



Walton & Lees Hill CE Primary School

6TH OCTOBER FORTNIGHTLY FORUM



THIS FORTNIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Our Topic is... Amazing Africa

We have been reading... The Little Red Hen and The Butterfly Lion

SIAMS INSPECTION

As you will know, our SIAMS Inspection took place on Wednesday. This is a statutory inspection that takes place in Church of England schools throughout the country. We have not had an inspection since 2016, so the school has seen many changes since the last time!

Whilst here, the inspector, MS Dodd, took the time to chat to parents and carers, staff and governors, Thank you to all who took the time out of their day to speak with MS Dodd.

The overall feedback was positive and we are looking forward to sharing the final report as soon as it is published.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 10th October we are having our Community Lunch to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

It would be wonderful to see as many of you as possible there, as children will be sharing songs and stories too.

Please contact the school office by Monday 9th if you would like to attend.

P.E LESSONS

Please may any Nursery Pupils who attend on a Wednesday afternoon ensure they are wearing comfortable clothing and bring some trainers or plimsolls into Nursery with them, as they will be joining in with P.E lessons with our sports coach.



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AUTHOR VISIT

On Monday 16th October, children's author Molly Arbuthnott will be visiting school and sharing stories and activities with pupils.

There will also be the opportunity at pick-up time for parents and carers to meet Molly and purchase any books should they wish to.



PTFA MEETING

The date of our next PTFA meeting is Thursday 9th November at 3:30pm.

We have made the time earlier in the day so that children may stay at school and play during the meeting, hopefully opening it up to those who struggle to find childcare for meetings that take place later in the evening.

SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that Nursery and KS1 children have a spare change of clothes in their school bags at all times.

We have a large amount of school uniform available to families, free of charge, in the school hall. Please feel free to pop in to have a look, and take any that you can make sure of.

MOVE TO WRITE

Nursery children will be participating in a learning programme known as 'Move to Write' from October through to February.

These sessions will be taking place approximately every two weeks, during term time, on a Thursday morning, starting on Thursday 12th October. On these mornings, (you will find the dates on the back page on this newsletter) please may children come into Nursery with some trainers or plimsolls and in comfortable clothing.

This programme has been developed to support children's participation in activities which underpin the development of their writing skills. We will share a handout about the programme soon. There will also be a link shared on Tapestry that parents and carers can use to access a YouTube resource that supports Move to Write.

If you have any questions or queries please speak to Mrs Stobbart or Mrs Batey who will be able to share more information with you.



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ACORN CLASS

Acorn class have had a fantastic start to the school year, with everyone settling in wonderfully. Ellie and Ruben moved up into Reception from Nursery, and we have also welcomed new starters Issac, into Reception, and Ryan into Nursery.

Our topic at the moment is Amazing Africa, which we have all been enjoying. We have learnt all about Kenya in Geography and pupils have also learnt about Nelson Mandela and in turn, have been discussing equality and fairness.

This week, we opened our Four Paws Vets surgery, to back up our learning about animals in Science. This has been very popular with all pupils and there are now lots of budding Vets at WLHS!

Our learning has also been supported by our recent trip to the Lake District Wildlife Park, where we spotted lots of African Animals and had a fabulous day out!

We would like to say a thank you to parents and carers for taking the time to read with their children after school, it is a great way to support learning at home.

OAK CLASS

Oak Class have has a brilliant start to the term. Our new class members, Josh, Freddie and Angus have settled in wonderfully and it is great to have them join us!

We have all been enjoying our topic Amazing Africa and are developing lots of knowledge about Africa across a broad subject base.

We have been looking at animal classification in Science, drawing on information we learnt during our trip to the Wildlife Park, and also using the school grounds to look for evidence of animals and their classification. In Maths we have been learning about time.

In our Art lessons, we have been looking at landscapes and creating African landscapes. In R.E we are preparing readings and songs ready for R.E week and our Harvest Festival.

All of the children in Oak Class are making fantastic progress in reading and will all reach their individual targets by half term. Thank you for supporting children with their reading, it is such an important skill.



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Dates for the diary:

Monday 9th—Friday 13th October– R.E. Week

Tuesday 10th October– Community Lunch and Harvest Festival

Thursday 12th October– Toddler Group 1:15pm-2:45pm

Friday 13th October– Cluster school visit to St. John's Church

Monday 16th October- Visit from Children's author, Molly Arbuthnott

Wednesday 18th October– Year 5 Tag Rugby Festival

Thursday 19th October– School photographs. Toddler Group 1:15pm-2:45pm

Monday 23rd October– Half Term Week

Monday 30th October - Back to School

Move to Write Sessions:

Please send children into Nursery in comfortable clothing and with trainers or plimsolls.

Session 1 - Thursday 12th Oct

Session 2– Thursday 2nd Nov

Session 3 - Thursday 16th Nov

Session 4 - Thursday 30th Nov

Session 5 - Thursday 11th Jan

Session 6 - Thursday 25th Jan

Session 7 - Thursday 1st Feb

Session 8 - Thursday 15th Feb

Caring, sharing and always learning