

# Walkington Primary School Connect



**W/C Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

## **Ofsted**

As you are aware, the school received a two day Section 8 inspection on the 4th and 5th of February.

You may have seen from news reports that, as of last term, Ofsted no longer use single word judgments to put schools into overall categories, for instance a school is no longer 'good' overall.

The main purpose of a Section 8 inspection is to determine whether a school has worked successfully to maintain the standards observed at the last inspection, which for us was in 2019 and which at the time rated the school as good overall, with outstanding personal development, behaviour and welfare.

From the huge amount of evidence collected over the two days, a relatively concise report is produced, aimed at painting a picture of what it is like for pupils to attend the school over time, summarising what the school does particularly well and what it should do next to drive self-improvement. At every inspection, a rigorous assessment of all areas of safeguarding is undertaken to ensure they remain effective.

Once complete, the draft report goes through Ofsted's very thorough quality assurance process before the final report is signed off for publication. We expect this to be sometime early next half term.

What I can say at this stage is how amazingly proud I am of the children and staff for the way they exemplified and articulated what it is like to learn and work at Walkington School. I would also like to thank our wider school community for the sincere care, support and goodwill shown towards the school over the past week. It is massively appreciated.

I very much look forward to sharing the final report in due course.

Mr. Bullough

## **Staffing changes in Y5/6**

As many parents will be aware, Mrs Cochran will be leaving us part-way through next half term to have her second child. We, of course, wish her well and look forward to the latest addition to the 'Walkington School family' coming in to see us over the coming months. For the remainder of this year I am delighted that our existing staff team are able to change their work patterns, meaning all our pupils will continue to work with our existing staff. Mrs Butterly and Mrs Potter will work predominantly with Class BBP, while Mrs Pearson and Mrs Malt will work with Class LC. Mrs Clark will also be rejoining the Y5/6 staff, meaning we have a very skilled and experienced team to



guide the children through the various important and exciting events which our eldest pupils undertake during this time of year.

The support Mrs Pearson has been providing in Y2 on a Thursday so far this year will now be covered by Mrs Pickering as part of her HLTA role.

To support this handover, Mrs Pearson will be in Class LC for parents evening next week, along with Mrs Cochran, while Mrs Butterly will be in Class BBP.

We thank you for your continued support.

### **FoWS Valentine's Bun Sale**

We are hosting a bun sale on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February when children will be able to purchase a sweet treat at morning playtime. All treats will be priced at 50p each and can be paid for via SchoolMoney (a notification will be sent when open) by noon on Thursday or alternatively, cash on the day. As always, we are most grateful for any baked contributions you are able to donate. Thank you for your support.  
FoWS Committee

### **Woodwind Lessons**

Please be advised that due to teacher absence, this week's lessons will be held on Wednesday instead of Tuesday and will be covered by Mrs Zobkiw. Thank you.

### **Hot School Meals**

Please be advised that the supply kitchen have informed us they will be swapping the meals on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Therefore, Chicken will be served on Tuesday and the All-Day Breakfast will be served on Wednesday. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **Drop-off Pull-In & Parking**

Despite previous reminders and requests, we still appear to have families using the school drop-off pull-in to park up and escort their child into school. This is not the purpose of this area and you are again politely requested to adhere to the signage displayed. There has also been a reported increase of vehicles pulling up onto the kerbs along the single yellow lines, outside of the school if no alternative parking can be found in the near vicinity. Again, we request that you abide by the highways ruling and ensure that these areas are kept clear at all times for the safety of our children and those accompanying them to school. Additional parking is available at the playing fields or, along the gravel path at All Hallows church car park.

Once again, we thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.



### **Vacancy**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, motivated person to join our catering team over the lunchtime period. Duties include preparing the serving area and to assist with the serving of school meals.

Full training will be provided and the completion of the 'Basic Foods' Hygiene Certificates will be required after appointment.

The hours for this vacancy are 11.30-13.30 Tuesday and Thursday. There may be additional hours available when required.

This is a term time only position and you will work under the direction of the Senior Midday Supervisor.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Mrs Ostler on 01482 861115.

### **School Office Closure**

In preparation for the forthcoming half term could we please inform all parents that regular office processes will begin to close down from 12 noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Any emails or messages sent after this time may not be picked up or actioned until we return after the break. Could we therefore ask that any messages relating to the collection of a child or of an urgent nature are reported via the office telephone number. Thank you.

### **ERYC Library Services – Half Term Show**

ERYC Libraries aims to put on exciting, thought provoking and entertaining events all year round.

This half term, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, they are bringing Philip Pullman's The Fire Work Maker's Daughter to Wilberfoss Community Centre.

Performed by [Next Door But One](#) and aimed at KS2 children, the performance costs £3 per child with 1 accompanying adult going free.

Please see the attached flyer for further information.

### **Tom Davies Tennis School – Half Term Camp**

Please see the attached for further information. Thank you.

### **Wrestling Show – Half Term Discounted Tickets**

Please see the attached for further information. Thank you.

***Please remember to register your child's lunch choice for the forthcoming week (including packed lunch). Hot school meal offerings can be found at the following link:***

**[School lunches | Walkington Primary School](#)**