

22nd October 2021

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's event was the most successful ever and together we raised an incredible **£3,136.28!!** Thank you so much to everyone who supported our coffee morning and gave so generously to this very worthwhile charity. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents, grandparents and friends into school and the children loved having you here.



Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes

This residential went very well and the children loved the adventurous activities on offer. Many of them tried hard to overcome their fears and it was great to see them challenge themselves to do the zipwire, high ropes or abseiling for example. They had a lot of fun and enjoyed being with their friends. Visiting the National Memorial Arboretum was a lovely way to end the week and Year 4 behaved sensibly and respectfully (although they were probably shattered!).

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

Please note that we have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor starting in November 2021. Come and join our friendly team! Full details are on our website or see the notice on the door in the Reception area. The deadline for applications is Friday 29th October.

Vacancy – Become a Parent Governor

The Governing Board currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor to serve for a period of up to four years. Joining the Governing Board as a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of your child's school. Governors play a key role in the leadership of the school and raising of standards. Being a Governor can be very rewarding and will provide you with the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain new skills. Don't worry if you have no experience as full training and support is available from the Local Authority and your colleagues on the Governing Board.

Please note that the most important duty of any Governor is to attend meetings of the Governing Board and you should be sure that you are committed and available to do this before applying. At Walmley Junior School the Governing Board meets three times each term and meetings commence at approximately 5.30pm. If you have any queries or would like more information about becoming a Parent Governor, please contact the school or the Local Authority School and Governor Support Team on 0121 464 2216 or ask to speak to Mr Pearson (Headteacher). Application forms can be emailed or collected from the school office. Closing date for this role is Friday 5th November.

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 parents remember to socially distance whilst waiting at the gate and restrict drop off to **ONE adult only**.

Data Checking Sheets

At parents' evening you were given a data checking sheet for your child and asked to check and update contact details if they have changed. If you have not returned this, please do so to the school office by **Tuesday 2nd November**. If we do not receive the data checking sheet back, we will presume that none of the contact details have changed.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Please note that the closing date for online applications is 31st October 2021.

Whole School Flu Vaccination

We are just waiting for The Immunisation Team to confirm a date to come into school to give the flu vaccine.

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness, we would ask that you contact the school office **before 9.30 am** on the first day of absence so that we can ensure our records are up to date. We would then ask that you send a letter to your child's class teacher on their return to school. If your child has a medical appointment, please ensure that the school office is made aware in advance. We would ask you to arrange medical appointments outside the school day wherever possible.

Coronavirus: The NHS advises that the main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child has any of the main symptoms:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you receive your test result – only leave home to have a test.
- Contact the school office to keep us updated on the situation.

If your child seems to have coronavirus symptoms in school, we will isolate them and may check their temperature. We will contact you to arrange for them to be collected from school and advise you to get them tested. If the test result is negative, they should return to school. If the test is positive, your child should self-isolate for at least 10 days, starting from the date they started to show symptoms. They can return to school after this, as long as they feel well enough.

Hotdog Lunch

Wednesday 24th November

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 24th November. 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 12th November.**

Cake Sale

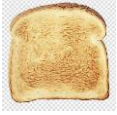
The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 50p. This will start on Friday 5th November. Payment should be paid in advance using Scopay on-line payment. Cake can be found in 'Products' then 'Cake Friday'. We are asking for payment to be made in advance for the half-term only, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£3.00 (school not open Friday 17th December)**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 31st October 2021.** **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**



If your child is in Year 5 and going to Aberdovey the cost will be £2.50.

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 1st November. 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 **Sunday 31st October 2021**. **Once the deadline date has passed there will be no opportunity to order, so please do not contact the school office to ask.**

If your child is in Year 5 and going to Aberdovey the cost will be £2.40.

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.

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 **£85.00** for Monday 1st November to Thursday 16th December. 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.

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. We do have water bottles in the school office which can be purchased for 50p.

Earlybirds Bookings

A reminder 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.

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.**

ScoPay App

Did you know there is a ScoPay App? It allows you to:

- Register your child's ScoPay account.
- Link children to an existing account using either a link code or QR code
- Pay for school meals, clubs and trips and see live balance information
- Link to your mobile calendar to add trip dates
- View payment history/receipts
- Set up alerts to be received by email or in-App for new items online, trip payment deadlines, low account balances
- Manage account information – password, email, billing details, payment agreements



Parents who already have a ScoPay account are able to login to the ScoPay app with their existing username and password. See below links for further information.

<https://scopay.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/SCOPAY/pages/93519873/SCOPAY+Mobile+App>

<https://scopay.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/SCOPAY/pages/32243727/SCO+Mobile+App+Video+Help>

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2021

1 st November	School Open
1 st – 5 th November	Year 5 Trip to Outward Bound, Aberdovey
1 st November	Y3.1 Parent Lunch
2 nd November	Y3.2 Parent Lunch
3 rd November	Y3.3 Parent Lunch
15 th November	Year 3.1 Woodlands Trip
17 th November	Year 3.2 Woodlands Trip
19 th November	Year 3.3 Woodlands Trip
7 th December	Year 3.1 Christmas Performance (2.45pm)
8 th December	Year 3.2 Christmas Performance (2.45pm)
9 th December	Year 3.3 Christmas Performance (2.45pm)
14 th December	Y5 Christmas Carol Service – St John's Church (6.30pm)
16 th December	Break up for Christmas
17 th December	Teacher Training Day

Spring Term 2022

4 th January	Teacher Training Day
5 th January	School Open
7 th January	Year 3 Theatre Trip
10 th January	Young Voices – Resorts World Arena
18 th February	Break up for Half Term
28 th February	School Open
8 th April	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2022

25 th April	School Open
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
27 th May	Break up for Half Term
6 th June	Teacher Training
7 th June	School Open
21 st July	Break up for Summer Holidays

Autumn Term 2022

5 th September	Teacher Training
6 th September	School Open
21 st October	Break up for Half Term
31 st October	School Open
16 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2023

3 rd January	Teacher Training
4 th January	School Open
17 th February	Break up for Half Term
27 th February	School Open
31 st March	Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2023

17 th April	School Open
1 st May	Bank Holiday
26 th May	Break up for Half Term
5 th June	Teacher Training Day
6 th June	School Open
21 st July	Break up for Summer Holidays
24 th July	Teacher Training Day
25 th July	Teacher Training Day

Autumn Term 2023

4 th September	Teacher Training Day
5 th September	School Open
27 th October	Break up for Half Term
6 th November	School Open
21 st December	Break up for Christmas
22 nd December	Teacher Training Day

Spring Term 2024

8 th January	School Open
9 th February	Break up
19 th February	School Open
21 st March	Break up for Easter
22 nd March	Teacher Training



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Summer Term 2024

8 th April	School Open
24 th May	Break up for Half Term
3 rd June	Teacher Training Day
4 th June	School Open
19 th July	Break up for Summer
22 nd July	Teacher Training Day