



Walnut Tree Walk  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

24th January 2022



## Dates for your Diary

January	<b>Fri 28th:</b> Elio's Year 1 Class Assembly
February	<b>Fri 4th:</b> Deborah's Year 2 Class Assembly <b>Fri 11th:</b> Last day of the half-term. School finishes at the normal time. <b>Mon 21st:</b> Children return to school <b>Fri 25th:</b> Year 3 Class Assembly
March	<b>Fri 4th:</b> Sam and Roisin's Year 5 Class Assembly <b>Fri 11th:</b> Aimee's Year 5 Class Assembly <b>Mon 14th - Fri 18th:</b> Parent Conference Meetings will be held this week. <b>Fri 18th:</b> Dannie and Catherine's Year 2 Class Assembly <b>Fri 25th:</b> Connor's Reception Class Assembly
April	<b>Fri 1st:</b> Chris's Reception Class Assembly <b>Fri 1st:</b> Last day of term. School finishes at normal time.

### Attendance

It is really important that we work together to improve attendance. It is averaging at about 90% per day, which is significantly below where we would like it to be. Although in line with the national average at the moment due to the direct and indirect effects of Covid, it does mean that some children are missing a lot of their education. A reminder that family holidays cannot be taken during term time and will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

## Messages

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who returned the parent questionnaire last week. We had a high number of responses - 117 in total. Please see page 2 for more details of the responses.

### Playground

We are getting very close to completing the playground project. Unfortunately, the builders were hit again with Covid last week so things came to a standstill, but it should hopefully be finished this week.

### Covid Cases

Our Covid numbers are much lower than last term so we will only write to let you know if we meet the threshold of case numbers that require additional measures (10% or more of a group testing positive at the same time). A reminder that the government guidance has changed meaning anyone who tests positive, including children, only have to isolate for 5 days as long as they test negative twice (24 hours apart). Therefore, the earliest a child could return is on Day 6, if on Day 5 and Day 6 they have negative lateral flow results.

### RSE Policy

We have updated our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education Policy) as part of our regular review of policies. There are no significant changes in terms of our approach or the teaching content, but each time we review the RSE Policy we consult with parents. The draft policy is available on the 'Policies' page of our website. Any comments you have should be emailed to our PSHE Lead, Roisin Anderson, [randerson@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:randerson@wtwschool.co.uk) by Fri 4th Feb.

## Parent Questionnaire Results

It was very encouraging receiving so many responses from parents in our recent questionnaire and that they were overwhelmingly positive. The results were as follows:

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school	97%	3%	0%
My child feels safe at school	99%	1%	0%
Behaviour in the school is good	93%	2%	5%
The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning	98%	2%	0%
The school has high expectations for my child, expecting him or her to do their best	91%	2%	7%
My child does well at this school	97%	0%	3%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	95%	3%	2%
The teaching in this school is good	97%	0%	3%
The school is well led and managed	99%	1%	0%
I would feel comfortable approaching the school with questions or a problem	98%	1%	1%
I would recommend this school to another parent	98%	0%	2%

### Our response to the feedback

Although the vast majority of you are clearly very happy with the school, we strive for 100% so will take on board your comments. Three parents said that their children were not happy in school at the moment. We were already aware of these particular circumstances but will continue to do all that we can to change this for these children as them being happy is the most important thing for us.

The small minority of you who said 'disagree' or 'don't know' to statements often commented that this was due to not being inside the school and seeing first-hand what is going on due to the Covid restrictions, which we know has not been ideal. We really hope that we can make some changes in terms of this in the summer term.

Another comment that came up more than once, either in the 'wider development' statement or the general comments, was about wanting activity clubs. We agree with you on this and will now make plans for activity clubs to be reinstated for the summer term. I will write to you with more details of what this will look like later this term.

Eight parents said that they were not sure whether the school has high expectations for their child. I can assure you that we do have very high expectations for each and every child, but we clearly need to do a bit more to communicate to you how we do this. Hopefully, you will be able to see this for yourself when you have your Spring Term parent conference meetings.



# New Prospectus

Our new prospectus has been printed and published on the school website. Please take a look as there are some lovely pictures of what goes on inside the school.

Here are a selection of the photos inside:

