



Be your best.

NEWSLETTER - 12th January 2024

Dear all,

Happy Friday to you all. Here's a round-up of this week's news with separate sections for you to look through which give regular reminders and more detail on things that we'd like our families to be aware about...

Attendance - *Well done to 4A last week - they achieved a perfect 100% attendance. A great start back to the new term! Unfortunately, as a whole school we only achieved 91.4% - this is well below our expected 96%. We know that it is a tough season with coughs and colds. Wherever possible, your children should be in school every day.*

University Hospital's Panto - *please take a look at the poster in this week's newsletter and also shared on Dojo this week. If you can help support this amazing charity then we'd be really grateful.*

OPAL Play - *we continue to work on our OPAL Play project. Our mentor came to visit us this week and gave us some more great advice, looked at risk assessments with us and delivered some great training to our midday supervisors - now known as Play Leaders! Please take a read of the separate OPAL section of the newsletter for how you can continue to help supporting us with this initiative. We can already see some really positive changes to behaviours at lunchtimes and to children's concentration in the afternoon - amazing stuff!*

NSPCC learning - this term Y2, Y5 & Y6 *will be taking part in the NSPCC 'Speak out Stay Safe' learning. 'Speak out. Stay safe.' is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand*

abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Year group teachers will share some more detail with families via class dojo - this is a really important part of our curriculum offer. Often children will come home and chat about it with their families and so I wanted you to be aware in advance of this planned work this term.

New Family Support Worker - Gail Holmes - starts with us next week on Monday 15th January. Gail is an experienced family support worker who has worked in this area for a long time. She is a great source of support for all of our families - please come and chat to her. She will be outside every morning, just as Jodie used to be, and she will start to pick up on some supportive work with our families straight away.

NEXT WEEK:

Monday - Gail Holmes, Family Support Worker, starts her role at Walter Halls

Friday - 9am Celebration Assembly is for Y4/5/6 - parents of children who are getting a certificate will be invited in advance

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Take care,

Emma Beardah

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Nottingham
University Hospitals
Pantomime Society
Proudly Presents



Aladdin

A ROMANTIC TALE OF MAGIC AND MISCHIEF



Sunday 14th January 2024 2pm
Tuesday 16th January 2024 7pm
Wednesday 17th January 2024 7pm
Thursday 18th January 2024 7pm
Friday 19th January 2024 7pm
Saturday 20th January 2024 2pm and 7pm

**NEW
LOCATION**

Squire Performing Arts Centre, 9 Arboretum Street,
Nottingham, NG1 4JB

Tickets £7, under 12 years old £3
www.eventbrite.com/cc/aladdin-2851649



Key Dates coming up...



SPRING TERM DATES:

Our Core Value learning is all about ASPIRATION

- *School re-opens on Thursday 4th January.*
- *Friday 19th January – Y1 will be visited by ‘Tutti Fruitti’ performers*
- *Friday 2nd February – Friday Focus Day – Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars!*
- *w/c 5th February – Children’s Mental Health Week – a national theme of ‘My Voice Matters’*
 - *6th February – National Safer Internet Day – ‘Inspiring Change’*
- *w/c 5th February – Y5 will lead a Religious Education performance on Sikhism with parents invited – date TBC*

- **Friday 9th February** – *last day of half term. School re-opens for Spring 2 term on Monday 19th February*
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Spring 2 term:

Our core value learning this half term is all about CURIOSITY

- **Monday 26th February** – *KS2 Times Tables Rock Stars Competition*
 - **Thursday 7th March** – *World Book Day – more details to follow*
 - **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*
 - **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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OPAL PLAY UPDATE



We continue to build on last term's work with Opal with lots of new plans for different play spaces and equipment being introduced each term. Long-term we are saving up and allocating some funds towards a large sand-pit area too. As this is an 18 month project, it will continue to grow and improve as we go through.

Here's how you can help now:

WE NEED - Scooters, skateboards and large prams/buggies - please bring any you may be looking to get rid of to us!

WE ALSO NEED - Broken items from home that the children could spend some time trying to fix over lunchtime - don't expect them back all fixed and new, it's just a great activity that some of our children like to try their hand at! Things like - broken printers, broken DVD players etc. Anything that can be unscrewed, taken apart and 'tinkered' with. This will help form our new 'Tinker Station' outside, with some tools left out for the children to use.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Children need wellies and warm outdoor clothing with them every day.

Thank you for all of your donations and support so far! It's so great how much support and help people have offered us with improving outdoor play and learning!

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 91.4%

THE HIGHEST CLASS ATTENDANCE WAS FROM: CLASS 4A - A PERFECT 100%!

Also doing great were Rabbits Class in F2 and Class 3B - both with 98% - well done!

- 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.
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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.

OUR CORE VALUE THIS TERM IS...



