

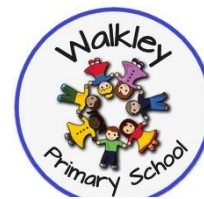
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'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'

28th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

December Update: Information for parents

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generosity on Children in Need Day. Another wonderful event; the first organised by our brilliant School Council. The children had a fabulous time whilst remembering and raising money for children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Walkley Primary School Council who played a large part in organising the day, are delighted to announce that we managed to raise an impressive **£726.97**

Christmas Fair – Friday 2nd December – Jar Tombola

Friends of Walkley have once again contributed a little Christmas magic, organising a Christmas Fair for us all to enjoy. One of the most popular stalls at the Christmas fair is the Jar Tombola. For those new to school, a Jar Tombola is when jars filled with treats are labelled with raffle tickets, and pupils draw a ticket in hope of a matching pair. We expect this to be a popular stall once again this year. If you have filled and decorated a jar ready for the stall on Friday, bring it in to school and we will gladly pass on to the Friends of Walkley team.

Raffle

The annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Friday 2nd December at the end of the fair. This is the last day to purchase raffle tickets to win some marvellous prizes including hampers provided by the staff at Walkley.

Christmas Dinner and Class Party Day - Wednesday 14th Dec

Our favourite party clothes will be required for Wednesday 14th December as it is both Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Day where we will celebrate the festivities in class. Staff will of course be doing their very best to create a memorable day. Your child should only bring party food for themselves. This will ensure minimal waste and cost for the event.

The School Driveway and Use of carpark

On a sad note, once again, we are having problems with erratic, dangerous and inconsiderate driving and parking, putting the lives of pupils and parents in danger. There are still a small number of our parents ignoring the requests of the safeguarding team. They continue to drive very quickly down the driveway to school to drop off their children. This is particularly the case when they are running late. **The driveway and car park at the entrance to school is only for the agreed drop off and collection of pupils who require this for medical or safeguarding reasons. This MUST be agreed with the safeguarding team in school. All other traffic will be asked to find an alternative place to park and walk to school.**

With this in mind, our neighbours have informed us once again about the inconsiderate parking which includes blocking driveways, parking illegally on yellow lines or sometimes even across people's front gardens. Please remember to park considerately if you drive to school. With many parents opting to drive to school to drop off and pick up pupils in a ten minute window, there is obviously going to be difficulties parking close to the school however, there is no excuse for putting lives in danger and being unkind and inconsiderate to our neighbours and local community.

Spreading happiness to our community

In our attempts to engage and give back to members of the local community we will be visiting local care homes on 9th December. We are in the process of getting the first names of all the residents so that we can send them a personal Christmas card and we are also providing small individual gifts. Our choir will visit to sing carols and we hope this will brighten their Christmas immensely.

Christmas Jumper Day

Another excuse to dress up, Christmas Jumper Day will be held on Friday 9th December. Donations to Save the Children Charity can be made in the usual manner at drop off time.

Christmas Cards

Children can send cards to their friends in school. We ask that cards are placed into a tray that will be provided in each classroom and they will be ready to be delivered to their rightful recipient either the same afternoon or the next day.

Lantern Making and Singing on The Stage

Lantern making will be available for families in Anansi Classroom from 4.00pm on Monday 12th December. This is directly before our annual singing on the stage at 5.00pm.

Santa Claus

We are in email conversations with Lapland at the moment as we try to secure a visit from Santa this year. We are sure that something very special will happen for Walkley children as a reward for their wonderful behaviour this year!

Changes to the timings of Golden Award Assemblies

Due to the upcoming events in school we have rescheduled some of the upcoming Golden Assemblies. During December, Golden Assemblies will now be held on the following dates and at the following times:

Friday 2nd December

EYFS/KS1 Golden Assembly: 9:15am

KS2 Golden Assembly: 10:00am

Monday 12th December

EYFS/KS1 Golden Assembly: 9:15am

KS2 Golden Assembly: 2:30pm

On Monday 12th we aim to hand out 2 of each certificate for the weeks: 5th - 9th Dec and 12th - 16th Dec.

Talent Show for Key Stage 2

Back by popular demand is the Key Stage 2 Talent Show. This will run throughout the morning of 16th December. Children can register their entry with Mr Gamage who is coordinating the event.

Kind regards

Chris Wallis