

Community News for White Waltham and Woodlands Park

Welcome to this special Facebook edition of Community News for our local area of White Waltham and Woodlands Park.

In each edition we hope to bring you news from the local area and what's going on at White Waltham Church; this issue there are updates from Woodlands Park Primary School and White Waltham Academy. In amongst those you may find a puzzle to keep you going during lockdown, along with advertising for local businesses - please do support them at this challenging time.

If you have an article or advert you would like included, please get in touch. Details are on the final page.



News from Woodlands Park Primary and Nursery School

It has been so wonderful to welcome back all our families as well as welcome new faces to our school community this Autumn. I cannot tell you how happy it has made us all to have our school full of children's laughter. We have many routines in place to ensure we are all keeping ourselves safe but it is fantastic that we can get on with school life as much as possible.

We continue to celebrate such things as Harvest Festival, Christmas and parent consultation meetings. Just by doing things a little differently, we can still involve parents and carers in these events.

The teachers have many exciting topics planned for the children and they will be exploring different countries, artists and famous people from the past over the next few months. Our beautiful grounds continue to be a source of inspiration for science, geography, art and lots of other subjects as the children take much of their learning outside. We are lucky enough to have the space to be able to continue to enjoy break and lunchtimes not too differently.



The teachers have been recognising the children's achievements by presenting certificates and I have been conducting assemblies from my office! The children's class assemblies will be recorded for the parents to enjoy so we can share them on our school Facebook page.

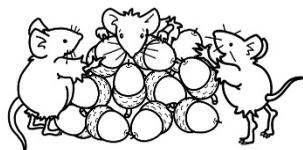
Our Early Years classes continue to thrive with many new families joining us during this school year. We do still have space in our Nursery Class and can take children from three years old. If you are in receipt of Two Year Old Funding, we have a small number of places available for two year old children. If you have any questions regarding this, please do call the school office on 01628 822350.

We warmly welcome enquiries from prospective families and although, at the moment, we are not offering personal tours of the school, we can have a telephone conversation and give you as much information as possible about the school. Please visit our website to see a flavour of the school in action.

www.woodlandsparkschool.org

Alison Penny

Headteacher



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Have you left school?

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(apprenticeship/College, university etc.)

or are you already there?

If you are under 25 and live in the civil parishes of Shottesbrooke or White Waltham, or the south ward of Hurley ... then the Duell and Hawes Educational Trust may be able to help you with a grant.

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Change of View

Sometimes we long for things to change! Perhaps to have improved health, to get a better job, to earn more money, to buy a bigger house, to redress a bad relationship or to wish the children were better behaved!

But we've all had a massive shock recently. Lots of things have changed, some for the worse for all of us.

I wonder if some of the restrictions have caused you to become more stressed, you've lost your independence, you rely on others much more, you've not been able to see family, you've lost your confidence or you are afraid of venturing out with Covid still around.

For other people perhaps some things have improved. They've found satisfaction in helping other people or have appreciated others who have supported them; their finances have improved as they have not been able to go out, they've enjoyed sharing more time together as a family. They've been able to exercise with Joe Wicks (I've joined in!) or do local walks and say hello to people en route.

I think we all remain confused (even in August) with the rules for social distancing, bubbles, meeting family or not, working from home or not, travelling or not – all very stressful, though important of course.

My wife and I were very fortunate to have a change of view in July: a self-catering visit to Cornwall. Going for long cliff walks in the sunshine, buying & cooking fresh fish and having the occasional meal out – all with sanitisation, screens, masks and social distancing where required.

This pandemic will make us re-evaluate parts of our lives. I'm sure there will be a new normal for us. Our futures will show a change of view for you and me – especially as we don't yet understand how our lives, our relationships, our jobs and our social activities will be impacted.

St Marys, White Waltham, has had a big change of view as well, which we trust that some of you have discovered and enjoyed. We have been recording our Sunday services and putting them online for everyone to access; they're available each week for you to watch anytime from about 8am on Sunday as are our children's activities; there's also some school assemblies to watch on our Facebook page. Maybe you've walked or driven past St Marys, enjoying the view, but have never been inside. Our online services provide a change of view – they give you a challenge and a support in these difficult times. No here's an even bigger thought and challenge for you... now we've re-started church services, why not complete your change of view – come to St Mary's at 10.30am on Sundays and meet us face to face (with or without face coverings, we'll wait and see!). We'd love to see you there, for a change of view!

