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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:10

Friday 18th November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

What an eventful week we have had in school. Thank you so much for those parents who attended the Maths Problem Solving Workshop last night and we were pleased to receive such lovely feedback. I hope you enjoyed watching and working together with your children, trying out some of the problem solving activities. Well done and thank you go to our Year 5 and 6 children who demonstrated some strategies on how to reason and solve mathematical problems. Thank you to Mr Errington for his hard work, too. The Presentation slides will be uploaded on the School Website.

'Very helpful to listen in to the children demonstrating solving the problems and applying various processes'

'Informative, interactive and good to interact with the children'

'Very informative and useful, good to see the methods in action by the children'

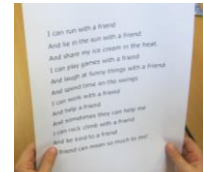
'Very Good' I enjoyed it, clear delivery, good energy; gave some ideas on how to help my children... good duration'



On Wednesday we had a Rock Music Assembly led by Rufus from Rock Steady Music School. It was fabulous. Everyone joined in the singing and rhythm clapping and was all engaged. We have booked more workshops later in the term.



It was great to see many of you joined us at the Family Assembly this morning. Each class shared their learning with Owls focusing on working as a team and making good choices, Robins read aloud their own Friendship poem with action; Red Kites focused on celebrating diversity and appreciating our uniqueness and differences; Kestrels highlighted 'We are a Telling School' through their Game Show 'Who wants to Be a Bully Beater?'; and finally Skylarks summed up the strong Anti-Bullying message - 'Power for Good' - to stop bullying we have to be strong, brave and believe in ourselves and it is COOL TO BE KIND. Together we are stronger, together we can stop bullying and create safe environments for our children. We hope you enjoyed our Family Assembly.



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	Rowan Arrowsmith	
Robins:	Thomas Quinn	Connie Stevens	Alex Woodman
Skylarks:	Leon Galbraith	Amelia Roye	
Red Kites:	Tristan Sell	Matilda Croucher	Amy Bond
Kestrels:	Isabelle Croucher	Kirstie Partridge	

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	281	2316
Galileo (Green):	361	3222
Redgrave (Red):	343	3090
Yeats (Yellow):	259	2675

The Winning House for this week is Galileo. Well done.

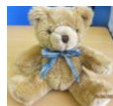
Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for this week 14-11-16 to 18-11-16

Owls	94.2%	Red Kites	94.8%
Robins	98.3%	Kestrels	95.6%
Skylarks	97.3%	Whole School	96.3%



Thank You...

We have raised £93.00 today towards the Children in Need Charity appeal. Thank you for your effort and great support. All contributions will be used to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.4



CD Player

If you have an unwanted CD Player at home, we would like to have it for the children in Owls Class. Please bring it in to the School Office or give it to Mrs Brancato. Thank you in advance.

'As You Like it' Shakespeare Project

On Wednesday our Year 6 went to Norden Farm where they performed Romeo and Juliet for two other schools. The children have learned about the technical aspects of putting on a live show and had the opportunity to watch and evaluate another school's performance through verbal feedback. Our Year 6 performed brilliantly and received very positive feedback. Well done, Year 6!



Remembrance Sunday

We are so proud of Isabelle Croucher in Year 6 who represented our school last Sunday at the Remembrance Service at WSL. Thank you, Isabelle and well done!

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.

Lunch Time Controller Vacancy

We are seeking a permanent Lunchtime Controller to join our lunchtime team to supervise and ensure the welfare of the children during the lunchtime period. Hours of work are 12.00 to 1.00pm during term time only. Appointment starts as soon as satisfactory recruitment checks are completed. If you are interested or you know anyone who would be interested in taking up this role please contact the School Office for more information and an application form.

Water

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day so please make sure your child has a bottle with their name on it. It is vital that we train children to 'like' water from an early age. Fruit juice and cordials

are not to be brought into school unless it is for children's packed lunches.

Bag2School

We are having the first Bag2School fundraising event this year. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid £400.00 a tonne from the bags of old clothes, household linen, handbags and shoes we collect. Please bring as many bags to school as you can on the morning of 1st December **at 9.00am when they will be collected.** We have more bags in the office, but you may also use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers. If you would like to know more about Bag2School, the website address is www.bag2school.com

Volunteers are needed for Stop and Drop Zone

We need more volunteers to man the Stop and Drop Zone every day. If you can spare 10-15 minutes once or twice every 4 weeks, or once a term or even once a year to help keep the Zone running and our pupils

safe, please speak to Katrina Sell or phone the School Office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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	Tues 22 nd	ZooLab Workshops for EYFS to Year 4 –detail 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 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.wsprimary.org

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

Update Governor Letter to all

Anti-Bullying Charter

Craft Club Christmas fundraiser Letter to all

PTA AGM letter to all

Christmas Lunch Order Form to all