

# WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*Choose Your Dream and Chase It!*  
Merry Christmas

[www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.waltonprimaryschool.co.uk)

19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Dear Parents,**

Well, the Autumn term is almost over. The children have had a busy few weeks with carol concerts, nativity performances, football, netball and basketball matches, craft afternoons and an assortment of Christmas activities. We've also had our Christmas Bazaar which raised approximately £1200. Thankyou for your ongoing support with all of these.

#### **Pantomime**

The children loved the pantomime - oh yes they did! Thank you for your contributions. Without these, our trips and visitors would have to be cancelled. As I'm sure you have already heard, school budgets are very tight!

#### **Admission to primary school for Reception children in September 2020**

The Primary school (Reception) admission round opened on 11 November 2019, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2020.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2020.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year. Letters are not sent out to make an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.

#### **Absence**

Please ensure you phone the school before 9.30am with a clear reason for your child's absence every day. Please do not email the admin email address. Remember, EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance makes a huge difference in how your child performs academically, but also affects their ability to interact socially and maintain friendships.

#### **Thankyou**

To Miss Stock, Miss Scott, Rev Peter and our wonderful school choir - the children have made several visits to care homes that have made our local residents very happy and performed beautifully at the rotary service! Don't forget the church service on Sunday.

### PTA News

A huge thankyou from the PTA to everybody who helped and supported the Christmas Bazaar. A total of approximately £1200 was made, and some of this will go towards wet play games for the classes.

The children have all enjoyed Christmas Discos and parties, provided by the PTA.

The PTA have also re-donated several items to the local Winter Warmth Project and Meals Matters.

Remember, we are always recruiting!

### "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!

### 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?

6.12.19			13.12.19		
R	Harrison	Effie & Kacper	R	Saira	Emily & Cameron
1	Bobby	Roxy & Serafina	1	Dolly	Lewis & Amelia
2	Jessica	Archie & Millie-Rose	2	Amelia	Amelia & Brooke
3	Rozeenah	Tabitha & Riley	3	Ellis	Alfie & Layla
4S	Harry	Georgia & Molly-Anne	4S	Nick	Peter & Lexie
5S	Tom	Lia & Aleena	5S	Carlie-Paige	Carlie-Paige & Brogan
5Y	Tara	Harry & Chanel	5Y	Daniel M	Felix & Zuzanna
6G	Aiden	Sky & Jake	6G	Joe	Shainna & Lily
6M	Evie	Billy & Evie	6M	Reiss	Brooke & Brioney

### Reminders ...

**Coats** - a waterproof coat must be in school every day - please name all your clothing.

**Shoes** - sensible, dark shoes must be worn; not trainers.

**Tights/Socks** - please make sure girls have a pair of socks in their PE bags.

**Hair** - please ensure long hair is tied back at all times.

Children will be kept in if they are not in correct uniform. Any children who have been wearing trainers or non-uniform jumpers will be expected to be in correct uniform when they return in January. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please speak to Mrs Bliss.

We have also noticed the length of the girl's skirts creeping up - please remember girls need to be wearing appropriate length skirts and dresses.

**Swimming**

Year 6 classes will start swimming lessons on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Cost is £1.50 per week for ten weeks.

**School dinners**

Remember these are £2.10 and must be paid for on the day they are ordered (or in advance). Please see the Bad Debt policy attached, that has previously been sent home and is available on our website. You can also pay weekly, or half termly in advance.

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.



**Mrs Bliss**  
**Head Teacher**



### Parent Reading

Thursday afternoons, 2.30pm in the library. Please come in via the school office to sign in.

Thursday	Class
16 <sup>th</sup> January	6M - Miss Murphy
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	6G - Mrs Golding
30 <sup>th</sup> January	5S - Miss Stock
6 <sup>th</sup> February	5Y - Mr Johns
13 <sup>th</sup> February	4S - Miss Scott
27 <sup>th</sup> February	3S - Mrs Sadler
5 <sup>th</sup> March	2W - Miss Wright
12 <sup>th</sup> March	1LS - Mrs Lonnen-Smith
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception - Mrs Wallis

Date	Event
20.12.19	Christmas holidays
22.12.19	Choir - Carols by candlelight at Walton Parish Church, 6pm
6.1.19	School back from Christmas break, 8.30am
17.2.19	Half Term break





