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Weekly Newsletter – No:08

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have carried on where they left off last term, with enthusiasm and positivity! It is wonderful to see everyone back after a week's break looking refreshed and ready for another eventful term in the run up to Christmas.

On the Inset Day 31st October the teachers spent the day working hard on reviewing and refining our Medium Term Planning for foundation subjects to ensure the coverage and progression across the whole school, as well as deepening, broadening and enriching the learning experiences for our pupils.

I am pleased to share the priorities for School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2016-17 which staff and governors discussed and agreed in Term 1. The aim of this plan is to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the school and thereby raise standards of achievement. Our SIP is driven by our School Mission Statement which reflects what we believe and do and what we aspire to achieve and also based on School Self Evaluation and external views from RBWM, parents survey etc. Please refer to the SIP Priorities Summary sent home today.

Staff Updates: This week we are incredibly sad to say goodbye to our Bursar Mrs Harrison who has worked as the School Bursar for the last 3 years. She has worked extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure our school achieve the best outcomes and ensure value for money! We are enormously grateful to Mrs Harrison for the recent successful Finance Audit. Thank you so much to Mrs Harrison for all of her hard work, commitment, dedication and support to the school. She will be sorely missed. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her a very happy and healthy retirement - enjoy looking after her granddaughter and playing golf! In the meanwhile, I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Forster, our new Bursar, who has already started her job this week. We welcome her to our staff team and wish her happiness and success during her time here at WSL.

Governor updates: We are all delighted to welcome Richard Pelly to WSL Governing Board who was recommended by RBWM and was recently elected as Chair of WSL Governing Board with Becky Bond now being Vice Chair. This means all our vacancies in the Governing Board are filled. Please read the 'Meet the Governor' section to find out more about Richard Pelly. I am sorry to inform you that Liz Venner, Co-opted Governor has recently resigned due to health reasons. Liz has been a long standing governor at WSL, I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her commitment and service to the school and children and her contribution to our Governing Body and everything she has done for our school during her time at WSL. We wish her a speedy recovery, good health, happiness and all the best in the future.

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Open Morning** to all parents including prospective parents **next Monday 7th November** with Headteacher's Presentation at 10.00am. Please spread the word and pass on this information to friends and family who have children who are due to start school in September 2017. 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 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: Ava Koldashi Jimmy Dean Loveridge
Robins: Jonny Sparkes Harry Ablewright
Skylarks: Helena Loveridge Joshua Creffield
Red Kites: Dominic Sell Hannah Freudenberg
Kestrels: Owen James George Owen

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	310	1814
Galileo (Green):	476	2486
Redgrave (Red):	353	2417
Yeats (Yellow):	356	2156

The Winning House for this week is **Galileo**. 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 31-10-16 to 4-11-16

Owls	97.9%	Red Kites	99.0%
Robins	96.6%	Kestrels	97.7%
Skylarks	97.1%	Whole School	97.6%



Thank You!

We have received a **Thank You Certificate** from Wokingham Foodbank 'For your Harvest Collection of over **198.5kgs** of food for the Wokingham Foodbank this Harvest! Your generosity means that the Foodbank can help **20** families who are in need.' Well done & Thank you everyone!

Attendance and Punctuality

During our monthly attendance review, we have noticed there have been some children attending medical appointments during school time. Whilst we appreciate the difficulties with trying to get an appointment, could we please ask that wherever possible, these are kept to a minimum and that appointments are sought after school as the first option. We also notice some children being **late regularly which really disrupt the lessons**. May I remind you that Registration takes place at **8.50am** and pupils who arrive after will be recorded as late to school and vital learning time will be lost. Our attendance target is at 97%, we are doing really well this week at 97.6%, well done! Let's keep it up every week. Thank you for your support.

Meet the Governors

Hello from **Richard Pelly – Chair of WSL Governing Board**



I have responded to a request by the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead (RBWM) to help the Governing Board of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School. Although not part of your immediate community, I bring experience of 23 years as a governor, including 16 years as the Chair of Governors at another primary school within the RBWM. I

look forward to doing my best to fulfil the RBWM request during the one year duration of my appointment as a governor of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School, and the Chair of its Governing Board.

My working career included 33 years as a Marine Engineer Office in the Royal Navy. Afterwards I was employed for 12 years by a private organisation working closely with government promoting UK skills and expertise worldwide. This work included taking Trade Missions to various countries, mostly in the Asia Pacific markets.

Now, as well as my roles as a school governor, I am a Director of a small property investment company and have non-executive roles as chairman of a company in the industrial supplies sector and chair of Trustees of its Pension Fund. I also help the Britain Nepal Chamber of Commerce.

Both for work and in pursuit of my mountaineering interests I have travelled widely.

I play golf (poorly), run occasionally, and still go rock climbing, though mostly on climbing walls these days. My family, grandchildren and a dog also keep me busy!

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.**

Pokémon Cards

Just a reminder that children are NOT allowed to bring Pokémon Cards into the school as they have caused arguments, much upset and disruption and are distracting children from their work and learning. Children can play with these cards at home. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Progressive Sports (PS) October Holiday Camp

Progressive Sports are planning to offer Multi- Sports/Activity Camp 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

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.

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)

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
	Tues 29 th	PTA Meeting in the School Dining Hall	7.00-7.30pm
		Ladies' Social Crafty Evening in the School Dining Hall	7.30-10.00pm
December	Fri 2 nd	PTA Non-Uniform Day in support of Christmas Fete Bottle Tombola	
		Robins Fundraiser Cake Sale	3.00pm
	Fri 9 th	Whole School Christingle and Christmas Carol Service - detail to follow	2.00pm
	Sat 10 th	PTA Christmas Fete	12.00-2.30pm
	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)

Term 5 2017 (28 days)

April	Tues 18 th	Start of Pupil Term	
May	Mon 1 st	May Day Holiday	
	Fri 26 th	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 th	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Tues 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	
July	Fri 21 st	End of Pupil Term of 6	

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:

As You Like it –Shakespeare Project Letter to Year 6

Free School Meals Leaflets to all

School Improvement Plan Key Priorities for 2016-17 to all