



Walnut Tree Walk  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

2nd July 2024

## End of Year



### We have lots going on in the last couple of weeks of term...

We had great KS1 and KS2 Sports Days earlier in June and it was lovely to have so many parents join us for this. A reminder that we have one more Sports Day to go:

Reception: **Tuesday 16th July** - 9:30am at school

The Year 6 Show is on **Tuesday 16th July** at 7pm. I will be emailing Year 6 parents with details nearer the time.

A reminder that Fun Day is this **Friday 5th July**.

All classes will be spending a morning with their new teacher. Most will be doing this on **Monday 8th July**.

End of year school reports will be emailed out to parents and carers **week beginning 15th July**.

Class end of year parties will be on **Wednesday 24th July**. Class teachers will share information with you about what food and drink you can donate if you wish to.

School finishes at **1:45pm on Wednesday 24th July**.

### Goodbyes

Kath is sadly retiring from her role at Walnut Tree Walk at the end of term. Kath started working at the school in 1988 and has given 36 years to the school! Kath has been adored by generations of children in our school community who have enjoyed the games and the chats she has with them in the playground as well as the support she has given children in the classroom, always being there to listen to them. Kath is our longest standing member of staff and will be so greatly missed. I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for all that she has done and wishing her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

We sadly will be also saying goodbye to Elio at the end of term. Elio is relocating to Sheffield where he will be taking up a teaching position. He has been a very valuable and much loved member of the WTW staff team and will be greatly missed.

## Next year

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are busy making plans for the year ahead. Please see below for who your child's teacher will be from September.

<b>Class in September</b>	<b>Who the teacher will be:</b>	<b>Additional adults who will be supporting for part or all of the week:</b>
Nursery	Dannie	Amandla and Serena
Reception 1	Chris	Charmaine
Reception 2	Sharon	Aurora and Ryan
Year 1 (Sharon's current class)	Peter	Miranda and Sharon
Year 1 (Chris's current class)	Aimee	Leah and Sharon
Year 2 (Elio's current class)	Ana	Antonia
Year 2 (Peter's current class)	Simon	Kassandra and AJ
Year 3 (Aimee's current class)	Steph	Grace plus one TBC
Year 3 (Ana's current class)	Shuhana	
Year 4 (Sue and Catherine's current class)	Sue and Catherine	Alexa
Year 4 (Steph's current class)	Joanne (Tu-F) Catherine (Mon)	Shifa (Trainee Teacher)
Year 5 (Joanne's current class)	Emma (M-Th) Sam (Fri)	Nicola and Gino
Year 5 (Shuhana's current class)	Tilly	Rosie, Nicola and Gino
Year 6 (Connor's current class)	Connor	Alicia and Maryann

Joanne and Emma are going to be working four days a week each. Joanne's class will have Catherine and Shifa on Mondays, and Emma's class will have Sam on Fridays.

We will continue to have a number of specialist additional teachers who will be working across the school:

- Daniel, Sue Lynch and Del will continue to teach Music across KS1 and KS2.
- Sam will be teaching Art in all classes from Year 2 to 6.
- Billy continues as our full time sports coach for all year groups.
- Emanuela will continue to teach Dance to KS2 classes.
- Daniel will spend part of his week teaching Spanish in KS2.
- Charles will continue to provide reading, SEN and EAL support for some children
- Rebecca will be continuing one day a week as a Maths intervention teacher.
- Catherine will be spending part of her week teaching Year 4 and the rest as the school's SENDCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator).

## Next year

### **Welcomes (and returns) for September**

We welcome back Simon Codling to the teaching team from September. Simon worked at Walnut Tree Walk for many years before taking up a new post at another school last year. However, we are delighted to say that he is returning to us and will be teaching Year 2 as well as joining the Senior Management Team as a Teaching and Learning Lead. Emma returned earlier in the June following her maternity leave, and will be teaching Year 5 next year.

