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Weekly Newsletter – No:09

Friday 11th November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

The Open Morning on Monday went really well. We had a lot of prospective parents coming to see the school in action. A huge 'Thank you' goes to three Year 6 children Aoife, Finlay and Amelia and Mrs Edwards, Mr Collinson and Mrs Buekers who shared their thoughts about why they like our school and why they choose WSL for their children. Here are some comments from our visitors: *Fantastic presentation, very informative, lovely staff and children A lovely welcoming school! The children seem very happy and extremely well behaved. Lovely to hear the views of existing parents Very impressed by the School – it was good to hear such positive feedback from existing parents, too. I didn't realise school like this still exists!* Thank you for a lovely tour of your school, everyone seems so friendly and we can see our daughter would have such a lovely time here. It was especially nice to hear the views of older children and get to hear from parents as well. Thank you.

What have we been learning in school this week?

Outdoor learning is an integral part of our curriculum. It engages and stimulates children on a level which may be difficult to achieve in the classroom alone. Therefore we make full use of our wonderful grounds whenever we can throughout the year. Many of our photographs this week bear witness to this approach – it is fun! Robins Class have been learning about Mini-beasts and their Habitats as part of their topic work. They enjoyed exploring our environmental garden and have found a number of mini-beasts in their special habitats and were able to explain why they live there.

Year 5 and 6 children in their Science lesson investigated the Solar System by choosing balls of the correct size in relation to the size of the planets they represented. They also applied their mathematical knowledge in calculating the distance between the planets. They thoroughly enjoyed working in a team and were amazed by their findings.



While children in Skylarks are learning how to write an algorithm in their Computing lesson and learning to sort 2D Shapes according to different criteria using a Venn Diagram.



Maths Problem Solving Workshop for parents will take place on Thursday 17th November from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. There will be an interactive practical session with Year 5 and 6 children demonstrating some strategies on how to reason and solve mathematical problems.

Next week from 14th to 18th November is National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'Power for Good'. Anti-Bullying Week is a great opportunity for us all to get involved and promote positive messages about anti-bullying, raise awareness of how our school protects children from bullying. As parents/ carers, teachers and governors, we each have a unique and important role to play. It's important that we all work together to stop bullying by valuing the difference and create safe environments where children can thrive. We would like to invite you to our Family Assembly on Friday 18th November at 9.00am in the School Hall, when all the children will share their learning about Anti-Bullying and e-Safety.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the events next week.

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: Maya Sharma-Grey
Robins: Luke Croucher Bella Corkin Oscar Ripley
Skylarks: Helena Loveridge Grace Gammon
Red Kites: Isabella Eales Prunella Dabliz
Kestrels: Finlay Doyle Joshua Presnail

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	221	2035
Galileo (Green):	375	2861
Redgrave (Red):	330	2747
Yeats (Yellow):	260	2416

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 07-11-16 to 11-11-16

Owls 86.7% Red Kites 94.0%
Robins 99.6% Kestrels 98.1%
Skylarks 96.9% Whole School 95.8%



Football News



On Tuesday this week after school our Football Team played two matches with Lowbrook Academy and Courthouse Junior Schools. Our team drew 0-0 and lost 4-1. The children who took part showed great enthusiasm and good sportsmanship, representing the school well, so well done to all who took part. Huge thanks to Mr Errington for organising this event and parents for your continued and enthusiastic support.

BBC Children in Need



Friday 18th November is Non-Uniform Day in support of BBC Children in Need. This year, in exchange for a small donation of £1 towards the Children in Need Charity appeal, the children may come dressed in yellow or 'spot-tacularly' for this special occasion. We look forward to seeing lots of spotty or yellow costumes from all the pupils (and staff!). All contributions will be gratefully received to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.4

PE Kit

Now the weather is getting colder, please could all children bring a warm PE sweatshirt and bottoms to school (all named of course).

Governors' & PTA AGM

Governors AGM for parents and PTA AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd November from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. You will have a chance to meet Richard Pelly, our new Chair of Governors and elect Co-Chair and Treasurer for the PTA. There will be refreshments. Please come along to support the school.

Adventure Playground

We have to temporarily fence off the Adventure Playing Area due to health and safety reasons. Staff will continue to carry out risk assessment daily and will make decision accordingly whether the Adventure Playground is safe to use or not. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Reception Application 2017

If your child is due to start school in September 2017 you can make an online application for a place now. The closing date for Applications for Reception places (children starting Reception in September 2017) is **Monday 16th January 2017**. RBWM Applications can be made [online](#) and can be amended up until the closing date. If you have any questions please contact the School Office on 0118 9343248 or call contact the Admissions Team by telephoning 01628 683870 or emailing school.admissions@rbwm.gov.uk

We will be holding two more **Open Mornings on Wednesday 30th November 2016 and Tuesday 10th January 2017**. If you or someone you know would like to visit the school, in particular, our Early Years setting. Please phone the School Office to make an appointment. We can always make an alternative time for you to visit.

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)

November	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 22nd	ZooLab Workshops for EYFS to Year 4 –details to follow	1.00-3.00pm
		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 5th	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:

PTA Film Night Letter to all

Ladies Social Craft Evening

Maths Problem Solving Workshop Letter to all

PTA AGM Agenda

Residency Poetry Letter to Red Kites

Davis Tate Christmas Colouring Competition Entry Form to all