

# WALTER INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There are lots of things going on in this half of the term so please make sure you read all the communications sent out so you don't miss out!

Hopefully you have been able to have a look at the webcam of our little chicks which hatched out last week - all the children have enjoyed seeing this lovely example of new life starting - you can still access this via the link on the front page of the website.

### STORY TELLING EVENING

We are delighted that so many of you will be joining us on Thursday for the Story Book evening. We would like to clarify a few details about the evening.

- School will be open from 6pm to 7pm - and parents are not expected to wear their pyjamas!
- The idea of the event is to highlight how important it is for you to read stories to your children especially at bedtime.
- The school hall and adjoining classrooms will be set up with books to choose. Your child will have some favourites for you! We would like to create a cosy and calming atmosphere where you and your family can find a quiet spot to enjoy sharing stories. It would be lovely if you brought some of your favourite books too. You are welcome to bring cushions or beanbags with you if you would like to make it even more relaxing.
- The staff will be serving hot chocolate and cookies in the hall and will happily point you in the right direction.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday evening.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - NEW CHAIR REQUIRED

Following last month's plea for a volunteer to be Chair of the PA unfortunately we have not yet had anyone step forward. To clarify on some enquiries we have had - the person needs to be a parent of a child in school, two people can job-share the role so if two friends wanted to do this together that would work well (and has been done in the past) and the previous Chair is still on the Committee so is available to give advice and help if required. Please do think seriously about this as there will be no further fund raising or events if this vital position is not filled.

If you are interested in finding out more please do contact Felicity by email at [felicity.eakins@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.eakins@gmail.com).

Many Thanks  
Felicity Haworth  
Secretary

## WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, as well as the Book Fair which will run each day from Wednesday to Monday next week after school, and the Story Book evening, your child is invited to come to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March dressed as a character from a story book.

## WOODLEY FESTIVAL

The Year 2 choir have been practising hard and will be performing in the Woodley Festival at 9.00am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at The Emmbrook School. All supporters are welcome to come along!

## POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION

You will have seen in the press the possibility of teaching unions calling for strike action by their members on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This is to give you advance notice that if a strike goes ahead this school may be closed. We will keep you updated when we have further information.

## OPEN BOX THEATRE

Year 1 and 2 both enjoyed visits last week from the Ken and Carol of Open Box Theatre group - Year 2 learning about the Great Fire of London and Year 1 enjoying a world of Fairy Tale castles. As always, everyone had a great time and learning has never seemed so much fun!

## LATE ARRIVALS

Foundation 2 (Dove, Magpie and Woodpecker) children are taken into school at 8.45am by their teachers. If you arrive after the classes have gone in you need to take your child to the School Office to be taken through to their class. An increasing number of children are arriving late to Foundation and this is causing a great deal of disruption to the start of the day. Please try and arrive on time so that your child has the best start.

## PARKING AT WEST OAK NURSING HOME

The road leading down to West Oak Nursing Home is a private road and should never be used by parents to park in. The Administrator at West Oak is extremely concerned about the number of cars driving up and down the road and there are children running all around. Please do not use this road to park in and do not let your children run around unsupervised in busy areas.

## F1 ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Our part-time places operate on a one-term entry, so places are offered to children in the September after their third birthday. If you have a child whose date of birth is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 and you are interested in them attending our Foundation Stage on a part-time basis next September, please ask for a registration card at the School Office. We are holding an Open Evening for prospective parents of children who will be 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 4.00pm to 5.30pm - if you or anyone you know would like to come along you are most welcome. You can bring your children with you.

## PAMPERED CHEF EVENING

Becky Leonard is organising a fun "Ready, Steady, Cook" type evening on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - it promises to be lots of fun and as well as being entertained you may win a raffle prize worth around £100! Get your friends together and come along for a fun time - Foundation's Mrs Cathy Willis will be one of the chefs participating! If you need another copy of the form please ask in the school office or go to the website. We really need a few more to book in to make the evening a success.

## SCHOOL LUNCH PAYMENT

We have been informed by Caterlink that all lunch debts must be cleared by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April or else school is liable for these. Please ensure you keep a check on your child's account so that they do not run into debt. We send out debt letters every two weeks but should not really have to do this - you are responsible for maintaining your child's school lunch account and should not be sending them in if you have not credited their account with sufficient funds. If your child has school lunch every day you need to credit their account by £9.75 every week - before they have the lunches is preferable!

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

On the last day of term - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - both Walter and St Paul's schools will be finishing classes one hour early ie:

Years 1 and 2	2.20pm	
Foundation Stage 2	2.15pm	
Foundation Stage 1	2.30pm	(F1 am normal session)
St Paul's	2.30pm	

Please make sure you collect your children promptly. The After School club will also be starting and finishing one hour earlier - if you require a place on the last day of term please contact them as soon as possible to book your place.

Kind regards

Vanessa M Mitura  
Headteacher

Further information on the following events will follow nearer the time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Book Fair in Hall 3.20pm to 4.00pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - come to school dressed as a storybook character
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm-7pm - Story Telling Evening
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	4 - 5.30pm F1 Open Evening for Prospective new parents
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Woodley Festival - 9am Year 2 choir perform
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	F2, Year 1 and 2 - Visit by Hand to Mouth Puppet Theatre Company
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors Morning in School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	PA - Pampered Chef Evening
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> , Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> March	FS Stay and Play Easter sessions (for class days please see website)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	"Display Friday" - lost property in Hall after school
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Miller's Farm Visit to Foundation Stage
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring Term finishing 1 hour early
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term

## LETTERS SENT HOME

The following letters were sent out last term and today. If you have not seen any of these you can obtain another copy from the School Office or download from the Newsletter section on the website (most letters will be stored there)

Sent out	Title	To
5.2.14	S Evans - Parent Information Evenings - Workshops	Whole school
10.2.14	Ready, Steady, Cook Fundraising Evening	Whole school
10.2.14	Easter Stay and Plan Sessions	F1 and F2
10.2.14	Foundation Stage Open Evening	F1 and F2
14.2.14	Book Week Celebrations	Whole school
24.2.14	Skippping Workshops	Year 1 and 2
24.2.14	Story Book Evening	Whole school