

NEWSLETTER - 12th July 2024

Dear all,

Happy Friday! With just one and half weeks to go until the summer holiday a LOT is happening in school for end of year celebrations and also to set up ready for a brand-new year from September!

SUMMER FAIR - Huge thanks to everyone who organised our annual summer fair and gave up their free time to make this happen for our community! If you came along, you helped to raise £2644!

Thank you so much - this will help with school visits for our children next year!

NEW CLASSES AND STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR - Today, children will be bringing home a letter explaining which class they will be in next year. It lists some staffing changes that are happening, which I have also included in this newsletter for you. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEE THE LETTER COMING HOME TODAY!**Children meet their new class teacher and spend the day with them NEXT FRIDAY!

End of Year Celebrations - For Y3-Y6 we are hosting an end of year awards ceremony at St Jude's Church on 15th July 5pm-7pm - MONDAY NEXT WEEK! This will be led by Year 6 children as their last performance. If your child is receiving an award (Y3-Y6) you will be receiving a personal invite but we'd like all Y6 families to come along.

CLUBS - This week's newsletter includes some posters of all the fantastic clubs on offer next academic year - take a look and chat to your children about what they may enjoy taking part in! Please call the school office if you would like some help getting booked on to any of these.

REMINDERS...

GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER: Please remember the changes that are happening with our uniform in September. The bonus of the OPAL uniform is that there is no need to have a different PE kit, so long as children have suitable trainers on for PE days. Being outside, active and comfortable in your school uniform is so important for learning - we also want them to look great too, so please make sure you look carefully at what the expectations are for September. The office team will be helping you as much as possible with uniform orders and advice with what you can get ready.

End of Year Reports will be shared with families by Monday 22nd July

F2 - Y2 Headteacher Certificates - after the collapse of our brand-new marquee (!) we had to cancel our invite to parents coming in for this on Monday! Huge apologies - I know some of you had taken some time away from work especially. The closure of our hall remains to be a huge disruption to us all! We will make sure these certificates get presented in a very special way in classrooms and aim to send you some photos!

Lovely photos this week are from our Summer Fair and our recent Times Table Rock Stars tournament with KS2...hope they make you smile!

NEXT WEEK:

MONDAY - KS2 & YEAR 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE at St Judes' church 5pm-7pm! Invites for families of children being given an award in Y3-Y6 have been contacted and we would love it if ALL year 6 families came along to watch this special performance!

Headteacher certificates for F1-Y2 will be awarded in classrooms across the week

FRIDAY - Children will meet their new class teachers next Friday. They should arrive at their normal classrooms and will go back to their normal classes at the end of the day too

Have a great weekend everyone!

Take care,

Emma Beardah

Headteacher

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STAFFING NEWS!

As you will see from the letters about new classes, coming to you today, we are having some staffing changes from the start of next year as well as some teachers moving around into different year groups...

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT OUR STAFFING STRUCTURE FOR 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR IN THE PICTURE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND IN THE LETTER BEING SENT OUT TODAY...

Changes / complexities for this are:

- We will no longer have 3 phase leaders in each phase school instead we will have two assistant headteachers
- In F2, Miss Davey is on maternity leave until March/April 2025. Mrs Thackray is teaching this class whilst Miss Davey is away
- Mrs Terzza is moving to Y3 and a new teacher called Mrs Griffiths will be teaching in Y2. She will
 be coming in to meet her new class before September
 - Mrs Mohammed from Y3 is leaving us to teach abroad!
- Miss Skelton currently covering different classes will move back into sharing just one class with Mrs Routledge in Y4
 - Miss Sinclair currently in Y5 is staying on permanently with us and is in Y4 next year
- Miss Fisher is back from maternity leave and teaching part time in Y5. Mrs Hollinger is returning back from maternity leave in October and will share this class with Miss Fisher. Mr Munn who has done supply cover in Y3 for us this year will cover Mrs Hollinger until she returns in October
 - Miss Rodgers is leaving us and moving back to her hometown of Essex! Mrs Harding will be teaching in Y6 instead of Y4 from next year
 - We look forward to having Mrs Cox back with us from September her son is recovering really well!
- Miss Pope returns from maternity leave in January and takes on her new role of Assistant Head for Y3,4,5,6!

Here is a photo of Mrs Griffiths, our new Year 2 teacher! Mrs Griffiths will be able to come to our class swap day next week to meet her new class...



