



# Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter – No:11

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a busy week we have had with such a lot of fun learning in school! As part of the Science topic work children from EYFS to Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the ZooLab Workshops. Year 3 and 4 leaned about muscles and how animals move whilst EYFS and KS1 children focused on animals living in the Rainforest and how we should look after them.



On Tuesday this week our Year 6 children entertained us all with their outstanding performance of Romeo and Juliet. Very Well done!



This year we also took part in the Poetry Residency Project sponsored by Maidenhead Thames Rotary Club. The children in Red Kites have worked very hard this term learning to write poems all about pets. Last night they performed their poems in front of over 300 people at the Holiday Inn. It was a brilliant and enchanting evening. Our children recited their poems with confidence and performed brilliantly. Well done children, you are the best and you have done us proud! Deputy Mayor of RBWM made a speech and thanked all involved and had photos taken with some of the children from different schools!



*'I thought getting to write a poem and perform was a real privilege. I thought Coral Rumble was brilliant at teaching us to write a really good poem. Before we went on stage I was really excited but also scared. When I was doing it I felt happy and chuffed with myself that it didn't go wrong.'* – Alice M

*'It was quite nerve wracking. Everyone laughed when Aiden did his poem because he is funny and the way he acted it...'* – Matthew

*'The project was amazing, I really enjoyed it. Coral Rumble was really nice and it was extremely fun. Last night I was nervous but excited. I enjoyed watching the other schools but I think our school was the funniest and the best!'* – Amy B

*'I like taking part in this project because I can show other people. The performance was frightening but after I did it I was proud and pleased. I'd love to take part again.'* – Leon C

*'I think the Poetry Project last night was fun because when we went on stage it was thrilling to be standing in front of so many people. I also liked it because I got a signed book of the Poet Coral Rumble.'* – Isabella E

All these achievements, success of the Shakespeare's Project and Poetry Project and enjoyment that the children have had this week and this term are due to the Class Teachers - so thank you to Mrs Errington and Mrs Cabbage for their invaluable support and commitment. Thank you, parents for your great help and support to the school and your children throughout all these enrichment projects!

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Open Morning** to all parents including prospective parents **next Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. 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.

Finally, a reminder that for health and safety reasons dogs are NOT allowed on the playground and should not be tied up outside the school gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

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:** Freddie Scrimshaw  
**Robins:** Adam Partridge Oscar Ripley  
**Skylarks:** Isabelle Hayes Ethan Collinson  
**Red Kites:** All of the class for an excellent Poetry Performance  
**Kestrels:** Lucas Wynn Aoife Murphy

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
<b>Brunel (Blue):</b>	253	2596
<b>Galileo (Green):</b>	295	3517
<b>Redgrave (Red):</b>	<b>332</b>	3422
<b>Yeats (Yellow):</b>	283	2958

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 21-11-16 to 25-11-16**

Owls	85.8%	Red Kites	82.0%
<b>Robins</b>	<b>97.8%</b>	Kestrels	93.8%
Skylarks	94.4%	Whole School	91.0%



### Thank You...

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of infections. Thank you to Mrs Hamer for bringing in Hygienic Hand Gel for children to use.

### Non-Uniform Day

Remember next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is Non-Uniform Day in support of the PTA Christmas Fayre, please bring any in date and unopened bottled product including soft drinks, toiletries, alcohol to school. Thank you.

### Robins Fundraiser

Mrs Woodman and Mrs Gammon will be organising a fundraiser for Robins on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December next week. Please bring in some small changes for Krispy Creme doughnuts Sale after school. Thank you.

### Governors' & PTA AGM

Thank you to parents who came to the Governors' and PTA AGM for Parents on Tuesday this week. Information was shared about the excellent school performances and School Improvement Plan (SIP) with priorities for this academic year. Richard Pelly, Chair Of Governors highlighted governors' key role and responsibilities etc. John McIntosh, presented the Treasurer's report on how much money was raised by the PTA last year and Anne-Marie McEvet shared the PTA's huge achievements and all the fun we have had over the last year. As a school we were extremely grateful for all the hard work the PTA put into organising so many fun events enjoyed by all the children and all the wonderful extra resources the PTA provided and how they benefit the school and our children.

At the AGM on Tuesday Anne-Marie McEvet and John McIntosh stepped down as Co-Chair and Treasurer. We would like to thank John McIntosh for his help with the PTA Account and in particular, we want to say a huge Thank YOU to Anne-Marie for all that she has done for the school and for giving up so much of her time and energy, organising many fundraising events for the school and also a big thank you to the

**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 24<sup>th</sup> October– Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp

#### Term 2 2016 (37 days)

November	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Film Night	5.00-7.15pm
	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in the School Dining Hall	7.00-7.30pm
December		Ladies' Social Crafty Evening in the School Dining Hall	7.30-10.00pm
	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning to all parents and Prospective Parents	9.15am-12.00pm
	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Non-Uniform Day in support of Christmas Fayre Bottle Tombola	
		Robins Fundraiser Cake Sale	3.00pm
	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christingle and Christmas Carol Service - detail to follow	2.00pm
	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fete	12.00-2.30pm
	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>	<b>Staff Inset Day- School is closed</b>	
	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>	<b>Staff Inset Day- School is closed</b>	
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
July	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	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](http://www.wslprimary.org)

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

Norovirus Letter and Information Sheet and Poster to all

Mrs Robinson Letter to Skylarks

PTA Christmas Fayre Poster and Raffle Tickets to all

parents who support us. **We still need a CO-Chair and Treasurer for our PTA. If you are interested please let us know.**

### Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair from 1<sup>st</sup> December to 8<sup>th</sup> December. It will be open every day after school until 3.45pm. We hope you will support the fair by allowing your child to purchase more books, as this not only will encourage their love of reading but will entitle us free books for the School Library. Look for the signs to the event. If you can offer any help e.g. setting up, collecting money from purchase or packing away after etc. on one of the days please speak to a member of staff. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### Medication in School

Please could all parents note that only prescribed medication should be brought into school and handed in to the School Office. Children should not have medication in their bags during school hours in case it falls into the wrong hands. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### Bag2School

Please bring as many bags to school as you can on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.bag2school.com)