techniques and strategies to support their emotional development. If you are interested in accessing this service, please come and see Connor or email connorbrown@wtwschool.co.uk.

A few ways that you can support the school when shopping...



Amazon Smile

You can now make a donation to Walnut Tree Walk PTFA every time you shop on Amazon. If you would like to support us in this way, please carry out the following steps:

1. Visit smile.amazon.co.uk.
2. Sign in with your usual Amazon login.
3. When prompted search for *Walnut Tree Walk Parents Teachers and Friends Association* to set us as your default charity.
4. Shop as usual. (You won't need to repeat steps 2 and 3 next time).

Please note if using a phone, Smile only works if you use a browser, it does not work through the Amazon App.

Easyfundraising

Please continue to use the Easyfundraising donation website if you do any shopping online - especially at this time of year! It is a really simple and easy way to bring in additional funds for the school. It is very simple to use and can be done for household bills, weekly shops as well as more specific online purchases (Argos, John Lewis, Sainsbury's, M&S, ebay, booking.com etc). The school gets a small donation with every spend, which if we all used it would amount to a significant amount of money. You have to go on the following website:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

and then type in **Walnut Tree Walk** into the search for a cause box.
and then click on the link of the retailer that you would like to shop at.

Vote for us at Tesco!

We have applied to the Tesco Community Grant Fund for up to £1500 to support our mental health provision in school and you can vote for us each time you shop at Tescos. Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project.

6860	WATERLOO BAYLIS EXP	SE1 7FN	Express
4694	DUMONT EXP	SE1 7TJ	Express
4521	WATERLOO RD EXP	SE1 8UL	Express
6231	KENNINGTN PARK RD EXP	SE11 4RS	Express
4857	KENNINGTON VAUXHALL	SE11 5QU	Superstore
6069	LAMBETH EXP	SE11 6HR	Express
6851	LONDON HERNE HILL EXP	SE24 0AH	Express
4835	DENMARK HILL EXP	SE5 8EJ	Express
2143	BRIXTON SW2 5RS		Superstore
6152	SOUTH LAMBETH LDN EXP	SW8 2JU	Express
5342	ST GEORGES WHARF EXP	SW8 2JW	Express
6020	CLAPHAM OVAL EXP	SW9 0HR	Express
6427	BRIXTON BRIXTN RD EXP	SW9 6BD	Express
2161	STOCKWELL EXPRESS	SW9 7AA	Express
6567	BRIXTON COLDHA LN EXP	SW9 8SE	Express