

WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Choose Your Dream and Chase It!

Dinners - week 1

Attendance last week 94.22%

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9th October 2019

Dear Parents,

Well, we've been back a few weeks and the children are settled in their new classes and learning about new topics. Our Reception children have been in full time for a while now and are enjoying their new routine.

School Council

A special well done to members of our School Council who represented our school beautifully at the Multi School Council meeting where lots of schools met - William, Molly-Anne, Courtney, Olivia, Reiss & Jack. They were very thoughtful and will be feeding back to the rest of the school soon.

Medical Information

It is vital that you update the school office with medical details as soon as possible. This ensures our information is always up to date in case of emergency. Telephone numbers too. It is so upsetting for an ill child when the school cannot get hold of a family member.

Year 6 - admission to secondary school

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2019 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020. Don't forget!

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions All information is available on this website.

Year 4 recently went back in time! All the children were dressed as Ancient Greeks for their Portals to the Past Day. Great fun was had by all! Photos over the page.

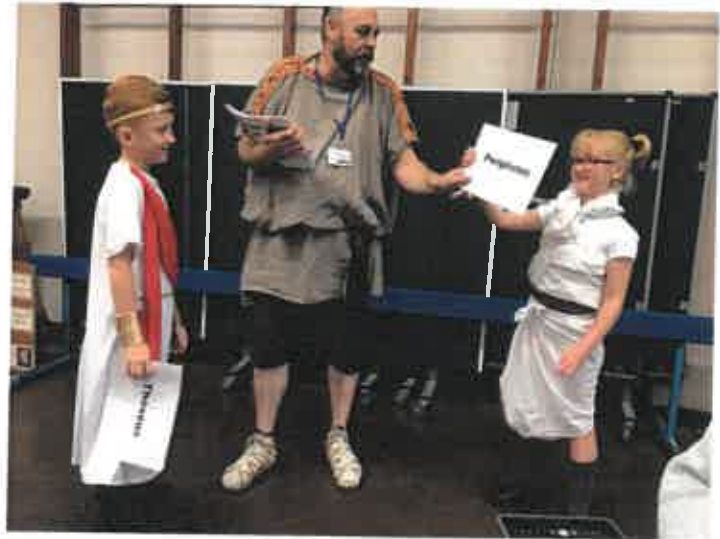
Homework

Thankyou for supporting the children with some of their amazing creative projects! They are on display in the main hallway. Photos over the page.

"We are proud" board

Don't forget to send or email in any great pictures of celebrations/achievements from outside school activities. We love to know what they have been doing!

Portals to the Past







Artwork



Golden Book and Rainbow Awards

These are awarded every Friday in our special assembly. Golden Book is in recognition of great attitudes to learning or specific effort for pieces of work and our Rainbow lanyards are to recognise those children who are always doing the right thing and setting a good example to others. Who will be Golden and Rainbow this week?

13.9.19			20.9.19		
R			R		
1	Georgie	Jessica & Mckenzie	1	Lewis	Lily & Dolly
2	Boris	Ollie Cu & Brooke M	2	Archie	Bella B & Raymond
3	Tabitha	Amber-Rose & Alex	3	Henley	Max & Olly
4S	Addyson	Jessica W & Joseph	4S	Isla	Tia & Cameron
5S	Prada	Harry & Kyle	5S	Charlie	Lia & Aleena
5Y	Tamara	Jake & Courtney	5Y	Tijay	Maxwell & Maisie-Mai
6G	Rockie	Lucy & Alexi	6G	Mikey	Abby
6M	George	George & Roxanne	6M	Billy	Billy & Shane

27.9.19			20.9.19		
R			R	Ruby	Saira & Freddie
1	Riley	Amelie & AJ	1	Lily	Lyla & Mikael
2	Ronnie	Marija & Brooke R	2	Jack M	Boris & Connie
3	Franklin	Ellis & Finley	3	Izzy	Gracie & Ava
4S	Peter	Ruby & Marley	4S	Tyler	Lottie & Harrison
5S	Jake	Izzy & Prada	5S	Jayden	Dylan & Carlie-Paige
5Y	Niko	Chanel & Woody	5Y	Lexie	Leigh-Anna & Tara
6G	Jacki-Louise	Gracie & Abi	6G	Olivia	Jude & Jacki-Louise
6M	Reiss	Reiss & Evie	6M	Brioney	Brooke & Brioney

Co-op Green Token scheme

We were delighted to win the £500 cheque. This will be spent on more equipment to make play times more exciting for the children, and developing the outside area. Thankyou for your support.

