

# NEWSLETTER

January 2018



*Our mission as a church school is to be – loving, welcoming and succeeding with faith, family and friendship at the centre of all that we do. The key Christian values that are the core of our school life are forgiveness, creation, koinonia, reverence, service, wisdom, trust and endurance.*

*Our Six Super Skills – Enthusiastic, Inquisitive, Keep on going, Risk Taker, Adaptable, Aim High!*

*A belated thank you all for the many good wishes and gifts we received before Christmas – all very much appreciated.*

The time has flown by once again and we are now in the middle term of our academic year.

## **Congratulations**

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs McCabe and her husband are expecting their first baby in June. I have no doubt that you will join us in giving them our congratulations and very best wishes.

## **Communication**

You will have already noticed the changes to the way we are sending information to you. This is to help you keep up to date and fully informed about what is happening in school and the activities which affect your children in particular. We were finding that many of you were unable to keep track when it was contained in the bulletin. This will enable you to search relevant information rather than wading through the bulletin. The celebration of pupils' achievements and important dates will be included in the bulletin which will be circulated on Friday each week. We intend to include all dates in the 'Important Dates' so you will have easy reference.

## **E-Safety**

This is an ongoing concern for parents, carers and schools alike. As part of our River Chelmer Primary Partnership working we agreed to offer E-safety information sessions to parents and carers, the cost of which will be shared by all the schools. Please sign up as they are very informative and relevant to keeping children safe whilst using the internet. During 'E-Safety Day' the children will be taking part in activities which will help to inform them in safe use of the internet.

## **Parent Consultations**

As part of our commitment to support all of our pupils in their learning we encourage them to attend parent consultation meetings. In this way they are part of the discussion with parents and carers and are far more likely to respond to any advice shared. They also have the opportunity to share their work with you and to explain what they were learning and how much they achieved from the task. Please ensure that you come along as these sessions are extremely important to the children.



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If you are unable to come in and select an appointment time please email [admin@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@littlewaltham.essex.sch.uk) with the subject title – parent consultation followed by your child’s name. In the body of the email give your child’s class, the date and a time slot range of at least half an hour. You will be emailed with an appointment time as soon as possible. To ensure fairness emails will be dealt with strictly on a first come first served basis. Please don’t telephone to make an appointment as it disrupts an already busy day. Thank you.

### **The Friends of Little Waltham School**

We are incredibly lucky to have such a super group of parents who plan, organize and deliver a whole range of events for our children and families to enjoy. Some raise money for the school and some are just for fun! The Christmas Bazaar was a great success in both raising money and providing entertainment – we all really enjoyed it. A personal thank you to Mrs Eli Baker who gave so much of her time taking photographs and getting them all printed, also for the video of our Nativity this year.

If you are able to attend the **AGM on 23rd February at 2.00 pm** they would love to see you. Understandably, not everyone is able to come due to other commitments and the timings of meetings will not suit everyone. However if you would like to contribute in any way but aren’t able to be there in person please call or email with suggestions or offers of help.

### **Activities this term**

Oak class will be attending the Year 4 Superstars competition on 20<sup>th</sup> February. This will give them all the opportunity to challenge themselves to do their very best at a sporting event and contribute individually to the overall outcome. Miss Peck will be working with her class during some PE sessions to train them for the event.

Our Multi-Faith Fortnight begins on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February when the children will be learning about other faiths through a range of activities – look out for further information nearer the time.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March Elm Class will be joining Year 2 pupils from other schools in the area for the Infant Music Festival. This is always a really enjoyable event and this year’s is entitled ‘There’s a Sunflower in my Supper.’

Our Easter service will be held at St Martin’s Church on Tuesday 27th March at 09.00 am. Please bring your children to the church and stay for the service – it is always better when the church is full. Following that we will have Easter Activities in school for all the children to take part in.

I have no doubt that there will be additions to these as we move through this term.

*Dear Creator God,*

*Bless us as we start this new term with our friends and teachers. Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh. May we show love to one another and to all. May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again. Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness. Amen*

*The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; Number 24-25*

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