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	Assistant Head for KS2 (Y3,4,5,6)								
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ASSISTANT	HEAD FOR KS2 - HANNAH POP	Mrs Bell, Mrs Hussain, Mrs Merrington-							
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Y3	Mrs M Moazzam								
Y4	Mrs C Routledge / Miss A	Skelton	Timetabled across school for						
Y4	Miss C Sinclair		behaviour, learning support & interventions: Mr Hockham & Mr Neal						
Y5	Mr T Holton								
Y5	Miss J Fisher / Mrs M Ho	ollinger	IVII MUCKIJAMI & IVII INEAI						
Y6	Mrs E Harding		Family Support & Child Welfare:						
Y6	Miss L Wensley		Mrs G Holmes – Family support worker						
			Mrs K Chandler – Child Welfare & Play						
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Cover teach	ers, sports & music:								
Mrs Cox		Music teach	ing Tues/Weds with Y1/2 plus music						
		leadership & events							
Ms King		Thurs / Fri cover in Y2/3							
Mrs Padmore & Mrs Jackson		Cover Supervisors							
Epic Sports Team (external provider)		Sports Tues/Weds/Thurs/Fri							
Nottingham Music Hub team (external)		Music on Tuesdays with Y4/5							
PPA Ltd - M	usic team (external)	Music on Thursdays with Y3/6							



The AMAZING Miss Rodgers leaves us at the end of term to move back down south closer to her family! Miss Rodgers has been with the school for many years, teaching in Year 6 as well as other year groups too. Miss Rodgers is also our English leader for KS2 and has been an amazing leader and valuable part of our leadership team. She has offered the school so much of herself during her time here - the children love her and so do we! She is a brilliant teacher and her next school are lucky to have her! THANK YOU Miss Rodgers - a Walter Halls legend!



We also say goodbye to Miss Mohammed, our lovely Y3 teacher. Miss Mohammed is off on an amazing adventure to teach abroad! Although not with us for very long, we have loved having Miss Mohammed's calming influence around the school. Thank you Miss Mohammed and all the very best for your next exciting chapter!

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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SUMMER FAIR FUN!





TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!



Well done everyone who took part in Monday's TTRS tournament! We currently have 84 students who ar e Rock Stars, Rock Heroes or Rock Legends.

There were some exciting battles in the music room with incredibly quickly times tables recall and a resp ectful audience!

The final battles were won by: Navdeep 5A- in the Rock Star category; Cienna 6B – in the Rock Legend category; and Alex & Marvellous 6B- in the Rock Hero category. Here are some photos from the competition! Well done everyone who took part ©







CLUBS TO SIGN UP FOR...



Booking online - visit www.progressive-sports-derbyshire.co.uk/clubs and find your school!



Book now at

www.codecamp.co.uk/afterschool

Get in touch at hello@codecamp.co.uk

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PHEENIX MUSIC WORKSHOP



FRIDAY AUTUMN TERM 1 YEARS 3 TO 6, 3.15 to 4.15PM

We are excited to offer an afterschool music workshop in Autumn Term 1, run by Emmanuel Olih (PHEENIX).

Emmanuel is a Nigerian born, and currently UK based, multi-genre singer/ rapper and songwriter. He is also a University of Derby Graduate, with a joint degree in Film and Television studies & Psychology.

He has worked with several genres such as hip hop, R&B, rock, 80s synthwave, afrobeats and many more.

(Pheenix performed his latest song release at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July!)

The classes will include weekly topics and activities to get children to feel excited. It will include song writing exercises:

- · What is song writing?
- How do we learn song writing?
- The 5 steps to start song writing (objects of focus, jamming and arranging, topics of choice, repletion and rhyme, free style)

At the end of the half term, children will have composed a song either on their own or in a group, or they can adapt a song they already know, that

The price is £5.00 per child (£30.00 for Autumn Term 1), bookings are now open on ParentMail . Spaces are limited to 15 children. The club will run on 13th, 20th, 27th September and 4th, 11th and 18th October.

Key Dates coming up...



SUMMER term:

Our Core Values are COLLABORATION & PERSEVERANCE!

- Monday 15th July KS2 Evening Awards Ceremony for Y3-Y6 with Y6 leavers performance please come along to St Judes Church 5-7pm!
 - 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





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: 92%

The class with the highest attendance was: 6A with a perfect 100%! Wow!

Also doing well were: Class 4B with 98.7% and Class 6B with 96.4% - well done!



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)

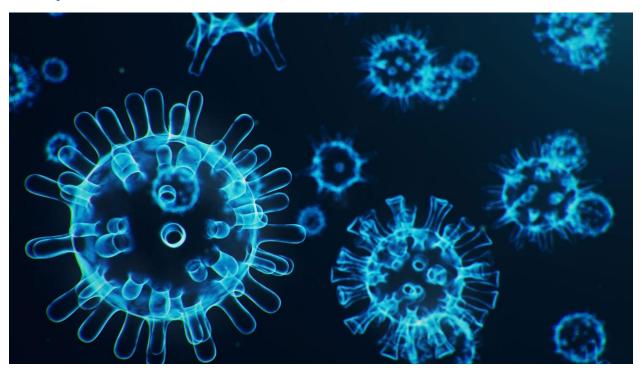
Kerrie Chandler - Play Therapist, Child Welfare Officer & Deputy DSL

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.