I am pleased to say that Shifa will be undertaking her teacher training at our school next year. Gino has been appointed as a Cover Supervisor so will now be leading classes when teachers are absent short term. This will help to ensure that the children receive consistency and high-quality teaching and learning from an experienced educator. We are hoping to appoint a new Premises Officer to start in September and are currently in the process of recruiting for this post.

### **Presents for staff at end of year and Christmas**

We do not ever expect gifts from parents but know that some of you like to give a present at the end of the academic year. Whilst we are all enormously appreciative of the gesture, as Lambeth Council employees, we cannot accept high-value gifts. The collections that have taken place in recent years, whilst so kind and generous, do cross that threshold, so we will no longer be able to accept these gift cards. If you would like to buy staff members a gift, small tokens of your appreciation (bought individually from parents) are appropriate but never expected.

### **Breakfast and After School Club Booking for September**

Booking for next half-term (September and October) will go live on Monday 2nd September at 11am. We cannot open the booking any earlier as we have to wait for the new Reception children to be registered so that the Reception parents have the same access to it. We have increased capacity (yet again!). Despite the significant increasing costs of operating this provision, I am pleased to say that we will be able to maintain our current prices for next term. This is something that we are reviewing termly to ensure that the club is sustainable.

### **Summer Work - Donations**

Over the summer we will be having quite a lot of building work done; the main project this year is our redevelopment of the back playground/ sports pitch, pictures of which you can see on the next page. This new and improved pitch area will mean there is better play space for lunch and playtimes as well as much-improved space for Billy's PE sessions. From September we will be able to do the vast majority of our PE lessons on site rather than relying on (and paying for) the pitches at Lollard Street Adventure Playground.

This is a project that is costing a substantial amount of money and is something that we have been saving up for. A few parents have made very kind donations to the school over the last year - either personally or through the companies that they work for. **If you would like to make a donation towards this or think that the company you work for might be able to, please get in touch or you can make a donation via the 'donations' tab on Scopay.** Please note, we do not expect parents to make contributions: I am just sharing this in case anyone is in a position to do so as it would greatly help us.

# Playground Development



## Fun Day

Raffle Tickets are on sale before and after school every day this week  
(at Fitzalan Street gate, Walnut Tree Walk gate, and in the office)

*FRIDAY 5th July, 3.30pm-6.30pm*

# WTW FUNDAY RAFFLE!

## **PRIZES!**

- Ipad donated by Citygrove
- Entrance for x2 adults & x2 children at HMS Belfast
- £100 Voucher - Cheeky Chicos Elephant Park
- £60.00 Voucher - Paladar
- £50.00 Voucher - Baccala London
- Brand new leather handbag donated by Me+Em
- Theatre Tickets - The Little Angel
- x2 Show Tickets - Southwark Playhouse
- £50.00 Voucher - The Ship
- £50.00 Voucher - Fentiman Arms
- £20.00 Voucher - 400 Rabbits Elephant & Castle
- Tea & Cake Voucher - Louie Louie
- Free Child Climb - Substation Brixton
- x2 Pizza - Collective Kennington Park
- Tea & Cake Voucher for two - Collective Kennington Park
- Bottle of Prosecco

*Raffle 50p Per Ticket / £2 For 5*

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*FRIDAY 5th July,  
3.30pm–6.30pm  
Fitzalan Street  
Entrance*

Join Us For An Afternoon Of Fun!

Enjoy A Bouncy Castle, Games,  
Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos,  
BBQ, Stalls, Music, Refreshments,  
And A Raffle!

All Money Raised Will Go Towards  
New Instruments. Please Bring  
Some Change!

Nominate our school...



A gift beyond words

## Nominate your school to win £1,000 for their library

This summer, our big schools prize is back to give five schools the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** and a year's free membership to the **School Library Association**; **PLUS one overall winner will receive £500** to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate a school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also receive a **£100 National Book Tokens gift card** to spend in your favourite bookshop.



Enter here:

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