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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:02

Friday 16th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for attending the Welcome and the Year Ahead information Meetings for Parents this week. Thank you for your feedback and suggestions. We hope you have found these meetings useful and informative. We appreciate your partnership and great support. Without that partnership it will not be possible for your child/ren to fulfil their potential. Quite simply, we want the best for your child in exactly the same way you do. Together we can achieve that goal!

I am delighted to report that in walking around the school, popping into classes and spending time with the children on the playground, it is lovely to see them settling so well into the new school year and I am impressed with the positive attitude and excellent learning behaviour displayed by all the children. It is also a pleasure to see all our new Reception children in their uniforms looking so smart and keen to come into school. They have settled very well and they are clearly enjoying the chance to make new friendships and explore their new surroundings. Thank you to our new parents for helping to make the first few days/weeks very successful!



This term we have organised the carousel of activities during the Lunch break for each class to enjoy every day /week. With the leadership and support from our Year 6 Playground Leaders, every child is engaged with their games and activities; the quality of play has indeed improved. Here are some photos...



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their incredible hard work over the summer making your child's start to the school year as productive as it has been. I know that you know how much goes on behind-the-scenes but it's always worth reiterating the amount of time, effort, commitment and passion that the wonderful teachers, teaching assistants and support staff at the school put in to make Waltham St Lawrence the great place it is.

We are all very excited with the recent launch of our Extended School Service – **After School CARE Club run from 3.00pm to 6.00pm by Progressive Sports.** Children in the Care Club have enjoyed the experience, here are their comments:

The people who look after us in the Club are very friendly. They have a lot of things for us to do such as Craft, Adventure Playground, playing games. It was fun, I like it. Josie.

I am very happy in the Club because I love the snack, I can play games and does colouring with my friends and go on the Adventure Playground. Marcus

I like the Club because I like the biscuits and they help me with my homework. Thomas
I enjoy the Club because I can play with my friends and I like sandwiches. - Amber

So far we only have a small number of children attending the Care Club. We need a minimum of 12 children each day to make it viable. Please take the advantage of this wonderful service!

Reminder - The photographer will be visiting the school to take individual and family photographs including pre-school children on Tuesday 20th September from 9.00am. You may wish to ensure your child/ren are looking particularly smart for the occasion.

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:** Freddie Scrimshaw
- Robins:** Jamie Baylis Christa Gordon
- Skylarks:** Jessica Dunning Danni Benham
- Red Kites:** Samuel Balan Archie Buekers
- Kestrels:** Alice Wakeling Finlay Doyle

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	144	255
Galileo (Green):	184	313
Redgrave (Red):	223	414
Yeats (Yellow):	179	359

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

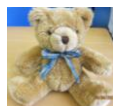
Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for this week 12-09-16 to 16-09-16

Owls	96.3%	Red Kites	96.9%
Robins	97.2%	Kestrels	95.8%
Skylarks	95.1%	Whole School	96.3%



The Waltham St Lawrence & Shurlock Row Village Show

It was so good to see many children and families at the Village Show last Sunday. What fantastic weather we had! We are very pleased to be presented this year's Chairman's Cup for the effort of the whole school taking part in this Village Show. The children's entries were amazing! Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work and huge support.

PTA Film Night

The Film Night will be on Friday 23rd September from 5.00-7.00pm in the School Hall. The film will be 'Oddball and the Penguins (U) – a good film for rage groups. Tickets are priced at £4.00 each including a drink and a snack of popcorn / crisps. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday for details and return your Booking forms by Wednesday 21st September. Please come and help if you can. Thank you.

Parking

A polite reminder: the issue of parking for school pick up and drop off has been brought to my attention, so we would like to remind you not to stop or pull up on the zigzag lines. According to the Highway Code, it is illegal to do so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, it is much appreciated.

After School Extra Curricular Clubs

In response to your feedback requesting for more after school clubs, we have carefully organised a variety of external and internal clubs for different age groups, at least two clubs on each day. We are pleased that so many children are participating in the clubs and activities we are offering this term. However, we do not seem to have enough children signed up for certain clubs, if we do not have the minimum number of 6 children for each club, the club will then have to be cancelled. Hurry up and let the School Office know **by Monday 12.00 noon** if your child/ren wants to attend any of the clubs.

