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Weekly Newsletter – No:01

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year to everyone – and a particular welcome to all the children and families who have joined us for the first time this week. Welcome also to all our new members of staff – Miss Gregory who is Class Teacher for Robins and Mrs Taylor who is our Lunchtime Controller. We wish them all happiness and success during their time with us at WSL. I am glad to say that the children have returned to school smartly dressed, polite, positive and eager to learn. We have had a very busy start to the new term with new routines set up and various monitors nominated, in particular, in Year 6 the children are encouraged to take on responsibilities within the school. Please read on to see the various roles and jobs they have in their final year at WSL. The Year 6 children enjoy these responsibilities as they appreciate being treated as mature and responsible young people.

As we are at the start of the new academic year, we would be very grateful if you could remind your children of the following:

- School starts at 8.50am. Children arriving after 8.50am are LATE and their parents need to report to the School Office and sign in the 'Late Arrival Book'.
- No children should be in school before 8.40am for supervision reasons.
- Please label ALL uniform and PE kit.
- Children must have their PE kit in school every day, not just PE days. They also need to ensure that they have adequate long sleeve tops and tracksuits once the weather turns colder.
- Bring a named water bottle to school every day and do not store in your Book Bag. Bottles leak and can damage school property.
- Please provide your child with healthy snacks e.g. fruit or vegetables and fresh water. We encourage parents to make healthy packed lunches. Fizzy drinks, sweets or sticky fruit winders should not be included (fresh or dry fruit only.) Thank you.
- Encourage children to hang up their coats, a drawstring bag with their PE kit or a SMALL SIZED bag as and when required (please refer to the separate letter sent home today) and organise their lunch boxes etc. on their own. This will help to develop their independence and self-help skills and avoid congestion in the cloakroom.
- Encourage children to use our Stop and Drop Zone
- If someone other than yourself or your nominated person(s) will be collecting your child, please tell a member of staff. We cannot release your child to anyone who hasn't been authorised.

May I also remind you that we operate an 'Open Door' policy and as such parents are most welcome to come and discuss any concerns with a member of staff or myself. However, at busy times, it may be necessary to make an appointment via the School Office. Similarly, if you have any comments to make regarding the school, please do let me know as I am on the playground before and after school most days and I am available to talk to parents or see me at the Headteacher's Surgery or Coffee Mornings. Key Dates and events are listed in the 'Dates for your Diary' on the reverse of this Newsletter.

In case you are reading one of these newsletters for the first time, a reminder that it is produced every Friday and contains all the up to date information about the school, including events. Spare copies are available from the School Office or on the school website www.wslprimary.org

I am very pleased to say that our school offers an Extended School Day from 8.00am to 6.00pm with the following operation hours:

Breakfast Club:	8.00am - 8.40am – ongoing as normal run by Mrs Wakeling
After School Care Club	3.00pm – 6.00pm – newly launched this week 5 th September run by Progressive Sports

Progressive Sports are now working alongside our School to deliver an outstanding Afterschool Care Club programme for our children. Please go on our school website to access the Programme and Registration Form.

Reminder - We hope you will be able to attend Welcome and The Year Ahead Information Meetings for Parents next week. Dates and times are as follows and there will a crèche available on these days.

Mon 12 th Sept	3.00-3.30pm	Welcome and the Year Ahead Meeting for EYFS and KS1 parents in the School Hall, followed by visiting your child's classroom or ask any questions if you so wish.
Wed 14 th Sept	3.00-3.30pm	Welcome and the Year Ahead Meeting for KS2 parents in the School Hall, followed by meeting with your child's Class Teacher in the classroom or ask any questions.

Have an enjoyable weekend!

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher

Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for their actions in demonstrating and promoting the school values throughout this week.

Owls:	All the children for settling very well and being helpful	
Robins:	Maizie Stracey	Georgia Hamer
Skylarks:	Freya Ablewhite	Thomas de Glanville
Red Kites:	Matilda Croucher	Jack Baylis
Kestrels:	David Smith	Millie Stagg

House Points Weekly Total Rolling Total

Brunel (Blue):	111
Galileo (Green):	129
Redgrave (Red):	191
Yeats (Yellow):	180

The Winning House for this week is **Redgrave**. Well done.

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for this week 05-09-16 to 09-09-16

Owls	88.0%	Red Kites	94.8%
Robins	86.7%	Kestrels	99.6%
Skylarks	94.3%	Whole School	92.8%



Thank You...

A big THANK YOU goes to Mr and Mrs Sharma – Grey for donating a painting Easel for Owls Class.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

On Inset Day 1st September last week nine members of staff received AED Training as we have one Defibrillator on site allocated by RBWM. The Defibrillator is located in the School Office in the First Aid area. We are considering having another one on site for any emergency. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are now becoming more common throughout a range of public and work places. A casualty's survival rate will dramatically increase if an AED is available and if we have appropriately qualified personnel to use it. To raise the awareness of this very important device in our school community, we have specially organised a **Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training Course for parents, governors and older children on Tuesday 4th October from 2.30pm to 3.00pm** in the School Hall. This very practical course will not only deal with the use of an AED, but also include other basic first Aid training. All parents are welcome to this FREE course led by a professional trainer. Please keep this date in your diary.

