



Be your best.

NEWSLETTER - 8th March 2024

Dear all,

Happy Friday! Here's this week's news round-up, along with some lovely photos to celebrate and share with you all...

Baby News - *I am pleased to share with you all, news of the safe arrival of Miss Pope's new baby - it's a boy! Ronan Thomas Andrew was born this Wednesday morning! This has been a very difficult pregnancy and we're thrilled to hear of his safe arrival!*

Mrs Kozub has also had a gorgeous baby boy, born in February - Max Slavomir! We can't wait to meet these two new boys very soon!

Safeguarding Audit - *Last week we had our safeguarding audit from the local authority, led by NST school leaders, to check through all of our safeguarding processes, policies and approaches to keeping children safe in education. I am really pleased to tell you all that the audit went really well and was summarised in a report, stating - 'During the audit process, it was evident that the school hold the emotional wellbeing of all pupils at its heart. There was clear passion and pride when discussing the policies, procedures and decisions that are made regarding safeguarding and child protection. The leaders understand the demographics of the school and employ staff to ensure all pupils needs are met which is a credit and honourable decision. There was an overwhelming sense of love shown by the Headteacher and Lead DSL.' This is an accurate reflection of our school ethos and ALL of the staff who work here and so I extend my thanks to everyone who works so hard to make Walter Halls the special place that it is.*

Payments for School Visits - you will have received a separate letter detailing the current situation school is in with payments for all of our school visits and experiences. We currently have more than £5,000 shortfall and, sadly, our school budgets are no longer good enough to add any money into this ourselves. Any planned visits and experiences that aren't fully paid for by families may need to be cancelled. This is really upsetting for us to be forced to do, especially at a time of financial hardship for so many. We want our children to have these memorable experiences - if you can afford to make your contribution (even if it's just a little bit every month) please can you help us with this.

DON'T FORGET - RED NOSE DAY IS NEXT FRIDAY - Come wearing your red noses, something red, draw on a red nose or just contribute a few pennies to this good cause!

Next week:

Wednesday - Wells Academy are at Walter Halls hosting a coffee morning for any families of children in Y6 who will be moving to Y7 at Wells Academy next year. An informal chance to meet staff and have a chat. They are hosting 9am-10am but please feel free to stay from drop-off time at 8.40am - meeting in the library!

Dawn from MHST will be in school for any support and advice for parents

Friday - Friday Focus Day - the children will have a whole day of SCIENCE! Curiosity at its finest!

9am Celebration Assembly is for Y2/3 - families of children who will be receiving a certificate will be invited in advance

Lovely photos this week from World Book Day and author visit, our new babies who have joined our Walter Halls Family recently and some more Y4 Gross Science!

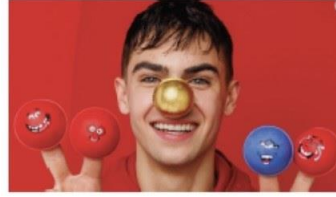
Take care,

Emma Beardah

Headteacher

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Pick your nose!



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH IS RED NOSE DAY!!





Spring 2 Home learning

CURIOSITY!

GET READY FOR THE THIRD EDITION OF...

'Walter Halls Book of Curiosity: A collection of stories written by the children of Walter Halls'

Last year, lots of you became PUBLISHED AUTHORS! Who wants to take part this year? Let's make the third edition **EVEN BETTER** than the last two!

If you've got an adventure story inside you, just bursting to come out, you could see your story in print, inside a published book, available to buy and sitting on the shelves of our library!

All you need to do is write your own short story – type it, write it on paper, it's up to you! You might even want to illustrate it too? Here are the rules to follow that will help you:

- Your story can be about anything you like, as long as it's fun to read, adventurous and has some curiosity and excitement to it! Try writing it with a twist at the end or with a cliff-hanger that leaves people wondering!
- It should be a short story: between 2-6 A4 pages.
- It can be typed and printed out or it can be hand-written – but if you're writing it out, be sure to make it neat and use a pen if you can do.
- You can add illustrations if you want to, but you don't have to. Maybe a friend can help you?

