



# Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

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Together We Inspire and Achieve

## Weekly Newsletter – No:04

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are blessed with such extensive and beautiful school grounds. We are very lucky to have so many skilled and talented parents and people in our school community. We therefore aim to make best use of all the outside areas and these wonderful resources by seeking parental support to enhance pupils' learning.

Last Friday Mr Philp came in to talk to Red Kites and Skylarks about being a farmer. He shared with the children the daily expectations of his role. The children showed great interest in the global nature of his job and really enjoyed listening to him and have learned a lot, thank you Mr Philp.

This week Skylarks and Red Kites visited Mrs Davies' Millennium Wood on Tuesday and spent a lovely morning exploring mini beasts and their habitats. There is nothing better than studying these kinds of things first hand – much better than trying to look at a picture. Children, as always, are encouraged to think and work scientifically. This means posing a question, collecting and recording data and presenting findings.



In Owls Class the children have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. They planted some seed and the children are going to monitor their growth. They have also looked at seasonal changes and on Wednesday children in Owls paid the same visit to Millennium Wood and received a very warm welcome from Mrs Davies. The children learned through first-hand experience about autumnal changes. They saw some oak trees and acorns. They also learnt about some animals that live in the Millennium Wood. The children had a fantastic time by playing lots of team games! Mrs Davies was so pleased to see the children have such great fun learning!



### School Census Day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October

It is School Census Day on Thursday 6th October. Part of **next year's funding** will be decided by the number of children having school meals that day. The more children who have a meal on just this day, the more funding the school will receive to further improve provision. Even if your child does not usually have hot dinners, please consider persuading them and book your child/ren in for lunch on Thursday 6th October if you can. To promote and encourage children to have a school lunch that day, we have swapped the menu around. The Thursday menu will now be Jumbo Fish Fingers with Chips or Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips and Friday will be BBQ chicken Pizza or Lentil & spinach curry with Rice. Thank you for your support.

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.

<b>Owls:</b>	Lucie Teague	Jimmy Loveridge	
<b>Robins:</b>	Alice Gammon	Sid Stevens	Laetitia Mumford
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Angelos Gordon	Abigail Pope	
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Matthew Taylor	Amelie McIntosh	Harriet Butler-Walker
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Amelie Galbraith	Poppy Greives	

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
<b>Brunel (Blue):</b>	274	740
<b>Galileo (Green):</b>	324	951
<b>Redgrave (Red):</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1079</b>
<b>Yeats (Yellow):</b>	311	942

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 26-09-16 to 30-09-16**

<b>Owls</b>	<b>100%</b>	Red Kites	99.2%
Robins	98.2%	Kestrels	98.8%
Skylarks	96.2%	Whole School	98.1%



### Thank You ...

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Mrs Edwards who has worked so hard behind the scenes to help promote our school by producing an Open Day Leaflet which will be distributed to the nursery settings in the local areas. She also helped with the design of our PTA Logo. Both of which are of very high quality and very professional product! Thank you very much for your great support!

### We Need Your Help to Promote Our School

As you may know we still have places in most year groups, to increase our school intake (MORE PUPILS=MORE MONEY) we must promote our school. If you have marketing experience and would like to join the School Promotion Working Party, please contact the School Office. We need your talents and skills more than ever at this important time in the academic year when prospective parents are making decisions over school choices.

### After School CARE Club

In response to your feedback we have arranged with Progressive Sports to extend their services by offering our parents another option of an HOURLY RATE for childcare through the After School Care Club. If you would like your child to attend the After School Care Club for an hour due to work or family commitments, on an ad hoc basis, you can book a session every day any time between 3:00pm and 6:00pm at the rate of £4.50 per hour and payment can be made on the day. If you have any questions please email Progressive Sports at [admin@progressive-sports.co.uk](mailto:admin@progressive-sports.co.uk) I hope that you are satisfied with this extra option. Please do take advantage of this wonderful extended school provision we offer. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.

### 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.

### Rucksack in School

We have noticed some improvement in the Cloakroom with many children using **drawstring bags for their PE kit**. It does make a huge difference to the limited space on the coat pegs. However, there are still some rather large sized rucksacks and bags taking up too much space resulting in bags and coats falling on the floor and becoming a trip hazard. For the tidiness of our learning environment and safety of our children we appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Please refer to the letter sent home on 9<sup>th</sup> September for details.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Class Representatives

If you are interested in being your child's Class Representative, please contact Jo Grimmett 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 & Nicola Buekers  
**Kestrels** Jo Wynn & Kate Murphy

### 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](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk). Please remember to submit your application no later than the **deadline on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) [www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying](http://www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying) [www.connectsafely.org/guides](http://www.connectsafely.org/guides)

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This is a new online portal for parents to access advice about online safety for their children. It provides tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.

<http://parentinfo.org/>

Please use this new URL. It helps parents/carers reinforce our education of keeping their children safe online.

**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

<b>October</b>	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Census Day	
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training for ALL Parents & Governors	2.30-3.00pm
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Fancy Dress Disco – detail to follow	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	3.20-6.20pm
		World Values Day - details to follow	
	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1 and Break up	3.00pm

#### OCTOBER HOLIDAY

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October– Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp**

#### Term 2 2016

<b>October</b>	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day - School is closed	
<b>November</b>	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pupil Term starts</b>	
	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Meeting	7.30pm
	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Problem Solving and Talk for Maths workshop for Parents	6.30pm
	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week and Internet Safety Family Assembly	9.00am
	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Governors and PTA AGM	6.30pm
	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Film Night	5.00-7.00pm
<b>December</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Family Fun	12.00-3.00pm
	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	1.30pm
	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	9.30am
	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
	Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

Progressive Sports October Half Term Holiday Camps Leaflet to all