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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:12

Friday 2nd December 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today is certainly a school 'full of Christmas' – the children (and some of the staff) look very festive and colourful in their non-uniform in support of the PTA Bottle Tombola for Christmas Fete. Our PTA committee members have been busily preparing for the event of the year- the Christmas Fete on Saturday 10th December. Please read the PTA Flyer sent home and the section below for further details.

What have we been learning in school?

As part of the PE curriculum, Year 6 children have been learning a solemn, couples gliding, ceremonial dance of Tudor Period with Jane Douglas, Dance Specialist from Ascot & Maidenhead School Sport Partnership. I feel very privileged to be invited to see Year 6 children performing their dance with grace and elegance. As you can see from the photos - with the lady holding the man's hand, the couple danced with ceremonial dignity - a great joy to watch! Fabulous! Very well done!



The children in Skylarks have been working very hard, learning how to write shape poems as part of their English lessons. Their powerful uses of language paint a vivid beautiful picture of their chosen themes. Please do come in to read and enjoy the wonderful poems your children have produced!



With Christmas fast approaching please can I urge you to check dates and times of events so that you are able to join us whenever possible? The details can be found on the reverse of this newsletter or separate letters sent home by the PTA and school.

Our whole School Christingle Service will take place in St Lawrence Church on **Friday 9th December at 2:00pm**. Please refer to the letter sent home today for details. We look forward to joining us on Friday at the Service.

The High Street has had or will be all festive over the weekends with music and the switching on of Christmas lights.... time to get in the Yuletide mood!

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:	Eira Roberts	Albie Wright	
Robins:	Thomas Quinn	Maizie Stracey	Scarlett Roye
Skylarks:	Isaac Hamer	Monty Philp	
Red Kites:	Callum Presnail	Alice Philp	
Kestrels:	Josie Bate	Amelie Galbraith	

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	251	2847
Galileo (Green):	243	3760
Redgrave (Red):	314	3736
Yeats (Yellow):	361	3319

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. 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 28-11-16 to 02-12-16

Owls	88.3%	Red Kites	97.2%
Robins	95.7%	Kestrels	91.3%
Skylarks	91.2%	Whole School	93.4%



Thank You...

Thank you to Mrs Galbraith for donating some tissues children to use. It is greatly appreciated.

PTA Film Night

Thank you to our hard working PTA members who organised Film Night last Friday. Although the numbers were down due to two big birthday parties on same night, we still raised **£97.76**. It went really well, kids had fun and were well behaved. The school will also receive 2 DVDs to have for wet lunch breaks etc. - BFG and Oddball. Well done Mrs Presnail and everyone who worked behind the scenes.

Bag2School

Thank you for your effort and participation in this fund-raising event. We have collected 164kg and raised **£ 65.26**. Well done!

Christingle

We will light Christingle candles as part of the Christingle Service, so we will be making Christingle on Wednesday next week. Please make sure your child could **bring in a medium or large sized orange on Wednesday 14th December**. We will provide candles for all the children. Thank you.

Christmas Post Box



Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to dust the cobwebs off the Post Box. The Christmas Post Box will be in operation next week and can be found in the Reception area. The Christmas Elves will be ready to deliver children's cards from next week onwards. The last delivery day is Friday 16th December. If your child would like to make use of the WSL Christmas Postal Service, please ensure that children write first and surnames and the name of the Class on the envelopes. Unfortunately the Postal Elves can only deliver to pupils and staff at WLS Primary School and are unable to deliver to 'Mummy', 'Daddy' and 'Nanny'!

PTA Christmas Fete

The Christmas Fete will take place on Saturday 10th December in the school from 12.00pm to 2.30pm. There will be a lot of festive fun activities and stalls plus Lunch, Mulled Wine and Santa's Grotto! Please come along with your friends and family and show your support.

Your Help Needed

Can you spare some time to help at our WSL School Christmas Fete. If so, Please put your name against a stall/slot that you can cover on the SIGN UP SHEET displayed on the board outside the school blue gate. Thanks.

Advent Calendar

To get ready for Advent Sunday, our Parish Church has given each class two Fairtrade Advent Calendars with a Christmas Activity Story Booklets. We hope that this calendar will help everyone enjoy and share the Christmas story. Thank you Revd. Charles Mason.

Christmas Lunch – Friday 16th December

Your child brought home an order form for this year's Christmas lunch which will be held on Friday 16th December. Please return all order forms to the School Office. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Please make a note of the date of final sessions for out-of-school-hours Clubs for this term.

Craft Club ends on Monday 12th December.

Golf Club ends on Tuesday 6th December.

Homework Club ends on Tuesday 13th December.

Chess Club ends on Wednesday 14th December.

Gymnastics Club Rec –Year 1 ends on Wednesday 7th December.

Gymnastics Club Year 2-6 ends on Thursday 8th December.

Football Club ends on Thursday 15th December.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair and 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. Please come to visit the Book Fair as Monday 5th December next week will be your last chance to buy any books, posters or other stationary items. Thank you to Mrs Woodman who has been so helpful with this events.

Lunch Time Controller

We are pleased to welcome Mrs McDowell as Lunchtime Controller to join our lunchtime team to supervise the children and ensure the welfare of the children during the lunchtime period. We wish her happiness and success at WSL

Winter Weather Planning

As the cold weather period has come, this seems a good time to remind everyone of the procedures in the event that weather conditions affect our school in the weeks and months ahead. Any decision to close, whether fully or partly will not be taken lightly and we will always try to give as much notice as possible, taking into account staffing, site safety and access.

In the event of an emergency closure of the school, there will be an alert headline on the school website. You should also receive a text/email and you should listen to the local radio stations for updates. Wherever possible we will give notice in advance. **Please always ensure that we have your most up to date contact details, both email address and telephone numbers. This should enable us to make contact with you whenever necessary.**

Lost Property

Please remember to check lost property if you are missing any items. Anything that is not collected after a period of time will be given to the second-hand uniform sale.

Medication in School

Please could all parents note that **only prescribed medication** should be brought into school and handed in to the School Office. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

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)

December	Fri 2 nd	PTA Non-Uniform Day in support of Christmas Fayre 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:

The Cold Weather Alert Letter to all

iSingPOP Project / Music Week Letter to all

Nativity Letter to all

Governors and PTA AGM minutes to all

After School CARE Club Registration Form for Term 3 to all

Christingle Service and KS2 Christmas Carol Service Invite Letter to all

Caterlink Survey to all