



# Walton Priory 2009 Spring Term

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## NEWSLETTER

### **EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE.**

Eighteen children have achieved 100% attendance records for the last school year. Each child plus one guest have received tickets to watch a match at the Britannia Stadium on January 31<sup>st</sup> against Manchester City. The tickets were very kindly donated by Stoke City Football Club.



Well done all of you!

### **LOTTERY FUNDING.**

We have been lucky enough to succeed in a bid made by Mr Pierzchalla and Mrs Brooke, chair of Governors, for Lottery funding to the tune of £10,000. The money will go towards developing playground facilities.



### **ART AWARDS.**

The Art and Design Bronze Art Award will shortly be taking place. This is a Level 1 qualification taken from the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Thursdays after school between 4 – 5 pm will be an Art and Design Bronze Award Club session for children to develop their Bronze Award Challenge. For more information please contact Ms. Hooper.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS.**

### Reporting children's progress to parents

All parents of children in Year 7 and Year 8 will receive an Interim Report towards the end of January. The purpose of the report is to identify the progress which the child has made since September in every area of the curriculum. Before half-term, on **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**, there will be the opportunity for parents to meet with subject teachers in order to discuss aspects of the report if they wish to do so.

Arrangements are also in place for the Year 5 and Year 6 class teachers to meet with parents. These meetings are scheduled for **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY AND THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** when we will be holding Parents' Evenings. Meetings will be organized on an appointments system. Miss Lucas, our school SENCO will also be available. Further details will be sent out to parents in the near future.

### The Parent-Staff Association.

A meeting will be held in school on **MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7pm**. This will include discussion of, and arrangements for future events. The PSA is eager to hear of new ideas for events and fund raising. All parents are most welcome to attend – you do not have to be a committee member. Please come along if you can with your ideas or to offer help.

### HEALTH CHECKS.

#### Height and weight checks for Year 6 children.

We have been contacted by the NHS who need to have a good understanding of how children are growing across the country so that the best possible health services can be provided for them. As a result all children in Year 6 in England are due to have their height and weight checked. Parents of our Year 6 children will shortly receive further details.

### Dental Health Survey.

The NHS are planning to undertake a survey of the dental health of 12 year old children throughout the country. The parents of children in school who have been selected to take part will be contacted directly by the NHS and will receive detailed information. It is anticipated that approximately fifty children will be chosen for the survey which will take place towards the end of April.



## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2009

<b>Spring term</b>	School opens:	Monday 5th January 2009
	School closes:	Friday 13th February 2009
	Half term:	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February (inclusive)
	School opens:	Monday 23rd February 2009
	School closes:	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2009
<b>Summer term</b>	Easter Holiday:	Monday 6th April – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)
	School opens:	Monday 20th April 2009
	May Day:	Monday 4 May (1 day)
	School closes:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009
	Spring Bank:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May (inclusive)
	Holiday:	
	School opens:	Monday 1st June 2009
School closes:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	

### PLEASE NOTE:

Teacher Training Days: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2009

## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN 2009/ SPRING 2010

<b>Autumn term</b>	School opens:	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2009
	School closes:	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009
	Half term:	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October (inclusive)
	School opens:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2009
	School closes:	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
<b>Spring term</b>	Christmas Holiday:	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January (inclusive)
	School opens:	Monday 4th January 2010
	School closes:	Friday 12th February 2010
	Half term:	Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February (inclusive)
<b>Summer term</b>	School opens:	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2010
	School Closes:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010
	Easter Holiday:	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)
	School opens:	Thursday 15th April 2010
	May Day:	Monday 3rd May 2010
School closes:	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	
Half term:	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (inclusive)	

School opens: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
School closes: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR**

Staff in the kitchen of Walton Priory will be serving up a special Chinese Menu next week on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. This is to celebrate the Chinese New Year which is the Year of the Ox. There is no extra charge - £1.85 on the day as usual.

## **Sports news**

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Eight children from Walton Priory have been selected to represent Stafford and District in the County Championships which will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

William Bailey  
Charley Banks  
Lewis Banks  
Danny Dolman

Robyn Johnson  
Beth Miles  
Lewis Ratcliffe  
Courtney Roberts.



### **SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS.**

The semi-final of the Sportshall Athletics took place on 15<sup>th</sup> January at Sir Graham Balfour School in Stafford. Four schools took part, with the top two schools going through to the final. Walton Priory came first and will be going to the final on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This is to be held at Stafford Sports College. Well done to everyone who competed and good luck for the final !!

Whilst at the semi-finals, the children had the privilege of meeting Great Britains' hurdler Sara McCreavy.

## **NEW CLUBS**

Sportshall Athletics has already started and a Martial Arts Club will soon be starting. If your child would like to take part please ask them to see Mr A Gale or Miss V Atherton for details.

## **FOOTBALL**

### Five-a-side competition.

The boys and girls football teams played in the English Schools Football Association 5-a-side competition at the Stafford Sports Arena on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Unfortunately the girls didn't quite make it but the boys won and, as Stafford and District Champions they now go through to the next stage which is a Midland competition. If they can pull this off they then go through to a National competition.

Good luck boys!!

### Stafford and District Champions..

Lewis Banks  
Patrick Bell  
Danny Dolman  
Joe Harrison

Matthew Lambert  
Ashley Paynter  
Declan Wardell  
Alistair White