Human Values Education

The focus of Human Values Education for this term is **Right Conduct** and we have been focusing on the related theme of **'Unity'**. Children are learning about being ready to join others, being aware that **working as a team** halves our tasks and problems and builds group **harmony and cooperation**. Perhaps you can help your child do some home learning exercises: make a list of things at home that require team work

Important Information

At this point in the year it is worth giving some reminders:

Attendance - The vast majority of children have very good attendance which does help with their learning and friendships. However, holidays in term time are not permitted and the Local Authority issue penalty notices when families take holidays over 5-10 days and upwards in a seven week period. EWO will be involved.

Children get ill of course and we do not expect children to be in school if they are ill. If your child is unwell please telephone the school on 0118 9343248 **option 1** and use the school answer machine to report your child absent before 9.30am to avoid the necessity of a phone call or a text from the School Office. If possible try to arrange routine appointments at the doctors or dentist outside of school time; if your child has a medical appointment during the school day, please bring a copy of the hospital letter or appointment card to the office.

Sickness - Please could all parents note that if their children are suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea they **must be kept off school**; returning **48 hours after their last symptoms disappear**. We appreciate your support with this. Many thanks.

Secondary School Applications

Those of you with children in Year 6 should have received information from the Local Authority about secondary school applications. Please apply using online facility at www.rbwm.gov.uk. Please remember to submit your application no later than the **deadline on Monday 31st October 2016**. We are happy for children to attend the relevant open mornings – please make Mr Errington or the Office aware so that the register can be coded appropriately.

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

Mon 19th Internal Clubs start this week

Tues 20th School photographer in (individual/sibling photos)

Mon 26th Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom

Tues 27th EYFS- My First Class Photo by Maidenhead Advertiser

Wed 28th Headteacher's Surgery

Fri 30th Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church

October

Tues 4th Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training for ALL Parents & Governors

Mon 10th Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom

Wed 19th Parents Evening

Thurs 20th Parents Evening

World Values Day - details to follow

Fri 21st End of Term 1 and Break up

9.00am – 12.00pm

2.15-3.00pm

10.00am

9.00-10.00am

2.00-3.00pm

2.30-3.00pm

9.00-9.45am

5.30-8.00pm

3.20-6.20pm

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:

Data Collection Sheets Letter and Consent Forms to all

Jacqueline Wilson Author Event Letter to All

PTA Film Night Letter to all

Lunch Order Online Account Access Information Letter to new users

PTA Meeting Letter to all

Class Representatives

Many of you are aware that each class has two parent Class Representatives. Their role is to be a contact between parents and staff and they also act as the link to WSL PTA. As well as coordinating fundraising events, many have found it useful to compile class contact lists. The role is a voluntary one and as such can be adapted to suit individuals. Each September or when the representatives / children change year group we will ask if the Representatives wish to continue or if there are new volunteers. If you are interested in being your child's Class Representative, please contact Jo Grimmer in the School Office. We have vacancies for Class Representatives 2016-17:

Owls Juanita Tarn & **Vacancy**

Robins **Vacancy**

Skylarks Tristi Justice & **Vacancy**

Red Kites Susan Baylis & **Vacancy**

Kestrels Nicola Buekers & Jo Wynn

Free School Meal (FSM)

EYFS and KS1 children are all eligible to receive a **Universal Free School Meal**. However, if your circumstances mean that you would already be automatically entitled to a **Free School Meal (whether your child is in the EYFS, KS1 or KS2), it is important that you still register for this**. Additional funding is available to support those children but only where an application has been made.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child – contact the school office (office@wslprimary.org).

Data Collection Sheet

Data Collection Sheets detailing the contact information we hold for you sent home on Wednesday. Please take the time to check the form carefully and let us know if any information has changed. In particular, please ensure you have supplied an up to date **phone numbers and email address** where possible. As a school we use emails to communicate with our parents and carers. All letters and forms are sent electronically where possible. Please return the amended forms and if all the information on the sheet is correct, simply sign it and return it to the School Office as soon as possible by **23rd September**.

Jacqueline Wilson Author Event

Author Jacqueline Wilson will be visiting Windsor as part of the Windsor Fringe festival on Saturday 1st October at Windsor Boys' school. Please refer to the letter sent home today giving full details of her visit and a link to buy tickets from the Windsor Fringe box office. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet a very popular and successful author.