

# **NEWSLETTER - 21st June 2024**

Dear all,

Happy Friday! And the sun is definitely shining!

'ROUGH & TUMBLE' REVIEW - As my letter, sent earlier this week explained, I'd appreciate your feedback (positives and concerns) on our Rough and Tumble play zone. Please take the time to read the information sent out on this before emailing in your feedback. We will review everyone's thoughts on Friday 28th June and let you know of any changes we are making

**UNIFORM FOR 2024-25** - A reminder to get ready for September 2024 with our new uniform expectations. See the poster shared in this newsletter...

**SPORTS DAYS ARE COMING UP NEXT WEEK-** Make sure you know when your child's sports day is so that you can come along and cheer them along! The 'Key Dates' section of the newsletter lists when these are taking place and our PE leader, Miss Davey has shared this information on Dojo

**PHOTOS** - From Year 1 school visit and Y2's Friday Focus Day...plus MASSIVE WELL DONE TO TJ in Year 3 again for being awarded the 'End of Season Manager' for his fantastic footballing outside of school! So proud of you TJ! Take a look...

**ACADEMIC DATES FOR 2024-25** - These are on our website, but I've added in an image of them to help you all plan for September...

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

## Monday - Year 4/6 Sports Day AM and Y5/3 PM

**Wednesday** - Dawn from MHST is in school on Wednesday mornings. Please drop in and chat to her if you need any support from the Mental Health Support Team.

**Thursday & Friday** - *Y6 Camp!* 

**Friday** - F2 Sports Day AM and Y1/2 PM

Take care,

Emma Beardah

Headteacher

headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk

# A great OPAL uniform

We are pleased to advise that branded tracksuit bottoms\*, polo shirts and jumpers/cardigans, can all be ordered through the school office.

\*\* tracksuit bottoms can now be supplied with and without a logo via the school office. Note, that these uniform items are ordered half-termly through our school wear supplier.









Navy



Black





Light Blue



White





Plain trainers, or trainer-style shoe





Wellies (kept in school)
Water-proofs: jacket with hood or puddle-suit
(kept in school if possible)





PE kit – to be worn to school on allocated PE days. We do not get children changed for PE during the school day.

- Sportswear suitable for outdoor sports activity avoid large logos / expensive brands\*\*
- · Trainers & socks

\*\*As long as PE kit looks suitable for doing sporting activities, we are not specific about exactly what it should be. Children must be in trainers for PE. Affordable suggestions would be: plain t-shirts, plain tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings, zip-up hoodie for warmth in colder months.

If children are wearing a really great OPAL uniform, this would also work for PE, so long as proper trainers are worn that day.

#### Nottingham City Council School Terms and Holidays Calendar - 2024/25

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Friday Focus Day Fun...Year 2 looked at why it is important for our bodies and mind to be healthy. We took part in a Joe Wickes workout and did some art work on what makes us happy!





# Year 1 visits St Anns' Community Orchard...

Year 1 have had a fabulous trip to the St Anns' Community Orchard. We got to look closely at some interesting pond creatures, we went on a tree identification hunt, made clay animals, pictures using natural resources and lots, lots more! We finished up by eating delicious popcorn that had been cooked over an open fire.







## **TJ STRIKES AGAIN!**



We're so proud of TJ, here at Walter Halls. He puts so much time and effort into his footballing skills outside of school. This time, he's been awarded the 'End of Season Manager Award'! Keep up the good work TJ!

# **Key Dates coming up...**



#### **SUMMER term:**

#### **Our Core Values are COLLABORATION & PERSEVERANCE!**

- w/c 24th June SPORTS DAYS: Monday AM for Y4/6 and PM for Y5/3. Friday AM for F2 and PM for Y1/2
  - Thurs 27th & Fri 28th June YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL DRUMHILL CAMP
    - Saturday 6th July SUMMER FAIR 11AM-3PM!
    - Monday 8th July Times Tables Rockstars Battle for KS2!
      - Wednesday 10th July KS2 Spelling Bee competition

- Monday 15th July Headteacher Certificate Assembly for F2-Y2 9am then KS2 Evening Awards
   Ceremony for Y3-Y6 with Y6 leavers performance more details to follow
  - Friday 19th July MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER Class Swap Day
    - Monday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers Prom
  - Wednesday 24th July FINAL DAY FOR CHILDREN BEFORE SUMMER BREAK
  - OUR REMAINING INSET DAYS ARE: Thurs 28th March, Thurs 25th & Fri 26th July
  - Term dates can be found on our website here: https://www.walterhallsprimary.co.uk/termdates/

## **OPAL PLAY UPDATE**



Please help us by responding to our request for feedback about 'Rough and Tumble' play by 28th June:

senco@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk



### **ATTENDANCE!**



As a school, we strive for 100% attendance each week. Anything above 96% attendance, we class as 'good'. We have an attendance team at school, who track attendance of individual children very carefully, to ensure all of our children are able to come to school all of the time and not miss any of their learning.

If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak to us straight away.

We always report attendance for the previous week.

Last week's whole school attendance was: 96% - just! We met our target!

The class with the highest attendance was: Class 1A & Class 4B - both with 99%!

#### THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 96% AND WE AIM TO REDUCE OUR PERSISTANTLY ABSENT FIGURES TO 10%











## **OUR CORE VALUE DURING SUMMER 2 TERM IS...**



PERSEVERANCE. These are the main teaching points we will cover:

- What is resilience? How can we build it?
  - Mistakes are the way we learn.
- Great mistakes of the past that have led to good things.
  - Sportsmanship.
  - Determination to succeed.
  - Positivity how to help others.
- Seeking alternative solutions viewing things differently and problem solving.

