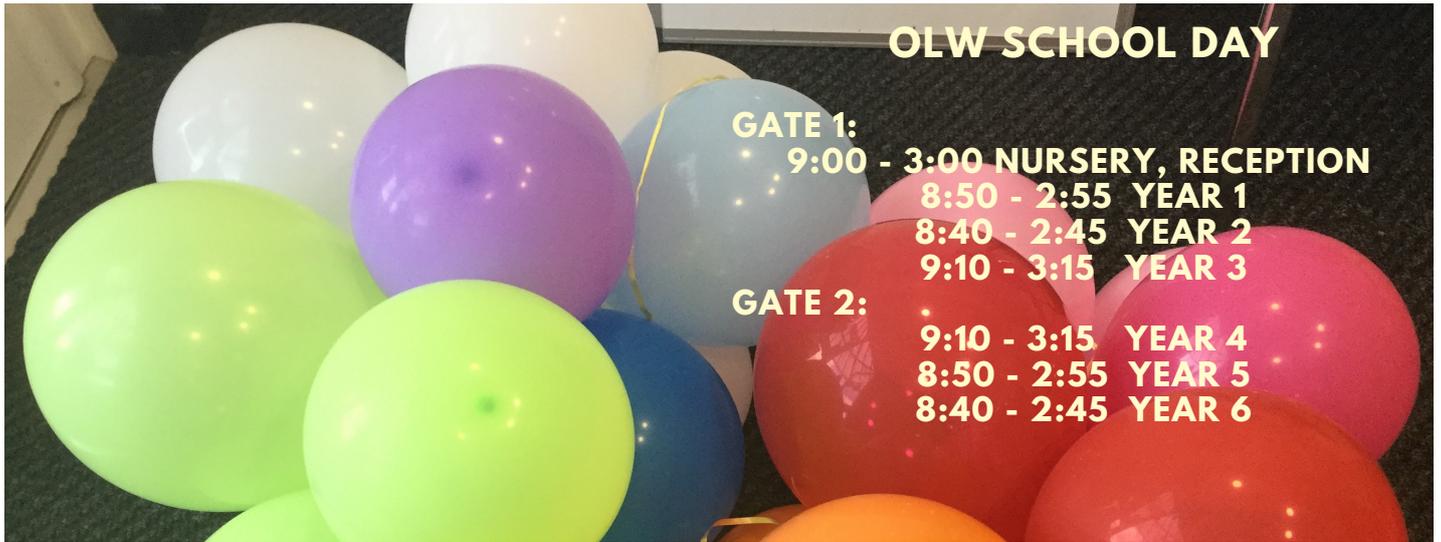




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OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME

It has been such a relief to welcome all of our children from Year 1 to Year 6 back this week. Seeing their happy, smiling faces at the gate has filled my heart with glee!

Thank you for sending them in so smart as well - my they have all grown so much! Not a trainer in sight too, which is fantastic.

I know that the changes are different, but they have been put in place with safety at the forefront - please bear with us. We can not admit children outside of their class time, so please don't arrive at school too early or late. Please can I ask that you look at the arrows by the gate for year groups to be kept separate and please do socially distance whilst waiting to come in.

Inside the school, life hasn't changed too much - keep reading for more information!

If you have any enquiries at all, please contact the School Office.



IN THE CLASSROOM

Please talk to your child (-ren) this weekend about life in school and allow them time to explain any changes to you!

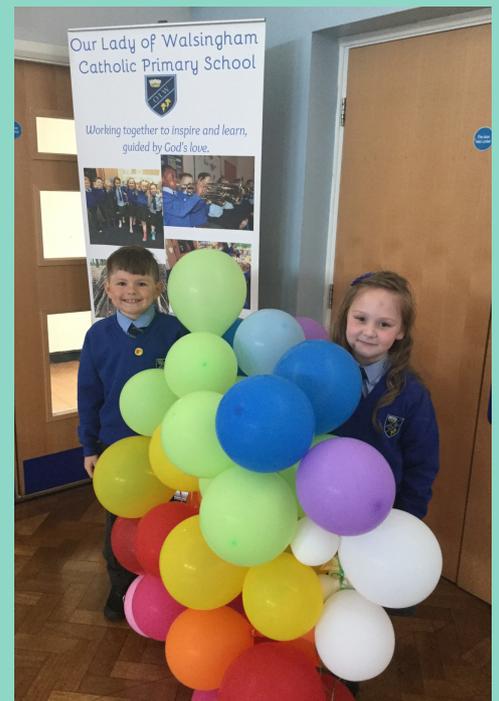
In the main, pupils should notice very little difference except that we are not mixing between year groups, which is why we are having strict drop-off and pick-up times. Please do not drop your child off late or pick them up early unless you have an urgent appointment (please provide a copy of letter), as we have to break a 'bubble' to release a child.

Staff are doing a fantastic job in ensuring that classrooms are regularly cleaned; pupils are handwashing regularly; resources are personalised for children and are cleaned before sharing; quarantine boxes have been introduced for reading books and other shared resources; toilets are personal to a year group; playtimes and lunchtimes are staggered so that year groups do not mix in the dining hall or outside.

