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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:07

Friday 21st October 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an eventful week we have had: The fantastic whole school RE Week with EYFS and KS1 focusing on Diwali and KS2 focusing on Inspirational People from different faiths. All the children have worked hard this week, not only can they explain how Diwali is celebrated but also explored and understood why it is celebrated each year. The RE Week themes have worked very well with the theme of our Values Education when KS2 children discussing the qualities of each chosen Inspirational Figure such as Mother Theresa, Mahatma Gandhi, Dalai Lama etc.. All these work is closely linked to one of the fundamental British Values of tolerance of different cultures and religions. Children's wonderful work will be displayed in and around the school; you are most welcome to come to school and look at the work children have produced.



We celebrated the first World Values Day yesterday. All the children and staff took the opportunity to reflect and think deeply about their chosen values and acted on them. During the sharing Assembly children in each class shared their values through examples from everyday life, posters, art collage work and their poems about Friendships. Thank you to those parents who joined us and we hope you all enjoyed it. Values guide our thinking, decision making and actions and behaviour and they are the foundation of our lives. Perhaps you could ask your child/ren about what they have learned, share your values with them and put values into action every day.



It was so good to see many parents who came to the Parents' Evenings with your children and contributed to the discussions about your child's learning with their Class Teachers. We believe that working in partnership together is key in ensuring your child's success and we are always looking to give you the information that you find most useful to help your child's progress. We hope you found the discussions with your child's direct involvement very valuable. If for any reason, you were not able to attend on either of the specified nights, please do speak to your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. If you have any feedback for us, both positive and developmental, please let us know. Thank you.

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching October Holiday. The first term of this academic year has flown by! Just a reminder that the school will be closed next week from **Monday 22nd October to 28th October** for October Holiday and **also closed on Monday 31st October** for staff training day. We **re-open** at 8.40am for the start of Term 2 on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Please make a note in your diaries of the **Open Morning** to all parents including prospective parents **on Monday 7th November** with Headteacher's Presentation at 10.00am. We are pleased that you choose to send your children to WSL School and we would like you to spread the word and pass on this information to friends and family who have children who are due to start school in September 2017, please tell them how happy we would be to see them! There is no substitute for a personal visit to capture the atmosphere of the school and to see the facilities on offer for your child, so please come along to see the school in action. If you are unable to make this morning, please contact us as we can arrange an alternative time for you to visit.

Have an enjoyable holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher

Star Pupils of Term 1

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our school values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

- EYFS: Demi Benham
- Year 1: Maizie Stracey
- Year 2: Thomas Croucher
- Year 3: Danni Benham
- Year 4: Leon Corkin
- Year 5: Matthew Taylor
- Year 6: Aoife Murphy

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	230	1504
Galileo (Green):	377	2020
Redgrave (Red):	228	2064
Yeats (Yellow):	249	1800

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

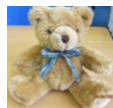
Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for this week 17-10-16 to 21-10-16

Owls	92.5%	Red Kites	93.6%
Robins	99.1%	Kestrels	92.5%
Skylarks	87.7%	Whole School	93.0%



PTA Fancy Dress Disco –THANK YOU

Thank you to the PTA Committee/ Class Representatives who have worked so hard to organise such a successful event and parents and staff who have helped behind the scenes and on the day. The children had a great time. The costumes are amazing! We had the Fancy Dress Competition with the best dressed Boy and Girl for the whole school and one winner from each class:

- Best Dressed Boy:** Azaan Chapman
- Best Dressed Girl:** Isabelle Croucher
- Owls** Lucie Teague
- Robins** Harry Ablewhite
- Skylarks** Ethan Collinson
- Red Kites** Alice Philp
- Kestrels** Alice Waking



Summer Reading Challenge 2016

On Monday this week Mrs Rose from Library Service in RBWM came to present Summer Reading Challenge 2016 Certificates to those children who took part in this event. We are very proud of so many children taking part and thoroughly enjoying reading during the summer. Well done, everyone!



Target Sheets

At the Parents Evenings Class Teachers shared with you your child's Target Sheets for your child to work on in order to make further

progress. If you were unable to attend the Parents Evenings and have not received the Targets Sheets, please contact your child's Class Teacher. We strongly believe that by working together with you, we will enable your children to achieve their potential.

Pokémon Cards

Recently children have been bringing these collectible Pokémon Cards into school and trying to swap cards during the day which has caused arguments, much upset and disruption and are distracting them from their work and learning. We have therefore taken the decision to ban Pokémon Cards from the school and children are NOT allowed to bring them into the school as from now on. They can play with these cards at home. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

We Need Your Help to Man the Stop and Drop Zone!

We need more parent volunteers to man the Stop and Drop Zone every day, currently several parent helpers are doing more than one session. There is nothing complicated in the role. For your first session you will be paired with an experienced volunteer. **If you can spare 10-15 minutes once or twice every 4 weeks to help keep the Zone running and our pupils safe, please let Mrs Sell or the School Office know. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.**

Progressive Sports (PS) October Holiday Camp

Once again due to lack of interest and numbers, Progressive Sports have to **cancel** the planned Multi- Sports/Activity Camp at our school during the October Holiday w/c 24th October. However, they are still planning to offer the same provision at our school at the end of Term 2 on **Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December**. 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

Outstanding Payment

Thank you to many parents who acted upon our request for payment yesterday. We hope you understand how important it is for our School and Progressive Sports to keep all payments up to date and meet deadlines as required by RBWM. Please remember to pay promptly for lunches and clubs well in advance. If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

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.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

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

Term 2 2016 (37 days)

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	6.30-7.30pm
	Fri 25 th	PTA Film Night	5.00-7.00pm
December	Fri 9 th	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 13 th	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

Term 3 2017(28 days)

January	Wed 4 th	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Thurs 5 th	Start of Pupil Term	
February	Fri 10 th	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 th	Start of Pupil Term:	
March	Fri 31 st	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)

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.wsprimary.org

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

Teaching Practice letter to Red Kites

October Half Term events at Maidenhead Heritage Centre Leaflet to all