

Dates for your diary

19th April 2021

Children return to school for the summer term

20th April 2021

Sports club begins each Tuesday

22nd April 2021

Gym club begins each Thursday

23rd April 2021

Discovery club begins each Friday

26th—29th April 2021

Parents' Evening appointments

Friday 14th May

Pyjamarama Day—save the date! More info to follow

Monday 17th May

PTA meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 26th May

Doodlebug workshop

WALTON AND LEES HILL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Caring, sharing and always learning

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.

Walter Elliot

Perseverance has been our Christian value of focus since the return to school on Monday 8th March. It has certainly felt like a series of 'short races' as we have managed to fit so many different things in. All children have demonstrated the value of perseverance in many different ways, and you will see lots of examples in our newsletter.

Mrs Stobbart



Celebrating being together again...take two!

special clothes, bring something special with them, to share with their class and we had a special party lunch to celebrate. We even had colourful banners and table cloths to mark the special occasion! Because we weren't in school to celebrate World Book Day this year, all children received their book token and a special gift of a new book from school.



Our love of reading continued throughout the term.

On Monday 8th March, we were all very excited to be able to return to school and be together again. To acknowledge how special this was, all children were invited to come to school in

Hooray for Hannah!

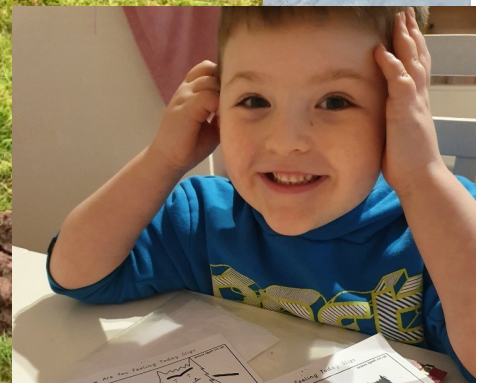
Congratulations to Hannah, who won a £10 Bookends voucher, after her picture of the Gruffalo was chosen as the winner for her age category in the Bookends World Book Day competition. I'm sure you will agree that her illustration was very detailed!

9 children from school entered the competition and they each received a bag of treats and an item of stationery. Well done everyone!

The junior children had a week long mini-topic on The Grotlyn by Benji Davies. We learnt about the role of an author-illustrator, discussed the Victorian setting of the story and the relationship between Rubi and the Grotlyn. We made silhouette artwork to depict the Grotlyn's journey and practised our sewing skills to make applique pictures of the hot air balloon.

The Grotlyn





Remote learning
2021

Remote learning

From 5th January to 5th March, all children, staff and parents demonstrated many Christian values, to rise to the challenge of 8 weeks of learning at home. Perseverance and courage helped us along the way, to access our learning, wrestle with technology at times and juggle many different tasks all at the same time! Thank you to all parents for your support during this time. There are a selection of photos below that help to serve as a reminder of the time. All children unanimously agreed that they are delighted to be back together again at school and they really missed the value of friendship.

100 challenge

It's has been lovely to watch the enjoyment that the children have taken from their 100 challenge. There have been lots of brilliant ideas! Cartwheels, Lego models, pies, painted stones, walks and tunes have all featured. Well done to everyone who has reached their target of 100 and also well done to those who are still persevering to reach 100. Keep going!



Worship and values

The weather has been kind enough for us to have worship time outdoors a few times since returning to school.



We love being able to appreciate the outdoors and listen to the sounds of nature during worship. Our Christian value of focus this half term has been perseverance. Many children have been awarded a perseverance Christian value token in our Friday celebration worship time. They have been great ambassadors for showing perseverance in action.

Walking for wellbeing

Last Thursday, we all enjoyed a brisk walk to school. It was a little bit drizzly along the way, but gave us a great opportunity to take in the views, notice the changes in nature and talk to our friends along the way. Thank you to Dawn, Paul and parents who bring their children to school, for altering arrangements to allow us to enjoy a walk to school. We are looking forward to more walks throughout the summer term.



Materialasaurus!

The infant children created a dinosaur made up of different types of material. They looked at textures and described how each materials felt. Some of the adjectives used were lumpy, spiky, and prickly. The children voted to give the materialasaurus a name and to chose whether it was a carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore. She is now called Matilda, is an omnivore and lives in the jungle!



Welcome to the Walton and Lees Hill CE primary School family Matilda!



Super chefs!

The junior children enjoyed making their fruity crumble squares. We hope they left some for the adults at home to have a try!

Baking is a popular skill that the children enjoy and recognise that it helps them in so many ways.

The children made pizzas last week as a whole school activity. They made the pizza dough

with flour, milk, margarine and baking power. They chose a variety of toppings and baked them in the oven. The children were good at following a recipe and working together to get the job done. We used our cookery lesson as an inspiration for our maths work, where we were learning all about fractions. We cut our pizzas into halves,

quarters and eighths and ended the lesson with other fraction activities. There was also enough time left to taste the pizzas and we're not sure if they made it home for the adults to try!



Dinosaurs

The topic in the infant class has been dinosaurs. One morning, a mysterious egg appeared in our classroom. We spent the week looking after the egg—keeping it clean, warm and protected. The children enjoyed pretending to be palaeontologists and digging for fossils and bones. We have even had a few (dress up!) dinosaurs appearing throughout school to scare us now and again!



Big Maths!

The junior children practiced their weighing and measuring skills in some 'Big Maths' activities. They were weighing out given amounts in grams and kilograms and finding out what was left. They were finding fractions of the whole amount, remembering to measure accurately in the given units.



Super science

We had a very smelly classroom as we made potions using vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring. We combined the ingredients and observed the results, noting how changing the quantities affected the reaction and comparing the results with our friends.



The girl and the dinosaur

The junior children have been studying 'The girl and the dinosaur' by Hollie Hughes. We have carried out a close study of the book, exploring characters, settings and plot. The children have written their own extracts following the story and letters from

the main character Marianne. The week's work culminated in the children working in groups to make a junk model of their own dinosaur—they produced some very imaginative models!

The Great North Air Ambulance Service
would like to thank the children of
Walton and Lees Hill Primary School
For raising
£1460.00
through the clothing collection

G-NAAS

Graham Pickering
Chief Executive

Date 02/03/2021

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Air Ambulance clothing collection. Together, we raised £1460 for the charity and school received £292. The school council are working on deciding what they would like to put the money towards.

At the moment, the list includes lots of things that will develop our outdoor space.

April 100 club winners.....

Thank you to everyone who has entered our 100 club. We have had 44 entries so far and the money raised from this will go towards topping up the fund for the school council to develop our outdoor space.

1st	James Rooney
2nd	Fiona Evans
3rd	Tommy Mark



An Easter blessing

God made you and God made me,
He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago,
He sent his Son to tell us so.

Jesus showed us many things,
To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care,
He promised he'd always be there.

He died but then came back to
life,
Let's celebrate for he's alive!

Have a happy Easter and a
lovely break

From all the staff at

Walton and Lees Hill

Church of England

Primary School

