

New Year Newsletter

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As we settle in to a new term in a new year we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year from all of us here at Walton Priory Middle School.

Late opening of Learning Resource Centre...

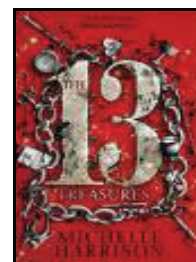
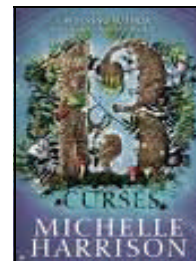
Don't forget....

The Learning Resource Centre at Walton Priory is now open after school on **Monday** and **Friday** evenings until **5.00p.m.** Parents and Carers are welcome with their children to use the computers together, make use of the worktables for school projects or homework or to sit and read in comfort in the Library area. Everyone welcome.

Visit by Award winning author.

Michelle Harrison, award winning author of *The 13 Treasures* chose Walton Priory to launch her second book *The 13 Curses* on Wednesday 13th January. Michelle spent the day talking to the children about her book and being an author and then finished the day by signing copies of *The 13 Curses*.

The book is proving to be very popular with the children as was Michelle's first novel *The 13 Treasures*. Copies of both are available in the school library for all to enjoy.



From the P.S.A.

School Uniform

The P.S.A. would like to thank all parents and staff for supporting the end of term raffle to win a Stoke City shirt or football. The raffle took place during our Christmas assembly.

The next meeting of the P.S.A. will take place on Monday 1st February at 7.00 p.m in school. We are always looking for new ideas for future events and all parents are invited to attend. If you are able to come along and offer help or have suggestions you will be most welcome.

One event already confirmed is a disco for the children. This will take place on **Thursday 11th February**. Further details will be available nearer the time.

For several years "Trutex" have supplied the items which comprise our school uniform. During this time the company have provided an efficient service and continue to maintain their good reputation with the majority of parents and schools. In order to improve their service the company has now established a retail outlet in Stoke-on-Trent so that items can be considered before purchase. Parents may wish to visit this new outlet:

**Trutex Schoolwear and More,
29-31 Weston Road,
Meir,
Stoke-on-Trent.
ST3 6AR**

Tel. 01782 312873

This new service is to run along side the old one so offering you even more ways to purchase Trutex items.

Changes.....

A new year often brings changes - perhaps a house move or a change at work. In school it is particularly important that we have up-to-date details relating to each child's home address and contact numbers for parents.

If there have been such changes for your child could you please contact the school office - either by letter, email or telephone so that amendments can be made as soon as possible.

Reporting children's progress to parents

During the next few weeks parents of all the children in school will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with staff in school.

Parents' Evenings for children in Years 5 and 6 will be held on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th February.

These evenings will be organized on an appointment system so that parents can meet with their child's class teacher. This enables information concerning achievements to be shared and targets for future pro-

gress to be identified. Further details will be sent out in the near future.

Parents of children in Years 7 and 8 will receive an Interim Report towards the end of January.

This report will show the attainment achieved in all subjects together with an indication of each child's response to homework as well as their conduct and motivation. All teachers who work with children at Key Stage 3 will contribute towards the reports.

This will be followed up on Tuesday 9th February when there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers to discuss the report if they wish to do so.

Further information regarding the arrangements for these meetings will be sent out with the Interim reports.



Congratulations to all the pupils in St Patricks House for getting the highest number of stars and winning them a non-uniform day.



21st Century Education at Walton Priory

In keeping with Walton Priory Middle School tradition our ICT Suite has recently been completely refurbished with the latest ICT technology. This includes forty new computers and currently all software is under re-evaluation with an aim to run alternative operating systems such as Linux so allowing pupils to make comparisons.



Severe Weather Conditions

Congratulations to all of our children who made it to school despite the icy or snowy roads. Once again we were open to receive them into our warm, safe environment whilst not forgetting to have some fun in the snow !! Here at Walton Priory we are proud to say “we never close”.



Walton Priory Job Vacancies
Lunchtime Supervisors needed
12.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. daily

Contact reception at:

Walton Priory Middle School, Beacon Rise, Walton, Stone. ST15 0AL

Telephone **01785 814930** Email **office@waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk**

Or call in any day between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. for details or help with application forms.

Evening Cleaners needed
3.45 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. daily

Contact details as above.

Dates for your diary

Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February (inc)
Year 6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill	6B and 6C - Monday 15th March 6W and 6T - Wednesday 17th March
Year 7 trip to Colomendy	Monday 10th May - Friday 14th May
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (inc)
Year 5 trip to Moseley Old Hall	5A - Monday 28th June 5C - Wednesday 30th June 5P - Monday 5th July 5J - Wednesday 7th July
Year 8 trip to Lichfield Cathedral	Thursday 1st July
Last day of term	Friday 23rd July

Can we just remind everyone that this is the last paper copy of our Newsletter to be sent out. All our Newsletters will now be found on our website www.waltonpriory.staffs.sch.uk. However if you still would like to receive a paper copy please get in touch with us. Thank you.