

21th July 2022

Happy Holidays!



We have had such a busy year getting everything back on track at Walmley Junior School. All our residential and day trips have gone ahead and we have enjoyed welcoming our parents back into school to share in many community events, such as the Macmillan coffee morning, parent lunches, sports day and the much anticipated return of the disco! It is brilliant to have such lovely children and supportive parents, and we would like to thank you all for making our school such a special place. Have a relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you fully refreshed on Tuesday 6th 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 sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Abbas in Year 4. She will be missed by children and staff alike and we'd like to thank her for all her hard work over the past year. We wish her all the very best for the birth of her baby boy!

Good luck

We are also pleased to let you know that Miss Westrup in Year 3 is getting married next week! From September, she will be known as Mrs Bolger and we wish her and her husband every happiness for the future.

Year 6 Trip to France

In June, 64 Year 6 children went to Le Touquet in France and had a brilliant time! Ashai said, 'We loved visiting the huge Sealife centre, especially the sealion show.' Toby agreed and added, 'My favourite place was the WWII site and seeing all the old guns and rockets.' The weather was gorgeous so we spent lots of time on the beach - playing games, collecting shells and paddling in the sea. The children were a credit to our school and great fun to be with – they also spoke quite a bit of French!

Year 5 Trip to Dovedale

On 7th July, Year 5 visited sunny Dovedale as part of their Geography topic on 'Rivers'. We enjoyed our leisurely walk along the River Dove; pointing out all of the river features we have learnt along the way, such as rapids and tributaries. Our walk ended by navigating the popular stepping stones. The children represented Walmley Junior School perfectly and we even received an email from members of the public about their impeccable behaviour. Well done, Year 5!

Year 6 Sutton Park Collaboration Day

On Friday 1st July, our Year 6 children met in Sutton Park for a collaboration day on a grand scale. We linked up with other Year 6 children from Penns Primary, Maney Hill Primary, The Deanery and Minworth Junior J & I. The children were sorted into secondary school groups and took part in a range of activities, such as bug hunting, pond dipping and orienteering. The aim was to practise meeting new people and step outside their comfort zone in readiness for secondary school, which they did brilliantly. Many thanks to the park rangers who were there to lead the activities.

Charity Week

On 28th and 30th June children across all year groups at Walmley Junior School took part in Charity Week to raise money for a variety of charities. There were stalls including pin the tail on the donkey, lucky dip and guess the name of the teddy. It was a great success with some stalls raising over £100 for their chosen charity. We thank you for your support and generosity.

Generous donation

On Monday 18th July, we experienced one of the hottest days of the year so far. A huge thank you to Jack's mum, Simone, who kindly donated 400 ice lollies for everyone in our school to enjoy! These were very much appreciated and definitely helped keep us cool 😊



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 could 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 working from home. Please also avoid leaving car engines running for long periods whilst dropping off / collecting children. 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

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.

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 Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st 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 28th September

We would like to give the children who normally have sandwiches the opportunity to have a lunch on Wednesday 28th September. If you would like your child to have a lunch the cost is £2.50. **Payment for Hot dog lunches should be made using Scopay online 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 16th September. Please only pay £2.50 for the September Hotdog lunch and refrain from making overpayments as it causes issues on our payment system.**

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.

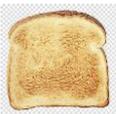
Cake Sale

The kitchen will be selling homemade chocolate sponge cake on a Friday morning break priced at 60p. This will start on Friday 9th 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, please do not overpay, this will ensure your child receives cake on a Friday. For the half-term it will be **£4.20**. Payment should be made no later than **Sunday 4th 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.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary ingredients which is why we have a deadline.



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

On week beginning 5th September Year 3 will have toast on Thursday with Year 6.

Toast sales will start week commencing 6th 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 **Sunday 4th 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.** As we are sure you can appreciate Mrs Bean has to ensure she has the necessary supplies which is why we have a deadline.

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. We do not have spare water bottles in school.

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

From September, we will no longer have one PE day but will go back to having two lessons on different days of the week (one long session is proving too much for some children). **They will therefore need to have their full named PE kit in school all week, please.**

School Uniform

There has unfortunately been a noticeable decline in the standard of uniform, particularly 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. Earrings should also be small studs only, with no hoops or dangly ones that are a safety hazard. Except for a watch, no other jewellery (incl. friendship bracelets) is allowed in school.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a school tie and a waterproof coat every day. Our website gives full details of our uniform requirements if needed.

All items should be named so that lost items can be returned easily. Once again, we have a lost property area that is full of unnamed items of clothing and belongings, which is a waste of your money. We would appreciate your support with this.

Letters

For information, please note that copies of standard letters sent out can be found on our website.
<https://walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk/news-calendar/letters>

Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2022

5 th September	Teacher Training
6 th September	School Open
26 th September	Individual School Photos
30 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
21 st October	Break up for Half Term
31 st October	School Open
2 nd -4 th November	Whitmoor Lakes trip – Year 4
7 th -11 th November	Outward Bound trip to Ullswater – Year 5
12 th December	Year 3 Christmas Show Rehearsal for grandparents (2.15pm)
13 th December	Year 3 Christmas Show for parents (9.15am)
13 th December	Year 5 Carol Service at St. John's Church at 6.30pm
15 th December	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray) – whole school
16 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2023

3 rd January	Teacher Training
4 th January	School Open

17th February Break up for Half Term
27th February School Open
31st March Break up for Easter

Summer Term 2023

17th April School Open
1st May Bank Holiday
26th May Break up for Half Term
5th June Teacher Training Day
6th June School Open
19th-23rd June France residential trip – Year 6
21st July Break up for Summer Holidays
24th July Teacher Training Day
25th July Teacher Training Day

Autumn Term 2023

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

Spring Term 2024

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

Summer Term 2024

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