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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:05

Friday 7th October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

We were so pleased to see many of you join us in celebrating the Harvest Festival last Friday in WSL Church. The Harvest Assembly is always a treat! This year each class reminded us of Harvest by focusing on a chosen value: **Gratitude, Perseverance/Overcoming Adversity, Teamwork/Collaboration, Patience and Diversity/Global Awareness**. Through singing, dancing, role play, sharing class work and poetry recitation, the children have reminded us all the good things we have in our lives and how we can all share with those who are not so fortunate. The children sang beautifully, spoke with confidence and performed with energy. A very big thank you goes to our Year 6 children who led our Harvest Service and your generosity for all the donations!



What have we been learning in school this week?

In Science, Robins Class have been reading the story of Three Little Pigs and discovering the materials used to make houses. They have been thinking about what properties make materials useful and suitable for building houses.



In Red Kites, children are looking at play scripts. They will turn a Roald Dahl story into a script, using all of the correct features. In Maths they are focusing on revising the formal method for Addition and Subtraction. They will finish off the week by applying these skills in problem solving situations.

On Monday there will be a **Maths Workshop for EYFS parents** starting at 9.00am in Owls Classroom. Please come along and join in this fun and practical Maths session. It will give you a lot of ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training Course for parents, governors and older children - This course will take place on **Wednesday 12th October from 2.30pm to 3.00pm** in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to this **FREE** course. We hope to see many of you to join us then.

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:	Aoife O'Hara	Caleb Tarn	
Robins:	Oscar Roye	Alice Gammon	
Skylarks:	Lucas Mumford	Amelia Roye	
Red Kites:	Prunella Dabliz	Eleanor Quinn	Luke Pilbeam
Kestrels:	Joshua Hamer	Josie Bate	

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	245	985
Galileo (Green):	308	1259
Redgrave (Red):	363	1442
Yeats (Yellow):	339	1281

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 03-10-16 to 07-10-16

Owls	92.5%	Red Kites	99.6%
Robins	89.1%	Kestrels	93.8%
Skylarks	93.8%	Whole School	94.2%



Thank You ...

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to Mr de Glanville for donating a laptop. It will be put to very good use! 'THANK YOU' to Mrs Shama-Grey who came to tell a favourite story to Owls Class!

Football News



We have had a very busy start to the season. On Monday afternoon our Football Team had their first matches with St Luke and Old Field Primary Schools. Our team played with energy and enthusiasm and won 4-1 against St Luke and lost 4-1 against Old Field. On Thursday our Football Team played two matches won 2-1 against Cookham Rise Primary School and lost 3-1 against Furze Platt. The Team showed good footballing skills and displayed wonderful qualities of determination and outstanding teamwork. They should be very proud of their efforts and attitude. They learnt a lot from their first four games and have made a very promising start to the season. Well done, everyone and huge thanks to Mr Errington for organising this event and everyone else for your continued and enthusiastic support. There is a detailed report displayed in school.

Class Pages and Age Related Expectations (ARE)

Please visit the relevant Class Pages on the school website to see what your child is learning. To achieve the very high End of Year Expectation/Objectives for each year group and your child's full potential, we need your valuable support in your child's learning. The Age Related Expectations (ARE) or Key Objectives for Reading, Writing and Maths for each year group are available on the school website www.wslprimary.org under 'Key Information-Curriculum' section.

Reading

At WSL we consider it one of our on-going priorities to develop the children as fluent and competent readers. Reading underpins so much in

the outside world and we are always striving to improve the way reading is taught, supported and encouraged. We expect the children to read to an adult or older brother or sister at home **every day**. Thank you for your support. Please remember to sign the Reading Record Book and Homework Diary.

The PTA Fancy Dress Disco

Please come along to the first PTA fund raising event this year - the **Fancy Dress Disco on Friday 14th October** in the School Hall from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be food, drinks, fun games and craft activities for children. Please return Ticket Order Form via PTA Post Box or the School Office ASAP. All the money raised will be spent on our children! If you can spare any time to help out on the day, please indicate on the form or let the Class Representatives know. Thank you for your 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.

The Lych Gate Magazine

As we have many staff and families who live outside the village, to keep you up to date and possibly involved in any village events, The Lych Gate magazine provides an ideal source of information, in addition our children's work is regularly published in the magazine. Copies are available at £1.50 each from the school. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with an 'Honesty Box' for the £1.50 charge per magazine.

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.

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 www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying 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

October	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	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 19 th	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 20 th	Parents Evening	3.20-6.20pm
		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

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
	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
December	Mon 9th	Whole School Christingle and Christmas Carol Service - detail to follow	2.00pm
	Sat 10 th	PTA Christmas Family Fun	12.00-3.00pm
	Mon 12 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Tues 13th	KS2 Christmas Carol in WSL Church – detail to follow	7.00pm
	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:

The PTA Fancy Dress Disco Letter and Flyer to all
A Free 'Time to Read' Book Pack from Book Trust to EYFS

Changes to Royal Borough's Home to School Transport Policy Letter from RBWM to Year 6
Rock Project Letter to KS2