You can find all the services at www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

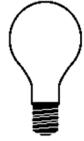
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All Age Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 27th September

10.30am

White Waltham Church

Please do join us to praise God for his wonderful provision to us.

Everyone is welcome!

Please book in via the Harvest Festival page on our website

www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

We want to ensure you and your family has a space to sit with social distancing restrictions in place.

This year, our Harvest gifts will once again be going to

Maidenhead Foodshare

Boxes will be available for your gifts as you come in.

Please bring non-perishable items only.

Maidenhead Foodshare particularly needs:

**tinned meat and fish, tinned vegetables (except sweetcorn),
tinned fruit, jam, honey, peanut butter, fruit juice, squash,
microwaveable rice (small packets) and pot noodles**
(a homeless favourite).

They have an abundance of pasta, baked beans, tea and coffee!



News from White Waltham Academy

It has been a busy start to the term at White Waltham, but we are delighted to have the children back in school. The children were very excited to see their teachers and new classrooms, which have new furniture and new laptops. This is largely due to our fantastic PTA who continuously work hard to raise money for the school and our children.

The morning drop-off has been a challenge as we have noticed a change in road users, many have become impatient and reckless. We have had a few near misses because people are overtaking when children are crossing at our lollipop facility. I am in talks with the local authority to work together in making our road outside school a safer place. We have added extra members of staff to support on the road to ease congestion, but ultimately the safety of our children is our priority.



Each class has enjoyed the start of term and it has been lovely to see so much productive learning taking place. The current theme across the school is ‘Disasters’ where the children are learning about volcanoes and earthquakes.

Our Foundation class have settled into their first week at ‘Big School’ very well and are enjoying learning about our local community.

I am so proud of our children and how they have come back to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. It has been a challenging few months and our children have shown how resilient they are. Our staff have also been fantastic and flexible in doing their best to keep in touch with the children and provide online learning during lock down.

Matt Thompson
Head of School

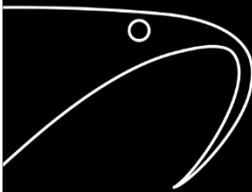
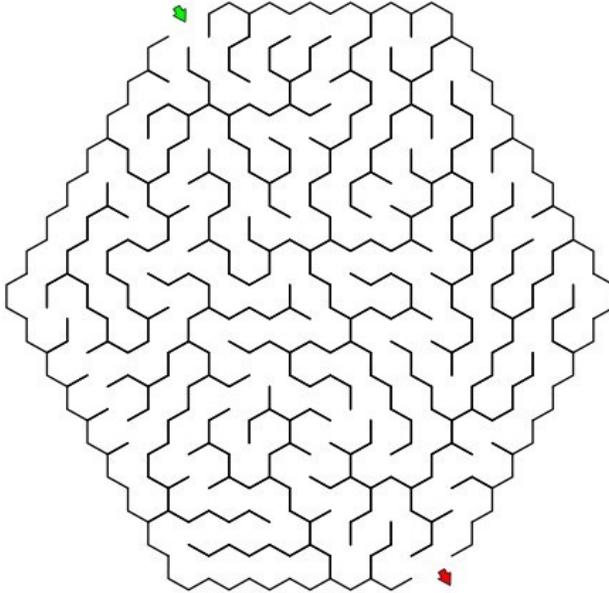
Ten Commandments

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to ‘honour your father and your mother’, she said: “Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?”

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered: “Thou shalt not kill.”

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www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

Just scroll down the home page:

For our Services click on 'This Sunday's Service'
(you can also catch up previous services from this page)

For our Children's Sessions click on 'Families and Kids' and
then choose 'Watch our Sunday Children's Sessions'

Some other content is available on our Facebook page

 **White Waltham Church**

We hope you can join us!



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White Waltham Church's Facebook page and website:

 **White Waltham Church**
www.stmaryswhitewaltham.org.uk

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that you would like to be included, please email:*

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