



# School Newsletter

18th July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year has flown by and comes to an end! It has been lovely to have a close to 'normal' year following the last two years we have all had. I would like to say thank you to you all for your ongoing support. It has been a very busy end to the year - Year 6 put on an incredible performance of School of Rock last week, we've been out on so many trips, and we enjoyed a wonderful Fun Day. Some pictures from these events are on the next couple of pages.

On pages 5 and 6 you will find some reminders about returning after the summer holidays.

Have a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best Wishes, Andrew and the Walnut Tree Walk Staff Team

## Dates for your Diary

July	<b>Wed 20th:</b> Last day of term. School finishes at 1:45pm.
Sep	<b>Thurs 1st:</b> INSET Day <b>Fri 2nd:</b> INSET Day <b>Mon 5th:</b> KS1 and KS2 Children return to school, plus children in Nursery who are staying in Nursery <b>Wed 7th:</b> New Reception children start * New Nursery children have been given staggered start dates.

**Please remember that school finishes at 1:45pm on Wednesday.** Year 6 parents are welcome to come into the playground and stay a little longer once the rest of the school have been dismissed so the children and families can say their goodbyes properly.

## Goodbyes

This time of the year is always so hard for us when we have to say goodbye to people. We have two temporary members of staff who have come to the end of their contracts and will be leaving us - a big thank you to Shirley and Najat. As you know, Deborah and Simon are moving on to Deputy and Assistant Head positions, and Roisin is moving to Cornwall. We are going to miss all three of them so much and would like to thank them for the enormous contribution they have made to the school, and wish them all the best for the future. Tosin is also sadly leaving as she is moving on to a different career, and she too will be greatly missed.

The fantastic Year 6 class are also moving on to the next stages of their lives at secondary school. They have been such a great group made up of truly unique individuals who we are very proud of. We will miss you all so much.



# What's been happening at WTW...

We had a great **Fun Day**. Thank you to Carl, parent of Stella, for the great pictures.





## What's been happening at WTW...

**Nursery** had their own Fun Day after performing a wonderful assembly. **Reception** went to Vauxhall City Farm. **Reception and Year 1** watched a theatre production: Year 1 went to see this at a theatre space in Clapham, and Reception were lucky to have a special performance just for them in school. **Year 1** went to Broadstairs Beach last week and a great time was had by all, and **Year 2** performed at the Lambeth Music Festival in Brixton.





## What's been happening at WTW...

**Year 3** visited the Horniman Museum. **Year 4** visited Kew Gardens and the Natural History Museum. **Year 6** went on their residential to PGL.



**Year 5** took part in a Science morning at Lilian Baylis Secondary School. They also went to Hampton Court for the day as part of their learning about Henry VIII.



The Year 6 children treated us to incredible performances of 'School of Rock' on Thursday afternoon and evening. It was a fantastic show with great acting, singing, dancing and music. Well done!



## Next Year...

### **When do the children return to school?**

Key Stage 1 and 2 children (Years 1-6) return on Monday 5th September, as well as any children in the Nursery now who are staying in the Nursery.

Reception children will all start on Wednesday 7th September.

New starters in the Nursery have been given individual, staggered start dates.

### **What time will the children start and finish?**

We will continue with the start and end of day times that we had this year.

Nursery and Reception	Start Time: 8:45am	End Time 3:20pm
Key Stages 1 and 2 (Yrs 1-6)	Start Time 8:55am	End Time 3:30pm

If Reception children have siblings, they can either enter via the Walnut Tree Walk gate and then walk through the playground past the school building to line up, or parents can walk them around the block to the Fitzalan Street gate.

The school gates will open at 8:45am each morning.

### **Where should children line up in the morning?**

All children in Years 1 to 6 will enter via the Fitzalan Street gate. Year 1 to 6 parents will not come in the playground in the morning as the current arrangement is working very well and allowing the school day to start promptly.

Nursery parents will come through the playground so that the children can be handed to the Nursery staff team.

Reception children will enter via the Walnut Tree Walk gate. For the first week, parents can come into the playground, but from week 2 onwards they should be able to come through the gate and line up with their teachers.

### **Where do I collect my child from at the end of the day?**

All parents can enter the playground at the end of the day to collect their children. Reception parents, please use the Walnut Tree Walk gate. You can then either leave through the same gate or walk around to the other side and leave through the Fitzalan Street gate. We ask that parents in other year groups only use the Fitzalan Street gate.

### **What happens if my child is late?**

It is really important that children arrive to school on time, and the punctuality at Walnut Tree Walk is generally very good. If you are late bringing your child to school, please ring the buzzer at the Fitzalan Street gate and then bring your child to the main office. You will then need to register your child on the electronic sign in system in the office, giving your reasons for being late.

### **Who will be my child's class teacher?**

Please see the previous newsletter.

### **Term Time Holidays**

From September, term-time holidays will not be authorised unless there are very exceptional circumstances and there has been full attendance for the rest of the year. The school's attendance rate has been very adversely impacted by the large number of families taking holidays during term time. Any holidays taken, which are not for exceptional reasons and been agreed by school prior to booking, will be notified to the Education Welfare team at Lambeth.

### **When will we be able to book after school activity clubs?**

After school activity clubs will start at the end of September. I will write to you about what is on offer and how to apply at the start of term. They will run in a similar way to how they have done this year.

### **How do I book Breakfast and After School for the Autumn Term?**

Please note that breakfast and after school club booking for next term will go live at **10am on Thursday 1st September**. We are unable to do this any earlier as we need to have the new Reception children registered before we can offer it out to everyone. I will send a reminder out before the 1st.

The activity clubs will not be arranged until we are back in September. If you book the after school club on 1st September but then get given an activity club, we will adjust your bookings accordingly and transfer funds or refund your account where needed.

**In order to book a session at either club, you must be in credit on your Scopay account** for the amount you are requesting. For example, if you require breakfast club daily for 6 weeks, you must be in credit on your account by at least £90 to cover the cost (£3 X 30 days). The exception to this is if you pay for these clubs through one of the following childcare voucher schemes we have in place: Kiddiecare, Edenred and the government tax-free childcare. We also have some parents who are in education who get their childcare costs covered by SFE (Student Finance England). In these cases, you will not need to be in credit to book as long as you have notified Sharon that you are using one of these schemes.

You can book either club online up to seven days before the date needed, subject to availability, but we recommend you book in advance. If you need a club at shorter notice than seven days, please call the school office or email [shall@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:shall@wtwschool.co.uk) and if there is availability Sharon will book it for you. Once you book, you are committing to paying for that session. I hope you understand that this is necessary as we have to organise staffing in advance and do not want valuable spaces in these clubs wasted.

A reminder of the costs:

Breakfast Club: £3 per day

After School Club (up until 4:30pm): £5 per day

After School Club (up until 5:45pm): £10 per day

# Ways to support the school

A couple of ways that you can support the school when shopping over the summer...



## 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](https://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.