Harvest Festival

We had an assembly with Reverend Peter this week to celebrate Harvest Festival. A huge thankyou for your generous donations. These will be distributed via Walton Foodbank to those in need.



Please remember, if things are a little tricky for your own family, we do have access to Food Bank vouchers in school. Just ask at the office for an appointment with Mrs Bliss or Mrs Allen.

Reminders ...

Uniform

A gentle reminder that all uniform, including PE kits, needs to be in school at all times. With the weather due to change soon, jumpers and waterproof coats are a must.

Sensible shoes, not trainers must be worn.

Trousers must be navy or grey.

If girls are wearing tights, it is a good idea to put a pair of socks in their PE bags - they cannot wear tights for PE

There are still some children without coats - if the weather worsens, children will not be able to go outside without them.

PE

PE kits must be in school every day - red shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls/trainers. For hygiene reasons, children cannot wear the shoes they wear during the school day for PE. We will be sending reminder letters home if children repeatedly do not have a kit. PE is a compulsory National Curriculum subject and children should be participating.

Hair

Please ensure long hair is tied back at all times. Small bows and accessories are acceptable - no deely boppers please!

Attendance News!

The attendance chart below shows the attendance for each class for the previous week in school. Our target is 96.5%. This will be updated and posted on each newsletter.

1	Class 5S	99.17%
2	Class 5Y	97.31%
3	Class 6G	96.67%
4	Class 1LS	94.81%
5	Reception	94.22%
6	Class 2W	93.93%
7	Class 4S	91.79%
8	Class 3S	91.72%
9	Class 6M	88.57%

Well done to 5S, 5Y and 6G for all being above our target!

School dinners

Remember these are £2.10 and need to be paid for on the day they are ordered (or in advance). Please see the Bad Dept policy that has previously been sent home and is available on our website.

If you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact Essex County Council for details. This could also bring additional funding into school to support your child educationally.

Parent Reading Sessions

Details below (all at 2.30pm). Please come in via the school office.

Date	Class
Thursday 10 th October	5Y Mr Johns
Thursday 17 th October	4 Miss Scott
Thursday 24 th October	3 Mrs Sadler
Thursday 7 th November	2 Miss Wright
Thursday 14 th November	1 Mrs Lonnen-Smith
Thursday 21 st November	Rec Mrs Wallis



Mrs Bliss
Head Teacher



Date	Event
15.10.19	Individual/family photos
25.10.19	Non-Pupil Day
28.10.19	Half Term holiday
4.11.19	Back to school
w/b 11.11.19	Book Fair in school
11.11.19	Flu immunisations
13.11.19	Y6 Crucial Crew
29.11.19	PTA Non-Uniform Day - donation of sweets
6.12.19	PTA Non-Uniform Day - donation of Christmas items
13.12.19	PTA Christmas Bazaar 4-6pm
17.12.19	PTA Christmas Disco (times to be confirmed)
20.12.19	Christmas holidays
6.1.19	School back from Christmas break, 8.30am

WHY IS GOOD ATTENDANCE SO IMPORTANT?

We believe that a child's attendance and punctuality is of great importance to maintain consistent progress and achievement in both curriculum knowledge and understanding, and personal and social skills.

We want all the children to achieve the very best they can and for this they need to be in school regularly. Irregular attendance makes it harder to keep up with work, school life and events. Late arrival disrupts the education not only of the student who is late, but also of others in the class. Erratic appearances at after school clubs and social events can affect their feeling of belonging and, for some children, their ability to sustain friendships. They may miss explanations of homework, letters home or information in need of a response.