**Congratulations to the following students  
who all had 100% attendance this term:**

**Reception Class: Saira, Mia-J, Alfie C, Freddie,  
Charlie G, Charlie H, Emily,  
Rudy, Nancy.**

**Class 1LS: Mikaeel, Corey, Dolly, Ryan, Jessica.**

**Class 2W: Amelia, Emie-Lei, Jack, Boris, Jessica,  
Ava, Raymond.**

**Class 3S: Zhara, Gracie, Henley, Ava, Theo, Winnie, William,  
Abbie.**

**Class 4S: Leo, George C, Marley, Ruby, Peter, Harrison,  
Leanne, Anthony, Jessica, Isla.**

**Class 5S: Jayden, Jake, Kai, Cody, Ruby, Dylan.**

**Class 5J: Tara, Tijay, Elliott, Daniel McD, Tommie-Jo.**

**Class 6G: Sky, Mikey, Shainna, Abi.**

**Class 6M: Evie, George, Brioney, Roxanne.**

**All of these students achieved at least 98%  
attendance:**

**Reception Class: Daniel, Ruby-Grace.**

**Class 1LS: Amelie, Lilly, Riley, Emily-Jean.**

**Class 2W: Ollie.**

**Class 3S: Caspian, Alexander, Riley, Teddy.**

**Class 4S: Elijah.**

**Class 5S: Aleena, Carlie-Paige, Courtney, Brogan.**

**Class 5J: Woody, Joseph, Harry W.**

**Class 6G: Abby, Jude**

**Class 6M: Brooke**

# Sports News

Walton has had a very busy and successful start to the sporting calendar. Our boys' and girls' football teams have had successes in their league matches and are progressing well. The league will continue in to the new year, so fingers crossed for some more excellent results. Our girls' football team are also in to the second round of the cup, played against teams in the Tendring area, so we wish them well in their next cup match.

The netball team has played their first two matches this year and have started climbing up the league, this will again carry on in to the new year with matches expected against Hamford and other local schools.

There were 6 local teams taking part in the Dodgeball tournament that took place in November and our teams experienced a mix of wins and loses but demonstrated great teamwork throughout.

In December, the basketball team had the wonderful opportunity to play in a tournament at the newly built basketball courts at the University of Essex. The team performed well and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the tournament- Well done basketball team! And a special well done to Brioney Jackson, who was recognised and awarded for her respect that she showed throughout the tournament.

As a school we are proud to celebrate our teams' successes but also to hear of their sportsmanship, respect and teamwork that they have demonstrated throughout all of our sporting events.

We are looking forward to continuing on with our sporting year in January. The football and netball leagues will continue and we are excited to be taking part in further tournaments including sitting volleyball, rounders and boccia.

# Sports News

**Cannons recently took a team to a basketball competition, and they won!**

**Well done Alexi, Brioney, Cameron, George, Harry, Jake and Josh.**







**FAMILY  
LEARNING**



# **Playdough Workshop**

## **Rainbow Delivery Site**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**  
**9.30am- 11.30am**

**Come along to this fun workshop and make  
some playdough with your child.**

**Try out new creative ideas and have  
plenty of playdough to take home.**

**To book your place please us on 0300 247 0015 or ACL on 03330321372**







Walton Community Centre  
Standley Road  
Walton on the Naze  
Essex. CO14 8PT

Telephone: 01255 672189  
Walton.preschool@googlemail.com

**Registered Charity No 114038**  
Incorporating Walton Crèche Service

**WINTER WARMTH PROJECT OPEN EVENT THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**2020 08.45 - 12.30**

Dear Parents

Walton Pre School has been lucky to have received some funding to provide winter essentials for babies, children and parents in need. The key purpose of this funding is to support families on low income/ difficult circumstances to remain warm and well this winter. We will be joined by Baby Bank and the Tendring Hygiene project



If you feel you could benefit from any of the items below, please come along to an open event where you be able to obtain the following.

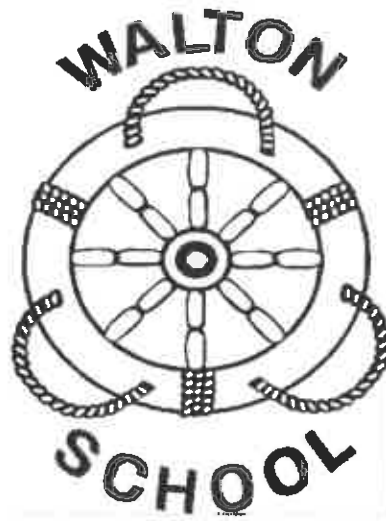
- Gloves
- Hat
- Wellington Boots
- Socks
- Blankets
- Duvet
- Winter Coat (orders only)
- Rain Coat (orders only)
- Mini heaters
- Draft excluders
- Thermal underwear
- Thermal pyjamas, onesies

Please join us for refreshments.