House Captains for 2016-2017

We would like to congratulate the following pupils on being elected House Captains:

Galileo (Green):	Amelie Galbraith	Joshua Hamer
Brunel (Blue):	Isabelle Croucher	David Smith
Yeats (Yellow):	Alice Wakeling	Josh Presnail
Redgrave (Red):	Lola Wynn	Lucas Wynn

School Council 2016-17

Welcome to this year's School Council – 2016-2017. New members of School Council were elected this week. They are:

Year 1:	Amber Ripley	
Year 2:	Johnathan Sparkes	
Year 3:	Isaac Hamer	Grace Gammon
Year 4:	Leon Corkin	Poppy Rainer
Year 5:	Amy Bond	Jared Doyle
Year 6:	Finlay Doyle	Lola Wynn

Peer Mediators for 2016-17

10 of our current Year 6 children were selected to be Peer Mediators who had 3-hour training session in July. They will be responsible for helping to resolve minor friendship problems at lunchtimes. The Peer Mediators are:

Aoife Murphy	Amelie Galbraith
Kirstie Partridge	Millie Stagg
Joshua Presnail	Lucas Wynn
Lola Wynn	Finlay Doyle
Josie Bate	Alice Wakeling

Office Monitors and Playground Leaders for 2016-2017

All Year 6 children are Office Monitors and Playground Leaders this year, they will answer calls in the School Office and responsible for organising and leading games and activities on a rota basis during lunch break.

Josie Bate	Isabelle Croucher	Finlay Doyle
Amelie Galbraith	Poppy Grieves	Joshua Hamer
Owen James	Aoife Murphy	Georgie Owen
Kirstie Partridge	Joshua Presnail	David Smith
Millie Stagg	Alice Wakeling	Lola Wynn Lucas Wynn

Curriculum Overviews & School Website

A copy of Termly Curriculum Overview will be available on the School Website today. These give you a broad overview of the learning that takes place in Term 1 & 2 for your children. Class Pages on the website will continue to be added to keep you informed regularly about what your child is learning and how you can help at home.

Adventure Playground

Children can now use this facility after school. Children playing on the Adventure Playground after school are at their own risk. Please ensure that they are playing safely. Pre-school children should **NOT** be allowed to play on the Adventure Playground because the equipment is not designed for children of this age. As a School, we cannot take any responsibility for any injury occurring outside school hours. **USE/PLAY IS AT YOUR OWN RISK!** Thank you for supporting us with this.

One-way System and Parking

For those new to our school, I would like to inform and remind you that there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day to avoid congestion during the rush hour. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and leave either by turning left into Brook Lane, or right into Baileys Lane. Brook Lane is a single track Lane, We would ask you not to park on the opposite side of the road or across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.

Stop and Drop

As we all know parking is difficult on the School Road, therefore, we operate a 'Stop and Drop' Zone system to ensure the flow of traffic in the rush hour and help children to come into school by themselves. Please can you park within the Stop and Drop Zone along the Single Yellow Line and not on Zig-Zag lines. Thank you goes to **Katrina Sell** for organising the rota for manning the 'Stop and Drop' Zone in the mornings. We are grateful to our volunteers! If you can help please contact Mr Sell or the School Office

The Waltham St Lawrence & Shurlock Row Village Show

Don't forget that this event takes place at the Neville Hall on **Sunday 11th September at 2.00pm**. The children have been busy this week in school completing some of the Art & Craft work and we have, on behalf of the children, submitted all their entries. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Sunday then do please visit the show.

End of Year Annual Report

Thank you to those parents who have returned the signed copy of your child's End of Year Annual Report. Could we remind all parents that it is an expectation that parents complete and return the signed Reports to the Class Teachers or the School Office ASAP so that we have confirmation that you have indeed seen this important document and the signed Report will then be kept in your Child's File.

Spaces at the School

We still have spaces in most year groups. We will be very happy to talk to any parents who might be interested in their child starting in WSL. Please contact the School Office for more details.

Local Offer

Local Offer is a single source of information on services for children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families. You can find information on local services including: Education, Health, Social Care, Education, Health & Care (EHC) Plans, Short Breaks, Leisure, Transport, Preparing for Adulthood, as well as sources of advice and support for families.

To view information online go to <http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/localoffer>
You can phone 01628 685878 or email: Localoffer@rbwm.gov.uk

Our mission is to provide inspiration and opportunities for all children to achieve their potential and become confident, independent individuals with key skills for lifelong learning

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Lead Person for Safeguarding and Child Protection: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Headteacher)
Designated Teacher: Mr David Errington (Senior Teacher)
Designated Governor: Mrs Rebecca Bond (Parent Governor)

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2016-2017

Please note the dates below are provisional and may be subject to change or amendment.

Term 1 2016

September

Thurs 1 st	Inset Day – School Closed	
Fri 2 nd	Inset Day – School Closed	
Mon 5 th	Pupil Term starts	
W/C 12 th	Welcome and the Year Ahead Meetings for Parents in Key Stages (specific dates /times as overleaf)	
Mon 12 th	External Clubs start this week	
Mon 19 th	Internal Clubs start this week	
Tues 20 th	School photographer in (individual/sibling photos)	9.00am – 12.00pm
Mon 26 th	Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	2.15-3.00pm
Tues 27 th	EYFS- My First Class Photo by Maidenhead Advertiser	10.00am
Wed 28 th	Headteacher's Surgery	9.00-10.00am
Fri 30 th	Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church	2.00-3.00pm
October		
Tues 4 th	Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training for ALL Parents & Governors	2.30-3.00pm
Mon 10 th	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
Thurs 20 th	World Values Day - details to follow	
Fri 21 st	End of Term 1 and Break up	3.00pm

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

Monday 24th October– Friday 28th October & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp

Please do not book family holidays during term time. Please note that Staff Inset Days are subject to change.

Dates /times added/changed will be highlighted

All dates to the end of the year can also be found on the school website www.wslprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website this week:

Welcome and the Year Ahead information Meeting Letter to all Clubs Letter to all Rucksack Letter to all The Storyteller's Fair Leaflet to all