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Together We Inspire and Achieve



Weekly Newsletter – No:03

Friday 23rd September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated in Waltham St Lawrence's Church on Friday 30th September at 2:00pm and we would love you to join us in the Church. Please refer to the separate letter sent home on Wednesday with all the detailed arrangement for the day.

Parents are requested please to remember the following housekeeping rules, in order that everyone can appreciate the hard work that the children and staff have put into the service:

Parents and family members MUST be seated by 2.00pm

- All mobile phones must be switched off
- If pre-school children attend, please ensure they stay with you, quietly, and are not allowed to wander around the Church
- Photos or video may be permitted during the service but for the safety of our children all images must not be published in the social networking sites, they are for your own purposes only.

'Make a Mile'

We will be officially launching 'Make a Mile' across the school next week. This approach to physical & emotional health and wellbeing will further complement our PE provision at WSL.

What is it? Children will walk or run (or a blend of both) for 10 – 20 minutes each day.

Where? The School Playground around the Tennis Court (22 laps=1 mile) or Playing Field when weather permits

Who? All our children from Reception through to Year 6

Expectations 'Make a Mile' can be achieved by walking, running or a blend of both.

When? We will all attempt to 'Make a Mile' each day, unless extreme weather conditions make it difficult. It will take place at lunch time or a time that suits the needs of the class and their timetables.

Aims As a Healthy School, we hope to build fitness, enhance wellbeing, develop a love of sporting activity & grow aspirational attitudes

Teaching and Learning - This week In **Science** lessons children in Year 5 and 6 have been carrying out experiments with parachutes, investigating the effects of air resistance. They all worked collaboratively in a group to investigate whether the length of the string or the size of a parachute makes a difference to air resistance...



Skylarks have been identifying the Success Criteria for Information Text. They have been making up and answering questions from a piece of text. Yesterday they thought of a subject and generated lots of headings to go with it. Perhaps you could ask your child what the key features are for Information Text.

We strongly believe that communication is the key to a happy and successful school and we welcome your feedback and comments on any issues relating to WSL. The first Headteacher's Surgery of the year will be next Wednesday 28th September between 9.00am and 10.00am, please phone the Office for an appointment (10 minutes slot) if you would like to come and discuss any school related issues with me. If you are unable to make the surgery please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

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: Eira Roberts Albie Wright
Robins: Marcus Edwards Oscar Ripley
Skylarks: Joshua Creffield Eoin Murphy
Red Kites: Alice McEvet Amy Bond
Kestrels: The whole class for being excellent Playground Leaders

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	211	466
Galileo (Green):	314	627
Redgrave (Red):	324	738
Yeats (Yellow):	272	631

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 19-09-16 to 23-09-16

Owls	86.7%	Red Kites	97.2%
Robins	99.5%	Kestrels	97.5%
Skylarks	93.5%	Whole School	96.4%



Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for Parents in Owls

On Monday 26th September from 2.15 to 3.00pm Mrs Brancato will run a Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for Parents in Owls Classroom. Please come along and find out more about this Programme and how you can help your child to learn to read and write quickly at this early stage.

Staffing Update

As you may remember Mrs McAra was on a long term sick leave due to her operation at the end of Summer Term and now Mrs McAra has decided to move on and has resigned. During her 8 years' time at WSL she has been a Learning Support Assistant most of time and a general TA as well as a newly trained ELSA over the last year. We know she will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all that she has done for our school and children. We wish her all the best for her future.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their pupil information sheets – if you have not received a form please call at the School Office for a copy, we will be following up on any not received.

New Date for Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training

Due to other commitments, the trainer has to change the date for Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training Course for parents, governors and older children. This course will now take place on **Wednesday 12th October from 2.30pm to 3.00pm** in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to this FREE course. Please keep this date in your diary and we hope to see many of you to join us then.

Uniform

Thank you to all parents for the smart appearance of the children at the beginning of term. Please ensure that the children continue to be well presented throughout the year. Children are able to wear Summer Uniform up until the end of Term 1 October, but please ensure your child is wearing clothing appropriate for the weather conditions.

Lateness

Please ensure that you arrive with plenty of time at the beginning of each day. **Registers are taken promptly at 8:50am** with lessons beginning immediately after. Arriving late will not only result in missed learning but also significantly disrupt the learning of other children.

End of the Day Arrangement and Late Pick Up

If someone different is going to be collecting your child or you child is not going to go home on the School Bus, please notify us or the Bus Driver of any changes. You can send in a note, phone or send an email to the School Office. Thank you.

We would like to remind you to pick up your children on time after school as staff have other commitments. Now we have such a wonderful extended school provision **After School Care Club**, you can always book a session for your child if you are going to be late or busy that day.

Class Representatives

We have vacancies for Class Representatives 2016-17:

Owls Juanita Tarn & **Vacancy**
Robins **Vacancy**
Skylarks Tristi Justice & **Vacancy**
Red Kites Susan Baylis & Nicola Buekers
Kestrels Nicola Buekers & Jo Wynn

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 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
October	Fri 30 th	Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church	2.00-3.00pm
	Mon 10 th	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
	Wed 12 th	Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training for ALL Parents & Governors	2.30-3.00pm
	Fri 14 th	PTA Fancy Dress Disco – detail to follow	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 19 th	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 20 th	Parents Evening	3.20-6.20pm
	Fri 21 st	World Values Day - details to follow End of Term 1 and Break up	3.00pm

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

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

Term 2 2016

October	Mon 31 st	Inset Day - School is closed	
November	Tues 1 st	Pupil Term starts	
	Tues 1 st	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
December	Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Thurs 17 th	Maths Problem Solving and Talk for Maths workshop for Parents	6.30pm
	Fri 18 th	Anti-Bullying Week and Internet Safety Family Assembly	9.00am
	Tues 22 nd	Governors and PTA AGM	6.30pm
	Fri 25 th	PTA Film Night	5.00-7.00pm
	Sat 10 th	PTA Christmas Family Fun	12.00-3.00pm
	Mon 12 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Wed 14 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	1.30pm
	Thurs 15 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	9.30am
	Fri 16 th	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
Tues 20 th	End of Term 2 and Break Up	2.00pm	

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:

Harvest Festival letter to all

PTA Newsletter Autumn 2016 to all

Year 6 Height and Weight Check Letter to Year 6

PTA Meeting Minutes to all

Flu Consent Forms to Year 1, 2 and 3

Packed Lunches & Nuts Allergies

For those not wanting a school cooked lunch, children are able to bring a packed lunch. We encourage parents to make healthy packed lunches as we see these as being vital for getting children through the school day and instilling good eating habits in them for life. Fizzy drinks, sweets or sticky fruit winders should not be included (fresh or dry fruit only.)

Please be aware that we have children in the school with allergies and aim to provide a safe environment for all children. We would appreciate it if you remember not to include products containing nuts and remind your children they are not allowed to share or swap items in their lunchboxes. All lunchboxes, food and drink containers must be clearly labelled. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

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).

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 last week 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.