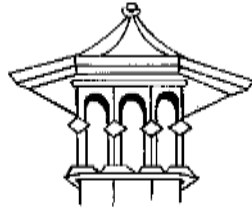


Summer Term  
July 2017

# Walkern Primary School Newsletter



## Message from Mr Hall

Science week saw children outside all week going on river walks, creating bug hotels, bird feeders, sundials and rockets and generally experimenting. Linda Butterfield, a science teacher from Barnwell, brought some students along to help us build and launch rockets. We really appreciate the support from our secondary colleagues to make science exciting and fun.



The Year 3/4 football team emulated the senior team by winning the Stevenage tournament hosted by Bedwell Primary School. The usual brand of football was played-pass, pass, pass then tap it in (a sweaty). We beat Longmeadow 3-1 in the final with Ted Green scoring a hat-trick. Well done to the whole team.

As part of our on-going development in PE, the year 5 children have been training to become sports ambassadors. They attended a Sporting Futures training day at Barnwell Sports Centre with Miss Stairs. In September they will be organising and running lunchtime activities. Look out for the green caps and bibs of the ambassadors (you might have seen them helping out at Sports Day).

A big thank you to the children's fund raising efforts this term, just under £400 has been donated to Stevenage Haven. A charity that was close to the heart of the late Richard Ball.

The whole school trip to Whipsnade was a highlight of our "Great Outdoors" topic. The children learnt about habitats, animal tracking and camouflage. As you can see our children really stood out in their Walkern high viz tops.



Thank you to the PTA and staff for a wonderful School Fair, over £1000 was raised and we had sunshine all day. Mr Absalom, the Year 4 teacher, was persuaded to fund raise by being taped to the climbing wall. His class really enjoyed this activity. Other children designed their own T-shirts. Thanks to Carl from Rising Stars for the Bouncy Castle.



The camping event in the evening was well attended and the ongoing BBQ and band provided entertainment and refreshments. The PTA have raised over £4500 this year and we thank them for all their efforts. Well done to everyone for supporting us this year. The money raised has financed new laptops, the fort in the camp area and coaches for school trips.

#### Governors

A big thank you to Emma Smith for her time as vice chair of governors. Emma has been excellent at working with the leadership team to continue to move the school forward. Emma's stepping down and so we have a few community governor vacancies. We have identified the skill gaps against the governance skills audit in the following areas:

• Financial Management/Budgets • Health & Safety / Estate Management • Legal  
If you are interested email the chair of governors (Louise Parkinson) via the school secretary ([admin@walkern.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@walkern.herts.sch.uk)) for an application pack.

#### Leavers

A good bye to Year 6 - we wish them all the best at Secondary school. Thanks for the summer production of Hoodwinked.



# **2017 / 2018**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 leavers assembly - 9.00 a.m**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - End of term - School finishes at 1.00 p.m - No after school club**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July - School Closed - Inset Day**

**School closed Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September - Occasional Days /  
Inset day**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Inset Day - School Closed**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Back to school**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Half term - School closed**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December - School Closed - Occasional day**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of term - School finishes at 1.p.m. No after  
school club.**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 - Inset Days - School closed**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Back to school**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018- School Closed - Half Term**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Easter holidays - school closed**

**Back to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 - Half term - school closed**

**End of term Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - Finish at 1.00 p.m**

**Inset days Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - school closed**