

NEWSLETTER

April 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!

It is difficult to believe that this is our Summer Term Newsletter considering the weather! Hopefully we will get some long periods of sunshine to help with our Summer Term events.

Staff news

As you know, Mrs McCabe will be starting her maternity leave after half term. We will miss her a great deal but know she will have a wonderful time with her new baby. Mr Richard Dawes will be taking Willow class for the final part of this term and we are currently advertising for a teacher to join us in September to cover her maternity leave.

Mrs Polhill will be leaving us at the end of this term after 12 years at Little Waltham. She has been a key member of our team and someone we all rely on – needless to say she will be greatly missed but we wish her a very happy retirement when she will be able to spend more time with her family.

We are also delighted to wish Miss Watson a wonderful wedding as she will be getting married during the half term holiday. She will keep her maiden name at school and we wish her and her new husband every happiness for their future together.

Friends of Little Waltham School

It was great to welcome many new faces to the AGM this week, some fabulous ideas for events and such enthusiasm from our willing volunteers.

A huge thank you to Eli Baker for taking on the role of chair as a very new member of our school community this time last year. Although she has passed the chairperson batten to Mrs Fowler she will remain very much part of the team despite starting her PGCE this month – she will be very busy indeed.

Please watch out for messages regarding the Summer Fete which is on 16th June.

Admin

As always, the office staff are incredibly busy making sure that the school runs efficiently. In order to streamline systems and make best use of resources we are moving towards a cashless system. Many parents have already signed up for online payments and this facility. So far it has had a very positive impact on workload! Going



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forwards we will be introducing a new communication system which will help to make life much easier for everyone. This will also support our compliance for GDPR which, along with everyone else in the country, we are working towards. Please watch out for further information over the coming weeks.

3PR

Thank you all for taking part in our 3PR launch – it has brought such excitement to the children who have got involved with great enthusiasm. The Parish Council were delighted at the response to the initiative when they joined us for the launch on Tuesday. The scheme will continue with the patrols outside on varying days during the week.

Pentecost Service

Reverend Sandra will be leading our Pentecost Service on 24th May in the school hall and we would like to welcome all parents and carers to join us. It will be part of our normal worship for that week so will begin at 9:10 and lasts approximately 20 minutes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Ofsted

By now you will all have had the opportunity to read our recent Ofsted report. We were delighted with the recognition that Little Waltham School continues to be good and that the final report reflects the commitment of all members of staff, our governors, the children and their families. The Inspector saw evidence which supported our own evaluation of the school and agreed with the next steps we already had in place in our School Development Plan.

Many thanks to everyone for their continued support as it is very much a joint effort!

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 term
remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.
Help us to forgive others
as we receive your forgiveness.

Amen

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

([Matthew 7:7](#))

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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