HAND IN TO MRS BEARDAH BY TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2024 or email it to headteacher@walterhalls.nottingham.sch.uk

BABY NEWS! Welcome to the Walter Halls Family!

Miss Pope has given birth to a beautiful baby boy - Ronan Thomas Andrew was born this Wednesday morning! We are so relieved at his safe arrival! Mrs Kozub's new baby is also a boy and called Max Slavomir - both gorgeous and we can't wait to meet them!





World Book Day 2024!

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



1 - Nursery enjoyed WBD too!



*It was a great World Book Day this year - we even had a visiting author come to meet some of us too!
KS2 met local author, Richard Moore and learnt about the inspiration behind his book, Hob the Elf!
Apparently it all started with a poem before it became a brilliant book about Hob's adventures into the
human world.*

*We all got to dress our own way this year - how we feel most comfortable when reading. Lots of pyjamas
of course - but more importantly a whole day dedicated to books, reading, words and why books are so
much fun!*

Year 4 spent the day solving reading puzzles in an 'Escape Room' themed day. Amazing collaboration, teamwork and problem-solving skills all based around books and a love of reading! They have shared some photos here for you. Year 2 have also shared some photos - they took part in a maths scavenger hunt and all the questions were linked to our favourite books. Then we chose our favourite book 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' to create some art work. Throughout the day we listened to some famous people reading stories and joined in with MC Grammars World Book Day song!

Just a couple of great examples of how fabulous World Book Day can be!











More Year 4 'Gross Science'!



After Mrs Harding's class shared some photos with us last week, this time Miss Walters class has been learning all about the digestive system too! Learning about how poo is made is both messy and fun!







Key Dates coming up...



Spring 2 term:

*Our core value learning this half term is all about **CURIOSITY***

- **Wednesday 13th March**- *Wells Academy Coffee morning at Walter Halls 9am-10am. Please come to the library - feel free to arrive from 8.40am drop-off time.*
- **Friday 15th March** – *Friday Focus Day – Science. British Science week national theme is ‘Time’*
- **w/c 18th March** – *we will introduce the topic of Autism Awareness Month, which begins in April*
- **w/c 18th March** – *Y2 will lead a Religious Education performance on Passover with parents invited – date TBC*
- **Thursday 21st March** - *Coffee Morning for Neuro-diversity organised Mrs Glover*

- **Monday 25th March** – *Headteacher Certificate ceremony 9am school hall for Y1-Y6*
 - **Wednesday 27th March** – *KS2 Spelling Bee competition*
 - **Last day of term is Wednesday 27th March. School closes to children. School staff attend INSET training on Thursday 28th March**
 - **School re-opens after the Easter break on Monday April 15th**
 - 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/term-dates/>*
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The Welly Bank is a new community-led network in Notts. It is free to join and all items are shared free of charge. But WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will only grow a bustling network if everyone helps to increase membership so please TELL A FRIEND and spread the word

Nottingham **WELLY BANK**

Because playing outside should not cost the earth....



Donate, swap or request wellies and outdoor clothes at www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwellybank

Free!

OUR CORE VALUE THIS TERM IS...



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

- *People who changed the world.*
 - *Wonders of the world & other worlds (sea, space, sky, science, technology).*
 - *Research skills and independent projects.*
 - *Famous inventions and inventors.*
 - *Asking questions – always be a questioner!*
 - *Trying something new – bravery and courage.*
 - *Overcoming fears.*
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As always, your help in talking to your children about all of these things at home is appreciated.

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.

