



School Newsletter

16th October 2023



Dates for your Diary

October	<p>Mon 16th - Fri 20th: Parent Conference Meetings this week. If you have not booked a meeting time yet, please speak to the class teacher</p> <p>Tues 17th: Year 6 to Imperial War Museum</p> <p>Fri 20th: Y1 (Elio) Class Assembly</p> <p>Fri 20th: End of half term.</p> <p>Mon 30th: Children return to school</p>
November	<p>Thurs 2nd: Vision screening check for Reception children</p> <p>Fri 3rd: Year 5 Class Assembly</p> <p>Tues 7th: Flu vaccine (only for those who agree to this). Details to follow.</p> <p>Fri 10th: Y1 (Peter) Class Assembly</p> <p>Thurs 16th: Y5 to British Museum</p> <p>Fri 17th: Y2 to Windsor Castle</p> <p>Fri 17th: Y6 Class Assembly</p> <p>Thurs 23rd: Y2 (Aimee) Assembly</p> <p>Fri 24th: INSET Day. School closed</p>
December	<p>Fri 1st: Y2 (Ana) Class Assembly</p> <p>Mon 11th: Winter Fair 3:30-5pm</p> <p>Fri 15th: Early Years Christmas Show at 10am</p> <p>Mon 18th: KS2 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm. Please note we have changed the times from previous years and will no longer have an evening performance.</p> <p>Tues 19th: KS1 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm</p> <p>Thurs 21st: End of Term. School finishes at 1:45pm. No after school club on this day.</p>
January	<p>Mon 8th: Children return to school</p>

Messages

Coffee Mornings for other year groups

Following the positive feedback after our coffee morning for Reception parents, we will be holding similar coffee mornings for other year groups. We will be starting with Key Stage One. There will be a coffee morning for Year 1 parents on Tuesday 31st October and Year 2 on Wednesday 1st November. They will be held in the dining hall from 9-10am.

The purpose of these informal sessions is to allow parents to get to know each other in school. Some staff members will be there too.

Activity Clubs

A reminder that activity clubs end on the week of 4th-8th December so please make sure that you book after school club for the last couple of weeks of term if needed.

Welcome to Giulia and Imogen

After half term we have two student teachers joining us from the Institute of Education. We have had many student teachers from the Institute over the years (including me many years ago!) and look forward to continuing this partnership. Giulia will be based in Sharon's Reception class and Imogen will be based in Peter's Year 1 class. They are both with us until the February half-term holiday.

Messages (continued)

Parent Workshops

It was great to see so many of you at the phonics, reading and maths workshops this term. We received some very positive feedback about these sessions and as a result of requests from parents, we will be doing a follow up to the maths workshop, focusing on the strategies we use to teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We aim to run this session in November.

The other workshops planned for next half term will focus on wellbeing. Dates and further details to follow soon.

Reading sessions

Thank you to all of the Reception parents for joining the class for their reading session last Friday. It was great to see so many of you there.

Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to come in Wednesday 8th November. Connor has contacted you already about this.

Nursery Parents

Nursery parents have been invited in this coming Friday to look at all the learning that they have done this half term.

Supporting the school to raise money



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.

What's been happening at WTW ...

Year 6 went to a poetry writing workshop at London Nautical secondary school. The session was led by the poet Neal Zetter.



Year 5 took part in a clay workshop last week at the Beaconsfield Gallery as part of a project collaborating with artists.



Year 1 went on a local walk to see some of the sights of London as part of their topic about our local area.



Copy of letter sent out about PTFA Winter Fair

PTFA

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first PTFA meeting of the school year. It was lovely to see some familiar faces and some new faces too.

Also, thank you to everyone who couldn't make the meeting but reached out to offer help. This is greatly appreciated by us all.

Our Winter fair is on the 11th December from 3.30pm until 5pm.

For those of you new to our school, our PTFA events allow us to come together as a school community and also raise some funds whilst doing so.

Typically, during the Winter fair, we run stalls and sell refreshments and were even lucky enough to enjoy some fabulous live music last year, thanks to a very generous donation.

The children are treated to a whole range of fun activities including face painting, lucky dips, hook the duck, cookie decorating, glitter tattoos, art and craft activities, book and toy stalls and games.

There are plenty of refreshments catering for a wide range of tastes and the raffle always has some fabulous prizes. Raffle tickets are sold beforehand and the raffle is drawn during the fair.

We are currently finalising details and a list of stalls and other ways you can help will be available shortly after half term.

Please remember, any help is appreciated however big or small and you can help in a number of ways.

We always need help to set up, decorate, clear away and supervise stalls especially while school staff are still working. Staff join as soon as they can but there is always a short amount of time between the gate opening and all children being collected where help is usually needed.

You can help on a stall for any amount of time and do not need to commit for the whole event. Sharing this with other volunteers is a great way to spend some time helping but also enjoying the fair with your own children too.

We always need good raffle prizes and have been amazed at the wonderful donations parents have managed to secure during previous raffles. If you know of any businesses that you can approach to ask for a raffle prize donation, please do so. A headed letter will be available shortly for you to show to a business or a company if you would like to take one with you.

Please note that there is a PTFA WhatsApp group which you can join if you would like to. Please email me your name, phone number and name of your child(ren) if you would like to be added to this group. This seems to be the best place to share prizes already donated and businesses already approached. However, you can always email me instead if you would prefer.

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Donations of cakes, biscuits etc will be needed on the day and we are happy to accept homemade and also shop bought donations. All we ask is these are nut free and any homemade donations are clearly labelled with an ingredient list because of allergies.

We will also need donations of good quality games and toys (working and with all pieces) and bottles for the bottle tombola.

Everyone is valued within our school community and we want our PTFA to reflect this. Please reach out to other parents in your children's classes and spread the word. I am always around before school or after school if anyone feels unsure and would like to talk to me about how they can help. I promise, I am very friendly!

We know how valuable your time is and are grateful for any time and support you can give. We have a wonderful school community so let's all come together to celebrate this.

Thank you for taking the time to read all this information. I appreciate it is a lot at once. Any questions please get in touch.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sharon