

16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Happy Holidays!



We have all had a very challenging year but have been incredibly proud of how well our children have coped with all the disruption. It is brilliant to have such lovely children and supportive parents, and we would like to thank you all for doing a wonderful job in such difficult times. Have a relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you fully refreshed on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Mr Pearson  
Headteacher

Mrs Smith  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Harris  
Deputy Headteacher

## Goodbye to Year 6

At the end of the year we have some fond farewells, mostly to our Year 6 pupils. We wish them the very best as they leave us to go to BIG school (secondary school). We are so proud of these children who are conscientious, intelligent, polite and great fun to be with! Remember all the things we have taught you and cherish the memories from your time at Walmley Junior School. Good luck in all that you do; be kind and try your best. We think you're amazing!



## Goodbyes

As the term draws to a close, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Fisher, one of our teaching assistants. She will be missed by children and staff alike and we'd like to thank her for all her hard work over the last few years. We are also saying a fond farewell to Miss Fiddler, our lunchtime supervisor, who will be moving on to new adventures. Good luck to you both!

## Welcome

We are happy to be welcoming Miss Abbas to Year 4 from September. We are sure she will be an excellent addition to the team.

We would also like to welcome the arrival of Mrs Cooney's (Year 5) baby boy, Lawson, and Miss Smith's (Year 6) baby boy, Teddy, to the Walmley family. Both Mums and babies are doing well and we can't wait to meet him!

## Morning drop off & Parking

It is evident that some parents/carers are still not using the pedestrian crossing and warden, and children are sometimes sent across the busy road by themselves. It is really not worth the risk and we have seen nasty accidents in the past. We would urge you to help us teach children to always search for, and use, the safest place to cross so that they make the right choices for themselves in the future.

If you can walk to school, we ask that you support us by doing so. If you need to come by car, please park further away and walk a little more, as this will help ensure children's safety. This will also help ensure local residents can access their own driveways and pedestrians can use pavements safely. We have also had complaints about parents who are playing very loud music when they park (or sit in their cars waiting for their children) which is affecting nearby residents, particularly those who are working from home. We would be grateful if you could be considerate and mindful of these issues, please.

### Start of School Day

Children can arrive anytime between **8.40am – 9.00am**.

### End of School Day

Years 3 & 4 - 3.25pm

Years 5 & 6 - 3.30pm

Please can we ask parents to remember to social distance whilst waiting at the school gate and restrict drop off to one adult only.

### Parent contact details

We continue to communicate by texts and emails. Could we remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform the school office when your contact details change. School should have a minimum of three contact phone numbers to ensure we can get hold of someone at home in an emergency. If you change address, we need to see a copy of your most up to date council tax bill as proof in order for us to make the change.

### COVID

We would like to assure you that we will continue with our enhanced hygiene procedures in school in September, to help avoid any further closures. The children have been brilliant in working with us and have been very understanding of the restrictions that affect them. Thank you.

The government have updated their guidance about COVID testing (plus other useful advice) and a link is given below: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

### Dinner Money

Dinner money is £12.50 per week (i.e. £2.50 per meal). If you prefer to pay for the half-term in advance, it will be **£87.50** for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please ensure that payments are made promptly using our online system. Outstanding dinner money invoices are sent by email and we wish to remind you that dinner money **should always be paid in advance not arrears**. We hope that your child will have school dinners, but please remember to give the school office one week's notice in writing of any changes to your child's lunch arrangements.

### Hotdog Lunch

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Hot dog lunches can now be made using Scopay on-line payment system.** Hot dog lunch can be found in 'Products' then 'Hot dog Lunch'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance, this will ensure your child receives a lunch on that day. Payment should be made no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**.

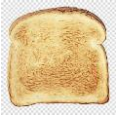
### Cake Sale

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 50p. This will start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£3.50**. Payment should be made no later than **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**



## Toast Sale

The kitchen will be selling toast at break time priced at 40p per slice (2 halves) - max 1 slice per child.



**Monday - Year 3**  
**Tuesday - Year 4**  
**Wednesday - Year 5**  
**Thursday - Year 6**

Toast sales will start week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> September. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Toast can be found under 'Products' then 'toast'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, this will ensure your child receives toast on their nominated day. For the half-term it will be **£2.80**. Payment should be made no later than **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**

## Lunch Menus

When we return to school after half term we will be on **Week 1**. Menus are available to view on the school website.

## Payments to school

Can we please remind parents that we are a cashless school, and all payments should be made using our online payments system <https://www.scopay.com/walmley-jun> We do not hold any cash in school and therefore cannot refund any payments made in cash that subsequently need to be returned. **Please note that any cash payments made, that need to be returned will sit on your child's account for you to use for a future trip/event.**

## Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a named water bottle. The children always have access to water and they will need their bottle in school every day to keep them sufficiently hydrated. Please do not send them in with squash.

## Communicating with School

Please do not come on to the school site without a prior appointment. These can be made by calling or emailing the school. Can we please ask parent/carers who have to come on to the school site that you wear a face mask.

## Earlybirds Bookings

If you need to make an emergency booking, it must be made before 12 o'clock on that day. In addition, if you cancel an Earlybirds session after 12 o'clock, you will have to collect your child from Earlybirds as they may have already been taken there by a member of the Earlybirds team.

## PE Kits

Children should continue to come into school in their PE kit (as outlined in our uniform policy) on their designated P.E. day in September.

- Monday Year 3
- Tuesday Year 6
- Wednesday Year 4
- Friday Year 5

## School Uniform

There has unfortunately been a noticeable decline in the standard of uniform that pupils are wearing at the moment. This is particularly the case for footwear, with some children wearing trainers rather than shoes. We understand that manufacturers are selling styles that are a hybrid between the two, but we would ask you to ensure that your child's footwear is leather/leather look, smart and plain black, please. Fabric shoes or coloured logos/soles are not acceptable. Some girls are also wearing boots, which should only be used in bad weather and school shoes should be worn once in school. Earrings should also be small studs only, with no hoops or dangly ones that are a safety hazard.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a school tie and a waterproof coat every day. All items should also be named so that lost items can be returned easily. Once again, we have a lost property cupboard that is full of unnamed items of clothing and belongings. Thanks very much for your support with this.

## Dates for the Diary

### **Autumn Term 2021**

2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Teacher Training Day
6 <sup>th</sup> September	School Open
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual Photos
6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Trip to Whitemoor Lakes
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Break up for Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> November	School Open
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Trip to Outward Bound, Ullswater
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Woodlands Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Teacher Training Day

### **Spring Term 2022**

4 <sup>th</sup> January	Teacher Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Open
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> February	School Open
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter

### **Summer Term 2022**

25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Open
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Open
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holidays