



## Autumn Term 2021 Newsletter 7



### *The Value of the Month for October is to understand our Rights & Responsibilities*

Rights and responsibilities help to make communities better...  
it means being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions.

#### What's happening after half term...



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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>    |                                                           |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |                                                           |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 3.30pm PTFA Meeting                                       |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Whole School Flu<br>Vaccinations<br>Y5 Gym / School Disco |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>    |                                                           |

#### Poppy Appeal



Please note, following half term, Year 6 will be selling poppies, wrist bands and stationery on behalf of the British Legion.

#### Suggested donations are:

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|--------------------|-------|
| Reflector keyrings | 50p   |
| D.I.Y Poppies      | 50p   |
| Wristbands         | £1.00 |
| Snap bands         | £1.50 |



## Wonderful Walford celebrates a prestigious honour



Louise George, Walford school headteacher (left), with keynote speaker, Sir Geoffrey Hurst MBE, and Emma Hanham, deputy headteacher

## School team celebrates a prestigious honour

THIS term, staff at Walford Nursery and Primary School were delighted and honoured to attend a celebratory 2021 Parliamentary Review Gala evening at the Mayor's Mansion House in London.

Ms Louise George, Headteacher, and Mrs Emma Hanham, Deputy Headteacher, joined a small number of thriving schools and businesses which had been rec-

ognised in this prestigious annual publication.

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The school, ranked 84th in The Times top 100 primaries in the country embodies a 'can do' attitude.

Ms George said, "It is wonderful to be recognised for best practice by the 2021 Parliamentary

Review Team and it is a direct reflection of the hard work, passion and commitment demonstrated by every child, their family, staff, governors and the wider community of Walford."

The Chair of Governors, Paul De-neen added, "At Walford, we strive to secure the very best learning outcomes for every child, every day and are committed to improving the

life chances for all of our pupils. The inspirational leadership, dedicated staff team together with hard working pupils and supportive families make Walford a very special place in which to learn and grow."

The best practice article for Walford Nursery & Primary School can be viewed here: [www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/walford-nursery-and-primary-school](http://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/walford-nursery-and-primary-school)



## **Ross Food Hub**

# **Pumpkin Competitions**

This year a staggering 14 million Pumpkins are expected to be left uneaten in the UK. Ross Food Hub want to encourage as many people as possible to grow their own food, reduce waste and support people in cooking and eating healthily. This year over 800 children in the Ross area sowed Pumpkin seeds as part of the Ross Food Hub Project. This autumn we would love to find out how you got on. Even if you didn't sow a seed at school, but grew a Pumpkin in your garden, we would love to hear from you. But don't worry if you didn't grow one, why not buy one and do something amazing with it! We are teaming up with Ross Rotary to run a number of competitions with some fabulous prizes for children aged 11 and under.

### **1. Biggest Pumpkin Grown**

**Prize: £30 worth of children's gardening books and tools**

We will need a photo of the Pumpkin growing with a tape measure clearly showing the circumference measurement

### **2. Best Food Suggestion using a Pumpkin**

**Prize: £30 voucher for Ross Cook Shop**

We will need a recipe and a photo taken of meal/drink with child. You can use an idea from the internet but it must be made by the child

### **3. Best Carved Pumpkin**

**Prize: £30 worth of vouchers for craft materials and books**

We will need a photo taken with child next to carved Pumpkin

### **4. Best Creative Use of a Pumpkin**

**Prize: £30 worth of books for crafts and inventions**

We will need a photo of its new use with the child next to it

**Deadline: Saturday 6th November 2021**

Please email your photos and information to [rossfoodhub@gmail.com](mailto:rossfoodhub@gmail.com)

Please include the full name of child, age, contact details for a parent/carer

All activities for these competitions must be supervised by an adult

*Ross Food Hub would like to thank Ross Rotary Club for donating these wonderful prizes*





Walford Community Support Scheme  
*Create a seasonal painting or drawing  
for the 2022 WCSS calendar!*



Year 1-2: Winter

Year 3-6: Spring

Year 7-9: Summer

Year 10-11: Autumn



All entries to be A4 or A5, landscape orientation.

Artwork to be delivered to Walford Primary School

by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Prize giving of a £10 Book Token for each winner  
on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 10.30am at  
The WCSS Hub, Walford Village Hall





THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

# DISCO

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KS1 (CLASS R, 1 & 2) – 5.00PM - 6.00PM  
KS2 (CLASS 3,4,5 & 6) – 6.15PM – 7.30PM

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**PRICE £3.50 including pizza**

**PRICE £2.50 without pizza**

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON PARENTPAY.

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SWEETS AND TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT  
SO PLEASE BRING SPENDING MONEY.  
WE RECOMMEND £1 - £2.

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FREE SQUASH AND WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE SO PLEASE DO  
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DRINKS BOTTLES.





to...

***Lucia (Y2) who received her Stage 1 swimming badge!***

***Piper (Y2) who has grown a pumpkin from the seed that was donated to each child by the Ross Community Gardens!***

***George (Y4) who has achieved his Chief Scout Bronze award for Beavers!***

***Caitlyn (Y4) for working and achieving star of the week at her dance class!***

***Lottie (Y5) who received her Stage 6 swimming badge!***



***Well done, everyone!  
We are all very proud of you!***



## When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine
- you are under 18 years and 6 months old
- you are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, the advice from the NHS is:

- get a PCR test on gov.uk to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at a higher risk of catching COVID-19

You should always follow the advice provided by NHS Track and Trace or 119.



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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| October 2021  | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>                                              | 8.30am                         | School Photographs                                      |
|               | Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                              | 2.15pm<br>2.45pm               | Nursery / KS1 Harvest Celebration<br>KS2 Harvest Market |
|               | Monday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>                 | 3.30pm-5.30pm                  | Parents' Evening                                        |
|               | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>                                           | 5.00pm-6.00pm<br>6.15pm-7.30pm | KS1 Disco<br>KS2 Disco                                  |
|               | Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                                             | 3.05pm                         | End of Term                                             |
|               | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive |                                | Half Term                                               |
| November 2021 | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>                                              | 8.50am                         | Children return                                         |
|               | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 9.00am                         | Wear Your Spots – Children in Need                      |
| December 2021 | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>                                           | 1.30pm                         | Children's Christmas Fayre                              |
|               | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>                                              | 9.00am                         | Santa Safari                                            |
|               | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 12.00pm                        | Christmas Jumper Day<br>AIP Christmas Lunch             |
|               | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 2.00pm                         | Y5/Y6 Carol Service                                     |
|               | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>                                            | 10.00am                        | Pantomime                                               |
|               | Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>             | 1.45pm                         | Nursery / KS1 Christmas Concert                         |
|               | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>                                             | 3.05pm                         | EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Christmas Parties<br>End of term        |



# Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