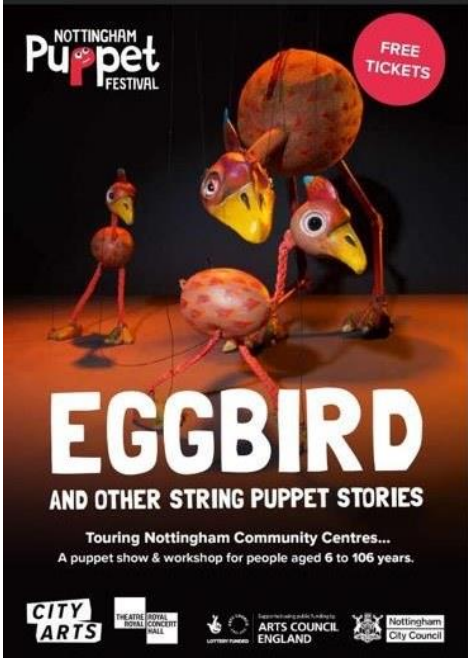
We always report attendance for the previous week.

LAST WEEK, WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WAS: 94%

The class with the highest attendance was: Class 1A with 99.3% - AMAZING!

Also doing well were: Class 4B with 97% and Class 2A with 96% - well done!

THIS YEAR'S TARGET IS 96% AND WE AIM TO REDUCE OUR PERSISTENTLY ABSENT FIGURES FROM 15% TO 8%



NOTTINGHAM Puppet FESTIVAL

FREE TICKETS


EGGBIRD AND OTHER STRING PUPPET STORIES

Touring Nottingham Community Centres...
A puppet show & workshop for people aged 6 to 106 years.

CITY ARTS THEATRE CENTRAL CONCERT HALL
LONDON OPERA
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
Nottingham City Council

The Vine Community Centre 8 April 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm Bobbers Mill Road Nottingham NG7 5GZ	Sheila Russell Community Centre 9 April 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm St Martin's Road Bilborough Nottingham, NG8 3AR
Bulwell Riverside 10 April 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm 108 Coventry Road Bulwell Nottingham NG6 8PS	Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre 11 April 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm 35 Hungerhill Road Nottingham NG3 4NB

Book online:
city-arts.org.uk/whats-on



NOTTINGHAM Puppet FESTIVAL

FREE TICKETS

CHARLIE COMET AND THE MAGIC IN THE ATTIC

Touring Nottingham Libraries...
A puppet show for children aged 2 to 4 years.
Older siblings & friends welcome.

CITY ARTS THEATRE CENTRAL CONCERT HALL
LONDON OPERA
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
NOTTINGHAM CITY LIBRARIES
Nottingham City Council

Bilborough Library 9 April 2024 2:00pm - 2:30pm Bracebridge Drive Nottingham NG8 4PN	Bulwell Riverside Library 10 April 2024 11:00am - 11:30am Main Street, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 8QJ
The Meadows Library 10 April 2024 2:00pm - 2:30pm Wilford Grove Nottingham NG2 2DR	Hyson Green Library 11 April 2024 11:00am - 11:30am The Mary Potter Centre 76 Gregory Boulevard Nottingham NG7 5HY
Clifton Library 11 April 2024 2:00pm - 2:30pm Southchurch Drive Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8AB	St Ann's Valley Library 12 April 2024 11:00am - 11:30am St Ann's Valley Centre 2 Livingstone Road Nottingham NG3 3GG
Nottingham Central Library 13 April 2024 12:30pm - 1:00pm 1 Carrington Street Nottingham, NG1 7FH	Nottingham Central Library 13 April 2024 2:30pm - 3:00pm 1 Carrington Street Nottingham, NG1 7FH

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OPAL PLAY UPDATE



Some recent concerns that our Opal Play team have had brought to them:

Using play equipment outside at the start of the day - *Some of the larger equipment is left outside and some of our children are enjoying using this at the start of the day. No staff supervision is available outside at the start of the day, until 8.40am when teachers arrive to collect classes. Parents and carers are therefore responsible for choices being made outside first thing in the morning.*