Pupils who have good attendance will become successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve. They will find school routines and school work easier to cope with and are more likely to have an easier transfer to secondary school and go on to become confident individuals who make a positive contribution to society.

Each school sets its own annual target for attendance, in collaboration with the School Governors and the Education Welfare Service. Our attendance target this year is **96.5%**. It is expected that the whole school community will work together to achieve this target.

Are you aware of the effect poor attendance has in lost learning hours?

Descriptor	Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	189 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	125
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious cause for concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

If your child is away for one week they miss 5 hours of maths and 5 hours of Literacy lessons.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

School hours

Classrooms open for early morning work at 8.30 a.m.

Registration takes place at 8:45am and 12.45pm/1:00pm. A child arriving after 8:45am, but before 9.00am will be given a L-Late (before registration closed) mark.

If a child arrives after 9.00am they will be given a U-Late (after registers closed) mark.

Afternoon registration opens at 12.45 p.m. for Reception and KS1 and 1.00pm for KS2. Children arriving after 12.50pm and 1:05 (respectively) will be given a L-late mark and after 1.00pm/1.15pm a U-Late mark.


L-Late is recorded as a present mark and U-Late is recorded as absent for the session.

The school day ends at 3.00 p.m.

How can you help your child's attendance?

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a proper full-time education. Under the 1996 Education Act, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly and punctually. Parents and carers fulfil their role and responsibilities by:

- ✓ Ensuring their child attends school every day unless they are too ill to attend or there is an acceptable reason for absence
- ✓ Ensuring their child arrives on time, prepared and equipped for the day
- ✓ Contacting the school by phone, by email admin@walton.essex.sch.uk or in person before 9.30a.m. on the first morning of all absences
- ✓ Arranging dental and doctor's appointments out of school hours or during school breaks
- ✓ Informing the school in advance when it is not possible to arrange a medical appointment out of school hours and returning their child to school following a medical appointment
- ✓ Parents do not have the right to take children out of school for a holiday during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 does not allow Headteachers to grant leave of absence to a pupil unless the Headteacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. A parent wishing to apply for a holiday will need to apply using the appropriate form available from the office.
- ✓ Supplying a packed lunch for children arriving after 10.00 a.m. unless a school dinner has been previously booked
- ✓ Sending in a note to explain the reason for absence on your child's return after an illness
- ✓ Keeping the school updated by telephone or letter if your child has an extended period of absence due to illness
- ✓ Accepting the professional judgement of the Headteacher when they consider if the absence of a child is authorised or unauthorised

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- ✓ **Communicating with school about their child's progress or concerns and attending meetings with the Pastoral Team, Class Teacher or Headteacher.**
 - ✓ **Working with the school or Local Authority Education Welfare Officer to help improve the situation if a child's attendance is below the expected level**

Children who are absent in term time miss vital schooling and it takes time for them to settle back upon their return, often as long as they have been away.

If you have any issues relating to attendance with your child, please contact the school office so we can arrange appropriate support for you with one of our Pastoral Team or Mrs Bliss who will be able to support you and work with you to resolve any concerns.

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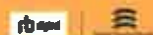
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Essex Safeguarding Children Board

The 'Parents, Did You Know?' campaign is launching a number of events across Essex over the coming year which parents can sign up to, or just drop by on the day.

The events will be run by the Essex Safeguarding Children Board in partnership with Barnardo's and The Children's Society and will feature the topics criminal exploitation, gangs, sexual exploitation, missing children, trafficking & online exploitation.

They will provide an opportunity to have direct conversations with a range of services, including Essex Police, Essex Children's Social Care, The Children's Society, Barnardo's, and other partner organisations, or attend a number of brief talks throughout the evening.

Details to book seats for the talks in advance will be released nearer the time.

Webpage:

<http://www.escb.co.uk/.../child-exploit.../parents-did-you-know/>

PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW?

You can learn more about...

- Criminal Exploitation • Gangs
- Sexual Exploitation • Trafficking
- Online Sexual Abuse • Missing Children

at our events across Essex.

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Tuesday 5th November
10:00am-12:30pm
6 weeks



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