

NEWSLETTER

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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!

Wishing you a Happy Summer Break!

This Newsletter is always one tinged with sadness as we say good bye to our Year 6 pupils. We are all so proud of their achievements – many of which cannot be measured or assigned a number. It is a pleasure to watch all the children grow and mature, taking on additional responsibilities and challenging themselves to learn new skills. If they are able to move on to their new schools as well rounded and confident young people we have fulfilled our role in their lives.

It has been a busy year with a building project and a number of new families joining us along with the normal everyday events of school life. All the staff at Little Waltham go out of their way to make the children's time in school as happy as possible and to support you where we possibly can. Thank you all for your continued support with the many events the children have taken part in over the school year – we appreciate it very much.

We are delighted with the two new classrooms, the block paving in Mr Roger's garden, the fabulous new Trail, additional parking facilities and beautiful cladding to the relocatable classrooms – making them now a permanent resource for our school. It is hoped that Mr Roger's garden will now be a super 'outdoor' classroom providing us with greater opportunities to use it regularly.

Traffic and parking

Mrs Low has been working with the LA and researching new ideas.

We are looking into signing up to a 3PR Parking Initiative at Little Waltham. The South Essex Parking Partnership has created the new and exciting project called the School Parking Initiative to actively engage with the schools, the children, the parents and the local residents to promote a good working relationship and understanding of the needs of everyone.

The school children will be key in providing the support and promotion of this new scheme by taking part in some of 3PR's exciting parking initiatives and learning activities. More details will follow in September.



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Sadly Mrs Hector and Mrs McGuigan won't be back with us in September as they are both leaving us at the end of the term for family reasons. Mrs Hector was at Little Waltham when I started here and has always been a valued colleague, I know that everyone will miss her very much. Although Mrs McGuigan has only been with us a short time her contributions to the school will be missed.

Mrs Aries will also be greatly missed as our SENCo – she has achieved an incredible amount for us in making sure all the new codes of practice are fully in place and followed, the children are fully supported in their own personal needs. Miss Debbie Rudkin will be taking over from Mrs Aries as our new SENCo and we look forward to working with her. Miss Peck will be our Wellbeing Champion, working with Miss Rudkin supporting pupils where needed.

We welcome Miss Charlotte Watson, who will be teaching Chestnut class, and Miss Lydia Byford who will be supporting her. Miss Byford is starting an LSA apprenticeship scheme with a view to becoming a teacher in the long term. Both Miss Rich and Mr Knight will be starting a 4 year teacher training programme based in school but with support and guidance from Canterbury Christchurch.

Miss Chivers will be returning to school in September as Mrs Wells – we wish her and her husband to be a wonderful wedding day and every happiness for their future together!

As you are aware we will be working more closely with Ford End C of E Primary School next year and we have developed our leadership structure. This will not only support this new way of working but will provide Little Waltham colleagues with opportunities to grow and develop their own leadership skills; with a growing school it is an inevitable development. Mrs McCabe will be leading KS2, Mr Tilsley will be leading KS1 and Mrs Wells will continue to lead EYFS. Mrs Baker will have dedicated non-teaching time in order to fulfil her additional responsibilities.

For the next academic year we have decided to break with tradition and only have a Reception and KS1 Nativity at Christmas. There will be a dress rehearsal in the morning as always, which will be open to our Pre-school friends, any parents and carers who would like to bring pre-school children, Gossip and Guzzle and Good Companions. The final performance will also be during the morning for an adult audience of parents and carers. All of KS2 children will have the opportunity to take part in a summer production – details will be made available nearer the time.

Lastly have a fabulous summer with, hopefully, lots of sunshine and laughter!

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. God be with us as we spend our time with family and friends. Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us. May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

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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