

# WALMSLEY CE SCHOOL

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## Walmsley News Friday, 6th October 2023

### September 2024 Intake - Walmsley School Open Evening

Our Open Evening for September 2024 intake is Monday, 16th October at 6:30pm in our school hall. Please spread the word.

### Year 6 Trip to London

Forty seven year 6 children spent three days in London this week, enjoying activities such as: The Natural History Museum, a Thames River Cruise, the Tower of London, a trip to the West End Theatre to watch Wicked and a visit to Harry Potter World. All of the children's behaviour was fantastic and a truly memorable experience was had.

I would like to take the opportunity to say an enormous thank you to the children, parents and staff who made the trip such a success. Mrs Atherton

### Dates for your Diary

#### Thursday, 12th October

School Photographs (Pret-a-Portrait) - Individual and Siblings

Please could ALL children come into school on this day in full school uniform. If your child has PE or a woodland visit on this day, please could their PE/woodland clothes come into school in a separate bag.

We still have a couple of appointments free for a Family Photo Shoot sitting for families with children not currently attending Walmsley School. These are from 8:00am to 8:35am. Please email the school office to book.

#### Friday, 20th October

Walmsley School's PTA Autumn Disco

#### Tuesday, 24th October

School Harvest Service in Church. If possible, please could all children this year bring a donation of a tinned good or store cupboard item. Please follow the link for more information.

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

#### Thursday, 26th October

Break up for October Half Term at 3:30pm. We return to school on Monday, 6th November



## Friday, 10th November

### IntraHealth Nasal Flu Immunisation

Please follow the link below to either **consent** or to **decline** should you wish your child not to have the vaccination. A form needs completing for all children please. The link will close on Monday, 6th November.

**Flu Immunisation Consent Form** - <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/3ca3bba4>

If you have any queries, please contact IntraHealth on their flu line - 0333 358 3397.

## School Uniform

Please could we remind parents of our Walmsley school uniform.

| School Uniform Items  | Colour               |
|---|----------------------|
| Shorts / Trousers / Skirt / Pinafore Dress                                      | Grey                 |
| V-Neck / Crew Neck Sweatshirt or Cardigan                                       | Royal Blue           |
| Shirt or Polo Shirt   | White                |
| Summer Dress  | Blue Checked         |
| Socks   | Black, Grey or White |
| Shoes (not trainers)  | Black                |
| PE Uniform Items  | Colour               |
| PE Shorts <b>or</b>   | Black                |
| Jogging Bottoms   | Black                |
| T-Shirt - Embroidered or Plain  | White                |
| School Embroidered Hoodied Sweatshirt or School Sweatshirt/Cardigan (see above) | Royal Blue           |
| Trainers  | Preferably Black     |

## Coat

Clearly named outdoor coat of your choice (with a loop to hang up on a peg). A coat must be brought to school every day.

## Jewellery

Permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted
- A smart and sensible wrist watch

It is advisable that children do not wear jewellery to school on PE days. If they cannot remove stud earrings then they must come to school with them taped over.

Nail varnish and make-up must not be worn for school.

## **Medications**

If you need school staff to administer any medication to your child(ren), please ensure this is handed in at the school office; this is for safeguarding reasons. We will need you to send in a 'Request to Administer Medicines Form', which can be completed at the office or we can email out to complete at home and return.

This message applies to all medications, including Piriton. Could we also ask that should you need us to administer any 'over the counter' medication, please send a bottle in, as we only hold a small supply, which is for emergency use only.

A reminder that we can only administer medication if it is required more than 4 times a day, in line with our current policy.

## **School Gateway**

As per our previous messages and letters, this is to advise all parents that Walmsley will no longer be able to accept cash or cheque payments for trips, school dinners or school item purchases (such as book bags, DVD's etc). This will apply directly after the Autumn half-term, 6th November onwards.

Payments for all these will be via the School Gateway app, which is also our only method of communicating with parents (class information, updates and newsletters).

Please contact school should you need any help in registering for School Gateway.

The only cash payments we will be able to take in school after this date are for Charity events and School Fairs.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **Saving Threads**

Saving Threads have very kindly offered school a preloved clothing, shoes and accessories collection to raise funds for our PTA.

Our collection days are as follows:

**Tuesday, 10th October**

**Tuesday, 17th October**

**Tuesday, 24th October**

They need donations of ladies, men's and children's:

- Undamaged & clean clothing
- Paired shoes and trainers
- Handbags and accessories

Unfortunately, we can only accept donations of clothes on the dates above.

### **Year 6 Parents/Carers**

Reminder - Year 6 families who are applying for a secondary school place to commence in September 2024, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2023.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places-1>

### **Online Safety Newsletter - October 2023**

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/safeguarding>

### **Bolton Music Service - Information for Parents/Carers**

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

**From Monday** we will be selling poppies and poppy merchandise for a donation to the Royal British Legion. The suggested donations are below:



### **Bolton College Information for Parents/Carers**

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/newsletters>

## PTA News

If you shop at Tesco at Middlebrook, or want to go and give us a helping hand, we are currently part of the blue token scheme. This is to update schools IT equipment for a Dyslexia friendly school.

All you have to do is pop into store and ask for a blue token (or as many as they will give you) and vote for Walmsley CE School PTA.

This scheme is running until 14th January 2024.

We appreciate your support and every little helps!

### Our wonderful PTA sponsors...