Although the PE curriculum alterations mean that there are no contact sports in school, the rest of the teaching will continue as usual. We are awaiting further guidance from the Department for Education regarding Music as well.



Lennon and Lily from Year 3 are both celebrating birthdays this week, so are taking our Balloon Rainbow Arches home!





CALENDAR UPDATES

At this stage of the year, I would normally provide all parents with dates for the Autumn Term, but we do not know what this term will bring.

Friday 11th September should be 'Meet the Teacher' but Health & Safety have stated that we can not have parents on site, so we will be working as a staff to come up with an alternative for you!

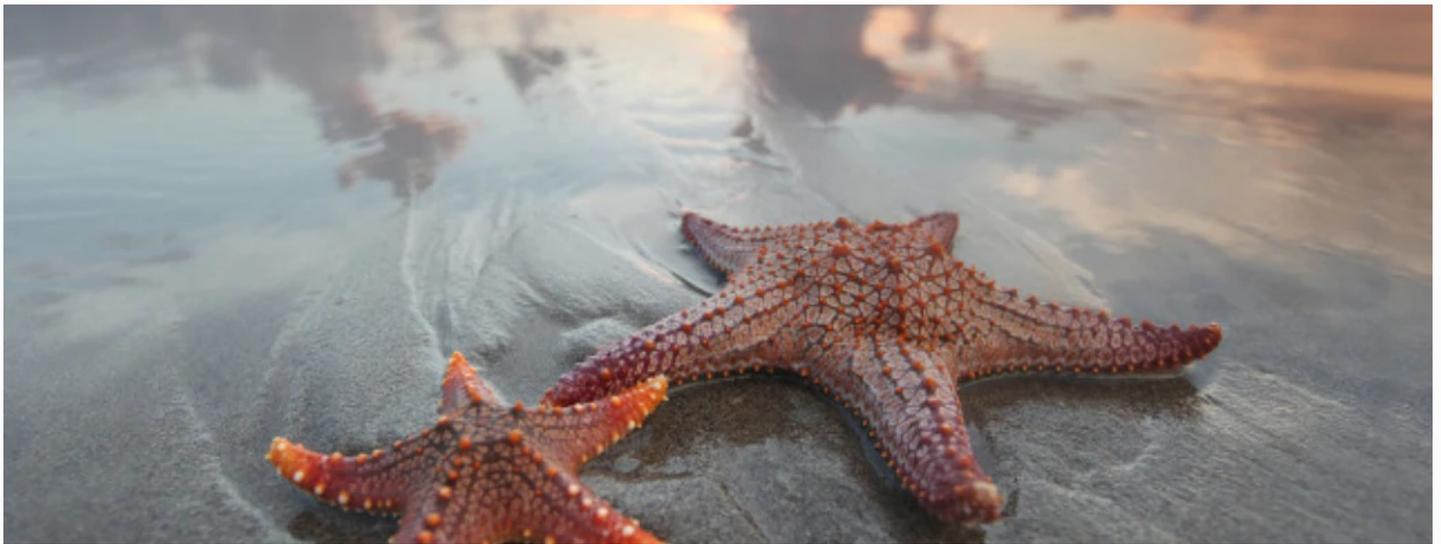
Our first trip should be 1st October for Year 1 but we are awaiting until nearer the time to make sure that we can go ahead.

Again, subject to change:
Parents' Evening - 22nd October
Y6 Assembly 11th November
Stay & Play (Reading) - 12th November
Year 5 Assembly - 27th November
Year 4 Assembly - 4th December
KS1 Play - 8th December
KS2 Carols - 10th December
EYFS Christmas 'Play' - 15th December
Finish for Christmas - 18th December

Building Updates

Children will be able to share with you that the development of our library is still underway. This new development will see the creation of a new IT suite, a Nurture Hub and a library.

We also have building work this week switching the Nursery and Reception rooms around. As part of the work, we will be creating a new sensory room, intervention room and kitchen for all EYFS children to enjoy!



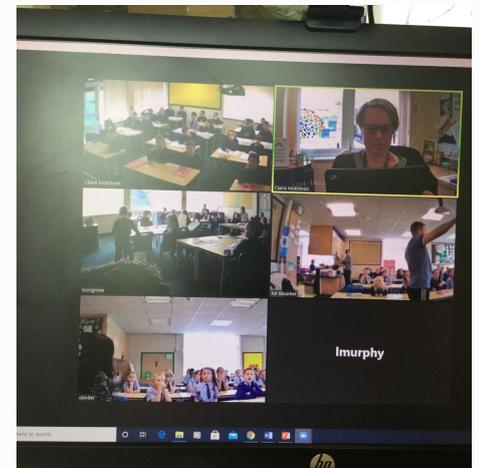
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Today I was thrilled, that we managed to hold our first socially-distanced assembly. It is really important that pupils still feel that they are part of our brilliant school, even though their year groups will not be mixing. This is the story that I shared with them all...

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!" After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said..." I made a difference for that one."

Questions to talk through at home:

- what could the man do to help the boy?
- what would happen if more people came along to help?
- why should we try to make a difference?
- what can we do that would help to make a difference?



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change that
you wish to
see in the
world"**

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