

# Walkergate Community School

## Newsletter 2.10.2020



### TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you again to all families who are working with us to keep everyone safe. The yard and the gates, particularly Coutts Road entrance, have been much less congested this week. Your co-operation is much appreciated.

We have noticed that some families are still having more than one adult picking up. Please follow the rules and only send one person in to collect and don't be offended if we ask someone to wait at the gates.

Please also respect the one way system on Sutton Street. We have also noticed a few people entering by exit gate.

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you so much for all the generous donations in our collection buckets. We are also very grateful for a number of prizes donated by some parents and local businesses for a staff raffle, with the proceeds also going to Macmillan. We will let you know the total amount collected next week.

### Purple Mash & Athletics

By 9th October, all children in years 1-6 will have received a welcome email on Purple Mash from Mrs Young and their class teacher. If Mrs Young receives 500 emails, it may take her a while to respond to all of them. Please be patient with her.

Our Athletics subscription expires on Sunday this week so children will no longer be able to access it. We are replacing it with a new service called Sum Dog which some of our classes have trialled in school. All feedback is that it is much more fun than athletics. New logins will be sent out as soon as possible and we will ensure that children know how to access their account.

### Early Years request

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and underwear in their bag each day. We currently have no spare clothing if the children need to get changed.

If you have any spare underwear, socks or tights suitable for our children in nursery or reception then EYs would love some donations. Please drop off in a plastic bag if you do have any.

### Reflection Room

We have started using our Reflection room with year 5 and 6 children only. Miss Smith, our behaviour and attendance lead is managing the room for 30 minutes each day to help resolve some behaviour and friendship issues between the children.

You will be sent a text if your child has been in the reflection room to give you the opportunity to speak to Miss Smith or the class teacher at the end of the day.

**Water bottles**—it would be a great help if you can provide your child with a water bottle which is clearly named. They can re-fill the bottle at the water fountain in class but we cannot provide plastic cups due to COVID restrictions.

### What's On

19th October - Flu immunisation day - information will be sent out next week.  
23rd October - break up for Half term  
26th - 30th October - half term week  
11th November - School Photo day on both sites  
27th November - Training Day

### Dinner Reminder

Years 1, 3 and 5 will have their dinner in the main school hall this can either be a hot dinner or their own packed lunch.  
Years 2, 4 and 6 will be having their packed lunches in class.

### This week's attendance winners are:

RH- 97.6%

1D- 98.6%

6B- 97.4%

Whole school attendance is

**95.4%**



### School office

Please could all parents make sure that all children have all necessary items they need e.g. water bottles, packed lunches, etc before going into class to ease congestion at the office.

### PE Kit

As the weather is getting colder, please remember that children can wear joggers/leggings for PE so they are not walking to school in shorts.

### Coats in School

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school. Even if it is raining, we may take the children outside for a short time over lunch time and breaks. This is because they are moving around less in class so we want to give them a chance to run around and get some fresh air. Please ensure that coats and jumpers have names on them.