



# Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter – No:06

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week we have had! Thank you to EYFS parents who came to the Maths Workshop on Monday. The children in Owls worked well as a team to show some different strategies to count and recount numbers one by one to 10. Some children were challenged to extend their learning by exploring numbers from 10-20 whilst others practised number formation in the foam and some other extended their learning further by playing a game involving one more than and one less than. All the parents supported and worked with their children to consolidate and apply their skills. It was a very informative successful practical Maths session where teachers, parents and children all worked in harmony to ensure progress within the lesson.



**The Defibrillator Awareness and Basic First Aid Training Course** was led by Tom Sowerby from Bisham Abbey 1st Aid. Parents and Year 6 children who were at the session have certainly become more aware of this very important device and their knowledge and skills have increased! Here are some comments from Year 6 children: *'It was really good and I have learnt a lot!'* – David *'It was great experience for everyone.'* – Lola *'I learnt that this device can't hurt anyone so I know not to be scared about it'* – Joshua *'I feel more confident now after the training. I think we should have this training more often.'* – Isabelle *'Before the training I didn't know much about a defibrillator but now I know how to use one. In the future, it could help me save lives.'* – Josie *'The Defib was brilliant I learnt a lot. I feel more confident now.'* – Owen *'It was really fun and now I feel confident about helping people.'* – Alice



**Parents Evenings** are taking place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please book your appointment via our online booking system. These meetings are a chance for teachers to share with you how your children have settled into their new classes, what provision is in place to ensure they achieve well and also ways in which you can support them at home. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work books in the School Hall or Cloakroom. Meetings will be held in the classrooms. Please note Ms Woof, Inclusion Coordinator will be available to meet with parents on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 4.00pm to 5.00pm**. We look forward to meeting with you then.



**Next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October is the World Values Day.** This is an opportunity for us to think about our most deeply held values and to act on them. If we are aware of our values and put them into action each and every day, we can change our lives and change the world we live in. Therefore as a value based school we will celebrate and spend the whole day focusing on VALUES through a variety of carefully planned activities. Our Year 6 children have taken part in the Stories on Values Competition organised by Human Values Foundation. As part of the celebration of this important event, we would like to invite all parents /carers to our **World Values Day Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** in the School Hall. Values are the things that are important to us. What is important to you ...Here's one way we can all get involved, please chose a value and act upon it. We would love our whole school community to put values into action in the run-up to World Values Day and/or on the Day itself (no need to wait for the Day, do it as soon as you can and every day). Please go to [www.worldvaluesday.com](http://www.worldvaluesday.com) or click on the link to watch a fun [animation video](#) that shows you how to get involved on the day...

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:** Albie Wright Mollie Mai-Hawkins  
**Robins:** Connie Stevens Scarlet Roye  
**Skylarks:** Sarah Creffield Bali Sharma-Grey  
**Red Kites:** Leon Corkin Beth James  
**Kestrels:** Joshua Presnail Lola Wynn

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	289	1274
Galileo (Green):	384	1643
Redgrave (Red):	<b>394</b>	<b>1836</b>
Yeats (Yellow):	270	1551

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

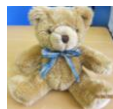
### Attendance

**Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.**

**Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!**

**Class Attendance for this week 10-10-16 to 14-10-16**

Owls	91.7%	Red Kites	94.8%
<b>Robins</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	Kestrels	96.3%
Skylarks	96.9%	Whole School	95.9%



### Lateness

We still have a few children arriving school late. Please try to be on time to school each day. The school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am. Children arriving late cause disruption not only to the School Office but also learning, as lessons begin immediately after Registration at 8.50am.

### Progressive Sports (PS) October Holiday Camp

Progressive Sports will be running a Multi- Sports/Activity Camp at our school during the October Holiday w/c 24<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a wide range of sports and activities. Please book your sessions with PS directly. Please refer to the leaflet sent home last week for details or call 07842 027422 or go to their website to find out more [www.progressive-sports.co.uk/eastberks](http://www.progressive-sports.co.uk/eastberks)

### Growth Mindset

At WSL Primary School, we know that pupils who have a positive attitude towards their learning and work hard will make good progress and be successful. Therefore, instilling all our pupils with '**Growth Mindset**', the theories of Dr Carol Dweck, has become an ongoing key priority for the school. Recently our Teaching Assistants have received a refresher training and are encouraged to support children with this approach. We are determined to ensure **Growth Mindset** ideas are embedded within our school ethos and will organise a Growth Mindset Workshop for parents in due course - date to be confirmed.

### Holiday Requests

Just a reminder absence during term time is disruptive and holiday requests during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Please check term dates carefully and if you have any queries please ask.

### Warm Coat

Autumn is certainly making itself felt and the trees around the site are beginning to turn and drop their leaves. Please remind your child to bring in and put on a warm jacket / coat.

### 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.

### 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 (37 days)

October	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	
	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 (37 days)

October	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day - School is closed	
November	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
	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
December	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christingle and Christmas Carol Service - detail to follow	2.00pm
	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
	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Carol in WSL Church – detail to follow	7.00pm
	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

#### Term 3 2017(28 days)

January	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
February	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up	3.00pm

#### FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

**Monday 13 February 2017 - Friday 17 February 2017 & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp**

#### Term 4 2017 (30 days)

February	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term:	
March	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Pupil Term 4 and Break up	2.00pm

#### SRING HOLIDAY

**Monday 3 April 2017 to Monday 17 April 2017 & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp  
 (Good Friday: 14 April 2017 and Easter Monday: 17 April 2017)**

#### Term 5 2017 (28 days)

April	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
May	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day Holiday	
	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term 5 and break up	3.00pm

#### MAY HOLIDAY

**Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017& Progressive Sports Holiday Camp**

#### Term 6 (35 days)

June	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
July	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Pupil Term of 6	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:

Parent Evenings Letter to all

Technology Leaflets to all