Risks of injury - *All of our activities have been risk-assessed and supervision during Opal Play is called 'roaming supervision' meaning that adults roam a particular zone and intervene in play only when things are particularly risky. Full training on this has been undertaken by Opal Play leaders and our sites are checked regularly*

Items left out / the site looks 'messy' - *Children are encouraged to revisit dens and play spaces over many days. The aim is not to have a tidy-looking site but to develop effective life-long skills through well-thought-out play. We've done the research, had the training and heard the impact on learning this all has - Opal play is part of our curriculum*

Rainy / Muddy play - *leaflets of information have been shared prior to Christmas and again this term with information regarding this approach. We recognise the need for more sheltered areas to be created, when our budget allows for this. In the meantime, decent clothing, hoods and brollies all help, as well as the spare clothing we have in classrooms and at 'Take Home Tuesday'*

NOTTINGHAM Puppet FESTIVAL

FREE TICKETS

THE SEARCH FOR TEDDY ISLAND

A CITY ARTS PRODUCTION

Touring Nottingham Libraries...
A puppet show for children aged 6 months to 4 years.
Older siblings & friends welcome.

Wollaton Library
9 April 2024
11:00am - 11:30am
Bramcote Lane
Nottingham
NG8 2NA

Bulwell Riverside Library
10 April 2024
2:00pm - 2:30pm
Main Street, Bulwell
Nottingham
NG6 8QJ

Dales Centre Library
12 April 2024
11:00am - 11:30am
206 Sneinton Dale
Nottingham
NG2 4HJ

Nottingham Central Library
13 April 2024
11:30am - 12:00pm
1 Carrington Street
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

Strelley Road Library
10 April 2024
11:00am - 11:30am
Strelley Road
Nottingham
NG8 3BJ

Hyson Green Library
11 April 2024
2:00pm - 2:30pm
The Mary Potter Centre
76 Gregory Boulevard
Nottingham NG7 5HY

St Ann's Valley Library
12 April 2024
2:00pm - 2:30pm
St Ann's Valley Centre
2 Livingstone Road
Nottingham NG3 3GG

Nottingham Central Library
13 April 2024
1:30pm - 2:00pm
1 Carrington Street
Nottingham, NG1 7FH

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Green's Windmill Trust **NOTTINGHAM FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE & CURIOSITY**

GREEN'S MILL STEM DAY

PART OF BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2024

Join NTU Physics students and celebrate British Science Week at Green's Mill. Explore the work of George Green through the science of energy transfer, learning about the nature of moving magnets and making your own pinwheel to bring home.

DROP-IN FAMILY ACTIVITIES
SATURDAY 16 MARCH
11AM-3PM

Green's Windmill & Science Centre
Windmill Lane, Sneinton, NG2 4QB



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...

THE RENEWAL TRUST
Helping communities grow

ABC

EPIC PARTNERS
Empowering Positive & Inspirational Change

MTVH

HEALTH HUB

FREE **AGE 8-16**

**AT HILL VIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE,
RANSOM ROAD, NG3 3BP**

EVERY WEDNESDAY 5:00PM - 7:00PM

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities from learning the knowledge of food, healthy living, and cooking skills. You can participate in sport with physical, mental health and wellbeing support. Along with mindfulness activities.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021
WWW.EPICPARTNERS.CO.UK**

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YOUTH NIGHT

ONLY £ 2 AGE 11-16

**THE OLIVER HIND YOUTH CLUB,
EDALE ROAD, NG2 4HT**

EVERY FRIDAY 5:00PM - 6:45PM

These sessions allow young people to come together in a relaxed environment. You can choose from a range of activities each week and compete in friendly and fun games.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0115 8372021

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FUSION

Youth Club

EVERY THURSDAY

During term times

5:30PM-8:00PM

10-17 year olds

50P ENTRY

At The Greenway Centre Trent Lane NG2 4DF

WHAT WE DO:

Instrument room Sports Cooking or baking
Fun & Games Arts and craft Music studio



@sendprojectyouthclub



@SEND Project



@sendprojectnottingham

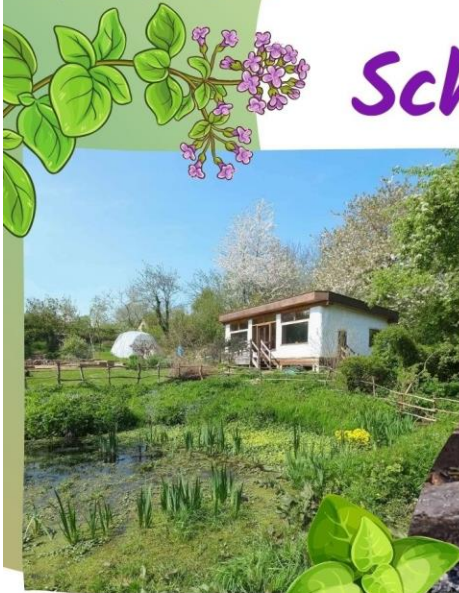




St Ann's Community Orchard

Free After School Sessions

Every Wednesday
3:30pm-5pm



Orienteering,
exploring, bug
hunting, cooking on
the fire, arts, crafts,
and more!

Children aged
8-12 only



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.



FREE PLAY FOOTBALL



Mondays

4pm to 5pm (ages 5 to 11)
5pm to 6pm (ages 12 to 16)

Brewsters Park

141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY

Free*

Book your place: bookwhen.com/renewaltrust

*Sessions open to families living in St Ann's, Sneinton and Mapperley
(Nottingham City Wards - Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's)





Skate Nottingham

Free skateboard coaching sessions



**SATURDAYS AT BRENDON
LAWRENCE SPORTS CENTRE**

10:30 - 12:00
From 2nd September
For ages 7+

	<p>Free Play Football - Free* Monday 4pm to 5pm - ages 5 to 11 Monday 5pm to 6pm - ages 12 to 16 Brewsters Park, 141 Brewsters Road, NG3 3BY Book your place: bookwhen.com/renewaltrust</p>	
	<p>Wicketz - ages 8 to 16 - Free* Wednesday 5:30pm to 7pm - ages 8 to 16 Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB Register here: app.upshot.org.uk/signup/c310d54a/</p>	<h2>Term time activities</h2>
	<p>BLSC Youth Club does ACE - ages 8 to 16 - Free* Thursday 5:30pm to 7pm Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB Register here: app.upshot.org.uk/signup/ad80caee/</p>	<p>with The Renewal Trust (and friends!)</p>
	<p>PL Kicks - Football and Cricket - ages 8 to 16 - Free* Thursday 6pm to 8pm Nottingham Academy, Greenwood Road, Sneinton NG3 7EB Book your place: bookwhen.com/nfct</p>	<p>To find out more call: 0115 911 2226 or email enquiries@renewaltrust.org.uk</p>
	<p>Feel Good Family Fun - £1 per family / household Friday, 4:30pm to 5:30pm - monthly from 15 September Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB Book your place: bookwhen.com/renewaltrust</p>	
	<p>PL Kicks - Football - ages 8 to 16 - Free* Friday 6pm to 8pm Brendon Lawrence Sports Centre, 35 Hungerhill Road, NG3 4NB Book your place: bookwhen.com/nfct</p>	<p><small>*Free sessions open to families living in Nottingham City wards Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's</small></p>

EASY-FUNDRAISING - Please help us!



Walter Halls Primary School

Mapperley, Nottingham

£1,048.75 raised

128 supporters

Sign up and support this cause

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.

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=2857a911-d6d1-4247-9db6-689c60a13f64>

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=EAlaIQobChMIpcTfzqCH-gIVhIBQBh2SPwEHEAAYASAAEqK5XvD_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

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE ON 0115 9150045 or COME AND CHAT TO US OUTSIDE IN THE MORNINGS OR AFTER SCHOOL

Safety reminders



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- **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.
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