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

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- *Making the most of our talents.*
 - *Everyone has a talent.*
 - *Everyone has their own type of 'clever'.*
 - *Different jobs and careers and how to get there.*
 - *Gender equality and stereotyping.*
 - *Setting goals and targets – small steps add up.*
 - *Aiming high.*
 - *Overcoming failure – remaining focused on the end goal.*
 - *Believing in yourself.*
 - *Determination – how can we build it?*
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As always, your help in talking to your children about all of these things at home is appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY...



The poster features several logos and icons: 'THE RENEWAL TRUST' with the tagline 'Helping communities grow' and 'ABC' in a stylized font; 'EPIC PARTNERS' with the tagline 'Empowering Positive & Inspirational Change'; and 'MTVH' with a colorful diamond logo. Icons include a plate of fruit (pineapple, apple, orange, pear), a cricket bat, a soccer ball, a basketball, a tennis racket, a silhouette of a person jumping, and a heart with a pulse line.

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.

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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



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TICKETS
@SEND Project
@sendprojectnottingham

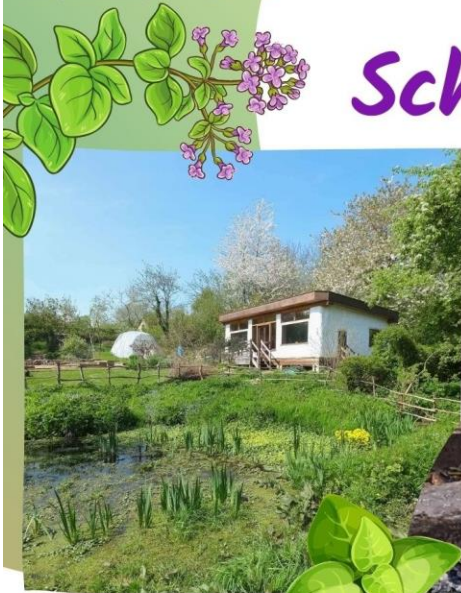




St Ann's Community Orchard

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

Jodie Burton - Family Support Worker, Attendance officer and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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

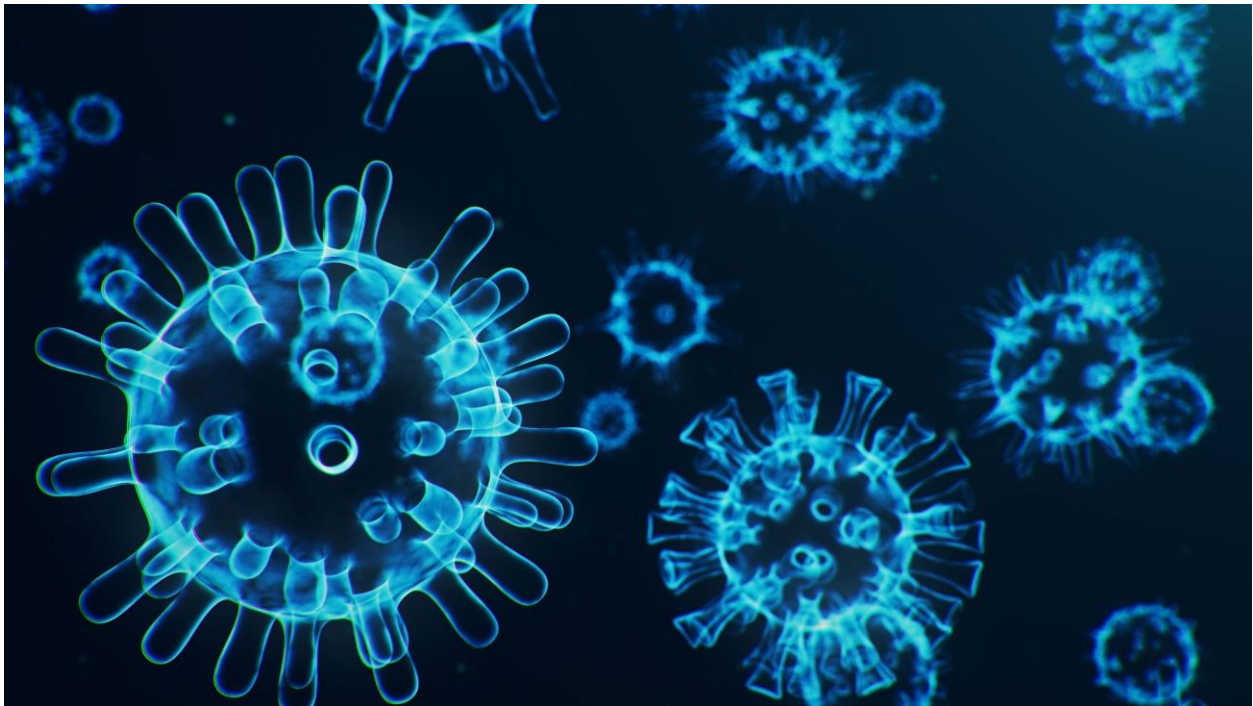
Lee Neal - Behaviour & Learning Mentor

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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