



## Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School News

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As promised in the last edition, school life has got off to an exciting and fun-filled start! After a busy summer with an upgrade of our heating system, a full electrical rewire of the school building and a new septic tank, it feels like we have returned to a shiny new school. We are certainly more energy efficient with our sensor controlled indoor lighting.



Junior classroom



Cosy reading area

With our new topic this half term of 'Celebrating being back together', we have been spending a lot of time outdoors in our beautiful school grounds. We have been on scavenger hunts, we walked up the hill to position some of our new fairy doors, we've made use of our colourful new yard markings to develop many skills and we've enjoyed using all the space that we have for play.



The Sycamore Circle

Our Christian value for focus this half term is *Thankfulness*. We are thinking about the many different things that we can be thankful for and how we can show our thankfulness. We will be using this as a focus for our harvest celebrations this year. We have also introduced Christian Values tokens, which are awarded for children throughout the week who display any Christian value. We celebrate these and lots of other achievements of the week in our celebration worship each Friday. We have been enjoying worship time outdoors, which helps to guide our thoughts, reflections and thanks.



Celebration worship outdoors

Over the summer holidays, all children were given the opportunity to paint a fairy door, to be part of our new Walton and Lees Hill fairy door trail. These all look splendid and we are enjoying putting them out around our school grounds and local area. We will be adding features to them gradually, like paths, mini washing lines and gardens areas for the fairies to play in!



Some of our fairy doors



Making toothpaste

We are very pleased to be back to having after school clubs again. This year, we have a new club addition which is science club! This started last week and the children made their own toothpaste in the first session. We are all looking forward to messier, science themed fun in the weeks ahead.

We are all extremely thankful for the opportunity to learn and play altogether again and we are looking forward to all the opportunities that the rest of this term will offer.

Fiona Stobbart, Acting Head Teacher  
*'Always by thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.16*