Regards

*Jackie*





# WALTON ON THE NAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BAD DEBTS POLICY

Choose your dream and chase it!

Review date	Spring 2020
Approved date	Spring 2019
Responsible committee	Finance Committee

## **Bad Debt Policy**

As from 1st April 2019, Walton on the Naze Primary School has adopted a clear NO DEBT policy relating to school meal services and Extended Services (Breakfast/After School Clubs).

The school meals and Breakfast Club service is no different to any other business and meals have to be paid for. Parents/carers should be able to relate to the situation that they cannot take their child to a restaurant e.g. McDonald's and expect a meal without paying; the same applies at school.

If debts are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred. We request that all parents/carers and staff give this policy their full support.

The Free School Meal (FSM) system is available for parents who are in receipt of certain state benefits. If a parent thinks they may qualify for FSM entitlement, they should contact the school office for further details or contact the Essex School Meals Services via their website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Healthy-Living-School-Meals.aspx>

This allowance is a statutory right and it is important that parents use it if they qualify. Their child will then have a right to a meal each day.

It is very time consuming for the office staff to continually chase for dinner money - by text, letter, phone call or in person. It is also highly embarrassing for all concerned and occasionally it can have a negative effect on our relationships with staff and families.

The Governing Board of Walton on the Naze Primary School believes that a 'zero-tolerance' approach is the fairest system. We understand that it may seem a very hard stance as there has been a culture of debt tolerance. However, going forward, we are sure that all parents/carers and staff will support the school and ensure all the school budget is spent for the benefit of all our pupils.

We will ensure that parents are aware of this policy by:

- A letter to parents (appendix 1)
- Reminders in our newsletter
- The school website
- A copy of the policy in our induction pack when staff/children join the school

## **Payment for School Meals**

Parents/carers and staff must pay in advance or on the day for school dinner by sending in cash or cheque (made payable to Walton on the Naze Primary School) in a marked envelope.

Payment for Breakfast Club must be made during the first week back after a half term.

No-one will be provided with a school meal unless it is paid for, except students that are entitled to free school meals. If a parent genuinely forgets to pay in advance or on the day, the school may grant a debt allowance of one meal. However this debt must be paid by the following morning and future meals must be paid in advance before any further meal is provided.

If a debt is not cleared, parents/carers must provide a packed lunch. In a case when a debt payment is not received nor a packed lunch provided, the School Office will phone the parent/carer to ask them to come to school with the money before dinnertime, a packed lunch or asked to take them home to give them their dinner.

**If Payment Has Not Been Made** - If a child or a member of staff has taken a meal which has not been paid for, the parents/carers or the member of staff will be sent a reminder text detailing how much is owed. If no payment is received, a letter will be sent (Appendix 2).

If payment is still not received a further letter will be sent detailing the consequences of non-payment and a final date by which payment must be made (Appendix 3).

The school will work closely with parents/carers and staff in working out a form of payment plan to help resolve the situation.

**Payment for Breakfast Club** Parents will be sent a text during the first week back informing them of the amount they need to pay for the half term. Payment must be made within one week of the text being sent out and can be paid in cash or cheque, in a marked sealed envelope. Refunds cannot be issued if a child is ill or does not attend on a day they are due to attend breakfast club, as staffing arrangements will have been made in advance and costs will still be incurred. Your place will only be secure provided you continue to make payments in advance for each half term. Failure to pay for the place (including cheque payments returned as unpaid) will result in your child's place being forfeited. You must give a full week's written notice if you no longer require the service. The fee includes the cost of food; however there is no discount for those children who choose not to have breakfast.

#### **Consequences of Non Payment for School Dinners**

If payment of the debt is not received, the Headteacher reserves the right to begin legal proceedings to recover the debt. Social Care may also be informed that these parents/carers are not carrying out the responsibility of care by not providing food for their child at dinnertimes. It is not the responsibility of the school to provide dinner for pupils. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to provide a meal, either a school dinner or a packed lunch.

#### **Conclusion**

We hope that by implementing this debt policy we are able to help parents/carers and staff manage their school debts effectively, reduce administration time and costs involved chasing dinner money debts and at the same time ensure that school budgets are used correctly for the education of its pupils.