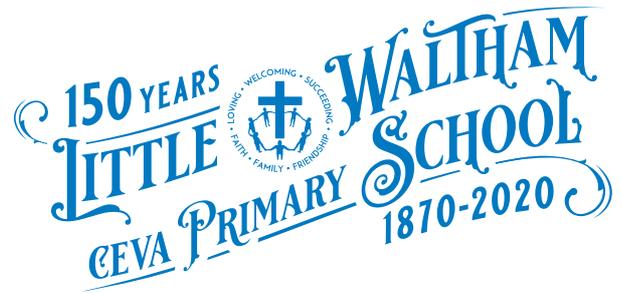


NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Little Waltham CEVA Primary School. We hope you have all had a brilliant summer and are refreshed and ready for the coming weeks.

It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our school over the last few months, all have settled in so well and are part of our growing community. The Reception children have already established a great routine in the classroom, getting on well with each other, listening in worship and super behaviour – well done.

Mrs Baker begins her maternity leave towards the end of this month as her baby is due in the middle of October. I'm sure that you will join us in wishing her and her husband safe delivery of the newest member of their family. Mr Tilsley will be taking on a number of her responsibilities as Senior Teacher and will deputise for me when I am not available. We are delighted to have Miss Willsmer and Miss Smith on our teaching team, both have settled in very well. Mr Hulbert and Miss Cameron have also joined us on our LSA team in Ash and Sycamore respectively.

The new uniform is a huge success - it's great to see more colour around the school. Having said that, please carry on wearing grey if you still have perfectly good ones in the cupboard.

You will notice from the logo at the top of this newsletter that the school is celebrating 150 years this academic year. Arrangement are under discussion but watch out for further information as the year progresses.

I would be grateful for your help in ensuring that the children only bring the minimum sized bag to school. Large back packs, and those that don't fit on pegs, cause a hazard in the corridors and block the fire escape routes. PE kits stored in the designed PE bags hang nicely on pegs beneath



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coats, lunch boxes have designated storage places and school book bags not only fit into classroom trays but help to keep the books in good condition. Thank you.

Good attendance is always high on our list of priorities and, along with other schools in Essex, we have an updated Attendance Policy. There will be a greater focus on referrals for penalty notices where the policy is not adhered to. Attendance has a very close link with achievement and we want the very best for all our pupils.

We are expecting our Church School Inspection at some time this year. The framework has changed quite substantially and Mrs Baker has been working hard to ensure that everything we do reflects our good practice. We have developed our Vision Statement to reflect our ethos and values – ‘Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence, developing as individuals together in a distinctive Christian environment’ based on 1 Corinthians 12:14 – ‘For the body is not one member, but many’.

Our Year 6 pupils are currently earning their prefect badges by taking on extra responsibilities around school, demonstrating great behaviour and being super role models for the rest of the children. Badges will be awarded later this term once they have earned enough merit stamps.

Some dates for your diaries

Afternoon tea in aid of Macmillan and Diabetes – inspired by 2 of our Year 6 pupils – 27th November ☺ Harvest Festival – 9:00 on 30th September at St Martins. All welcome to join us. ☺ Art Week – starting Monday 7th October. ☺ Parents evenings 21st and 23rd October from 4:30 until 7:20 – all children are encouraged to join their parents ☺ Open morning for prospective parents – 12th November 9:15 until 10:30 ☺ Christmas Fayre – 29th November ☺ Whole school visit to Peter Pan 3rd December ☺ KS1 Dress Rehearsal – 9:30 on 9th December ☺ KS1 Production – 9:30 on 10th December ☺ Christmas Service – 9am on 19th December at St Martins ☺ Last Day of Term – 2pm 19th December

We are all looking forward to working with you again this year

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Maycock

Headteacher