



Walnut Tree Walk  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

1st November 2019



## Dates for your Diary

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| November | <p><b>Fri 1st:</b> Chris's Reception Class Assembly</p> <p><b>Wed 6th:</b> Nadika's Y3 class to Natural History Museum</p> <p><b>Thurs 7th:</b> Y5 and 6 to Institute of Imagination in the afternoon</p> <p><b>Thurs 7th:</b> Maths workshop for parents</p> <p><b>Fri 8th:</b> Connor's Reception Class Assembly</p> <p><b>Fri 8th:</b> Y4 to Maritime Museum</p> <p><b>Mon 11th:</b> Y1 to Transport Museum</p> <p><b>Wed 13th:</b> Y2 to Tower of London</p> <p><b>Fri 15th:</b> Talsia's Y3 Class Assembly</p> <p><b>Thurs 21st:</b> PTFA meeting at 9am</p> <p><b>Thurs 21st:</b> Y6 evening trip to see War Horse at the theatre</p> <p><b>Fri 22nd:</b> Y1 Class Assembly</p> <p><b>Mon 25th:</b> Flu vaccine for those who have agreed to it</p> <p><b>Fri 29th:</b> Nadika's Y3 Class Assembly</p> |
| December | <p><b>Wed 11th at 10am:</b> Nursery and Reception Christmas Show</p> <p><b>Thurs 12th:</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Fri 13th at 10am:</b> Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Show</p> <p><b>Tues 17th at 1:30pm and 7pm:</b> Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Show</p> <p><b>Wed 18th:</b> PTFA Winter Fair</p> <p><b>Thurs 19th:</b> Last day of term. School finishes at 1:30pm.</p>   |
| January  | <p><b>Mon 6th:</b> Back to school</p>  |

## Messages

### School Closure on 12th December

As we are a community building that is used as a polling station, school will be closed on Thursday 12th December. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but the short notice was beyond our control!

### Changes to Christmas Dates

Please see 'Dates for the Diary' section for details of when each of the three Christmas shows are taking place. They will all be held in school. There is a change to the Nursery and Reception date - it is now on Wednesday 11th due to the election.

### Parent Conference Meetings for Year 1 to Year 6

These will be held during the week beginning 18th November. Your child's class teacher will contact you nearer the time to arrange times.

### Maths Workshop for Parents

Following requests from parents, we will be holding a repeat of the maths workshop for parents we held last year to go through the maths mastery approach we use in school for years 1 to 6. This will be held on Thursday 7th November at 9am. Please sign up for a place with Sharon in the office.

### INSET Days

A reminder of the remaining INSET days for the year when school will be closed to the children: Monday 24th February, Monday 1st June, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July.

## Who to go to if you have concerns about your child

We have a number of people who you can go to with any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. Your first port of call will normally be your child's class teacher, but Andrew, Sue and Connor are always available if you would like to speak to one of them.

Additionally, Deborah is the Phase Leader responsible for Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) and Simon is responsible for Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6).

Catherine is the SENCo and her role is to coordinate the provision at Walnut Tree Walk for any children with Special Educational Needs (SEN). Parents of children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) should go to Connor as he oversees inclusion across the school, but particularly the Early Years.

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff who will be supporting children and families in a variety of ways. Dr Jennifer Wills is a Child and Educational Psychologist (DEdPsy, Chartered Psychologist, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, and registered with the Health and Care Professions Council). She has worked in this capacity for over a decade and specialises in working with schools and families to promote positive mental health and academic progress. This includes individual therapy using an array of techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), play therapy and child-centred counselling. Jen will be working on Fridays and, in addition to some direct work with children, she can be available to meet with any parents who need support or advice with a particular issue they are experiencing. If this is a service that you ever feel you need, please come and speak to Andrew and if this is the appropriate support, we will set up a meeting for you.

Gardner Chalmers continues to work in school two days a week as a Drama Therapist, working with a number of children who we feel benefit from his sessions.

## PTFA Meeting

The PTFA will be holding their next meeting on:

**Thursday 21st November  
at 9am**

This meeting will be to make preparations for the Winter Fair on the 18th December.

Everyone is welcome to attend - the more the merrier!

## Fundraising

A reminder that there are two ways you can support the school to raise money when shopping online:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

For further details, please see the previous newsletter on our website or ask for details from the school office.