As always, your help in talking to your children about all of these things at home is appreciated.

# Ways to communicate



Please remember, we have several ways you can get in touch:

• Come and speak to us outside on the playgrounds each morning or after school

- Call the office to make an appointment to speak with a class teacher, phase leader or member of senior leadership 0115 9150045.
  - Send us an email to ask us to call you admin@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk
- Class Dojo this is for class teachers to send out homework, key messages just for their class and
  for teachers to use to praise and celebrate great behaviour with 'Dojo points' given to the
  children each day. PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR QUERY
  SOMETHING call the office or send an email as above instead.
  - Parent Mail whole school messages, newsletters, whole-school events and all bookings for clubs and any visit payments are all done via Parent Mail.

If you need help setting up Parent Mail or Class Dojo please call our office for help – our aim is to be as 'paper-free' as possible so all key messages will come via these channels.

## CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY...











Booking essential: www.staa.eventbrite.com Contact Rachel on 07498 864498 to book. The Community Orchard is on St Ann's Allotments, off Ransom Road, look out for the yellow signs.





# **EASY-FUNDRAISING - Please help us!**



# Walter Halls Primary School Mapperley, Nottingham £1,048.75 raised 128 supporters

We currently have 137 supporters who have helped to raise over £1000 for our school, so far. This is a meaningful amount of money that comes directly to us to help support our children. Next academic year we would like to put the entire money raised through this initiative towards all school visits and trips. We want to make sure ALL of our children get these chances, no matter their circumstances, and we have next-to-no spare budget to make these happen ourselves.

Sign up and support this cause

If you have yet to join, or know anyone else who would be willing to join, it is so simple and quick to do. You do not have to donate a set amount - simple shop online through this APP, spending the money you would normally spend, and we will get a small donation made each time! From take-aways to holidays there are so many online outlets that support this initiative.

#### Simply visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/walterhallsprimaryschool/?searchSessionId=2857a911d6d1-4247-9db6-689c60a13f64

Sign-up and support our school - thank you!

## **The Little Ted Foundation**



Walter Halls continues to support for The Little Ted Foundation - a charity very close to our hearts, following the sad passing of Mr Neal's youngest child, Baby Ted. We will continue to raise money whenever we can, to give to this very special charity. For more information on how you can help too, please visit the following link:

https://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIpcTfzqCHgIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEgK5XvD\_BwE

# **Community & Family Support**



#### FRIENDS OF WALTER HALLS PTA EVENTS:

This year, FOWH are raising money towards all school visits and experiences for our children. We do not have enough budget to cover the cost of visits or visitors into school and would like to make sure those who cannot afford to pay don't miss out.

#### FAMILY AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

We currently support many families with various needs including: food parcels, family advice, parenting support and other referrals to various helpful agencies.

Here are a few key contacts of people who may be able to help you:

**Emma Beardah** - Headteacher & Safeguarding team leader

Jo Glover - Deputy Headteacher, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Safeguarding team

Gail Holmes - Family Support Worker, Attendance officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

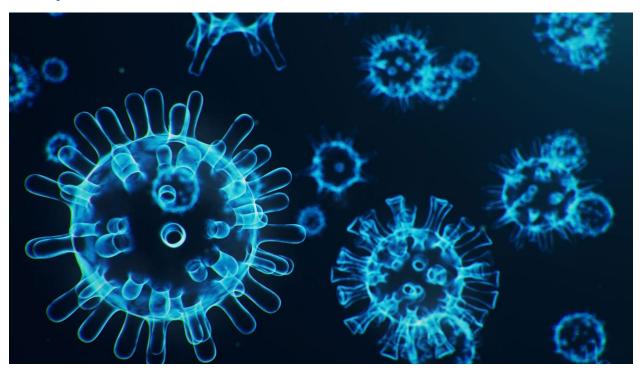
Kerrie Chandler - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer & Deputy DSL

**Lee Neal** - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

**Joe Hockham -** Behaviour & Learning Mentor

**Dawn Jukes - MHST link worker -** on school site every Wednesday. Adult drop-in sessions 8.30-9.15am available

# **Safety reminders**



- **COVID and other illnesses** we want and need our children in school as much as possible. At the moment, advice is for children to isolate for 3-days if you know they have COVID. Upset tummies and sickness requires 48 hours of being at home, to stop the spread. See our poster for other common childhood illness and what you need to do about school attendance.
- Please do not gather on the school grounds at the start and end of days. We have Epic Sports running after school activities and need to be vigilant in closing our gates at the right times to keep the children safe, both in the morning and after school.
  - **No dogs are permitted on site at any time -** we love them but not all children do so please respect this and make plans to leave them at home when coming to school site.
    - **Bikes and scooters -** all adults and children should not be riding through the site please dismount and push them through our pathways.
- **PE kits** To avoid children needing to get changed during the school day, PE kits must be worn to school on the day of PE, along with a coat / jumper / cardigan to keep children warm during

other parts of the day. PE kits must be plain blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and a plain white top. If you're still unsure of PE days, please call the office.

- Please be considerate and safe when parking outside of our school gates. Parking officials patrol as regularly as possible. We politely ask that all of our families are mindful of road safety around our school, where very young children are walking in and out.
- Respectful behaviour on site We respectfully remind you that school is private property and holds it's own set of expectations for conduct on site. If your child walks to and from school alone or gets picked up by another adult we need to know about this please call the office. We expect all of our children to arrive and leave site in a respectful way and for the conduct of all adults on our site to be polite and respectful too. Repeated cases of problems with this on our school grounds can lead to us asking you to escort your children to and from their classrooms instead of arriving or leaving by themselves and we may ask adults to remain at the gates if respectful and polite adult behaviour becomes an issue.