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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:14

Friday 16th December 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

What wonderfully busy Christmas weeks we have had! Everyone has fully embraced Christmas. Last week the children sang beautifully at our Christingle Service and the glow of the Christingle candles created such a special atmosphere!



Thank you so much for your support with the Christmas Fete on Saturday: The PTA and everyone who helped with the lead up; those who helped the day before and on the day; and those who spent their pennies at the Fete. Visiting Father Christmas was magical and enjoyed by all. Together we raised a fantastic amount of £1,287 which will be used towards more equipment and resources for the children. A huge THANK YOU to our hard working PTA! Well done to all the children, staff and PTA and parents who have made these events so special.



KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday went really well. Thank you to all the parents who have managed to ensure the attendance at these special services and performances, of course, the children for showing dedication and commitment to singing and reading with confidence and performing at such a high level. Possibly the highlight of our week was EYFS and KS1 Nativity 'Hey Ewe' which was such a great success with all the children singing and acting so brilliantly. We were very proud of all our confident children, the musical, artistic talents and energy and enthusiasm throughout. Congratulations to all EYFS and KS1 staff team who coached and encouraged the children to this level of delivery – Well done! A big 'thank you' to all your continued support! We hope you have all enjoyed it! We had a lot of positive feedback from parents and friends. Thank you for the donations of £85.56, which will be used to cover the cost of costumes and props.



All the children are looking forward to the Christmas lunch in the Dining Hall and their Christmas Party games and activities in their House Teams today.

As we reach the end of our Autumn Terms, I just want to thank you all, the children, Governors and parents, for the support that you give to the school. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking my very strong staff team for their hard work and effort for a successful term since September. This time of year brings everyone together and that is never more evident than in the events we have had in December. It underlines the spirit of Christmas since all of these events focus on giving to others and welcoming everyone in.

Finally, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at WSL!

The children return to school for the start of Term 3 on **Thursday 5th January 2017**. As a school family, we look forward to all that 2017 will bring. Have a fantastic holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher



Star Pupils of Term 2

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our school values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

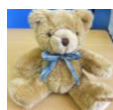
- EYFS: **Ava Koldashi**
- Year 1: **Laetitia Mumford**
- Year 2: **Bella Corkin**
- Year 3: **Freya Ablewhite**
- Year 4: **Matilda Croucher**
- Year 5: **Alice McEvet**
- Year 6: **Josie Bate**

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue):	525	3844
Galileo (Green):	709	5084
Redgrave (Red):	728	4877
Yeats (Yellow):	551	4457

The Winning House for Autumn TERM 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 12-12-16 to 16-12-16



Owls	97.1%	Red Kites	92.4%
Robins	96.1%	Kestrels	94.1%
Skylarks	94.8%	Whole School	94.7%

Attendance Certificates

Today all the children who have achieved above 97% + 100% attendance for Term 1 & 2 have been awarded Attendance Certificates. Well done and congratulations!

Christmas Jumper Day

We have raised **£60** for the Charity 'Save the Children' who held a national Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for your great support in this fund raising event. The children looked fabulous in their festive Christmas jumpers. All funds will go to 'Save the Children' to support the important work they do. More information can be found at www.savethechildren.org.uk

Clubs for Term 3 & 4

Clubs letter and booking forms for all Clubs for Term 3 and 4 were sent home today and last week. Please return all reply slips to the School Office by Thursday 5th January 2017.

There will be no clubs in the first week of Term 3. All clubs will start in the week beginning 9th January 2017.

iSingPOP Singing and Recording Project

This project is the key part of our Music / Theatre Week in January 2017. It is linked to many other curriculum areas and will create structured and

engaging opportunities for all children to learn singing techniques, performance skills and dance routines plus recording and bringing together the whole school community. It is great value for money and a wonderful and memorable experience for all. Thank you to those who have paid the **deposit of £4.00 per child**. If you have not paid yet, please do so ASAP by Tuesday 20th December. Thank you for your continued support.

Caterlink Parent Survey

Caterlink have put together a parent survey on Survey Monkey, below is the link for you. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NVZ55MF> This will be live until 31 December. They would really appreciate to hear parents' feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Thank you.

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

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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Wednesday 21 December 2016 - Tuesday 3 January 2017

Term 3 2017(28 days)

January	Wed 4 th	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Thurs 5 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Tues 10 th	Open Morning	9.15am-12.00pm
	Wed 11 th	Kestrels Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th	Music/Theatre Week	All week
	Thurs 19 th	Image Theatre	1.00-3.00pm
	Fri 20 th	iSingPOP Concert at WSL Church - detail to follow	2.15pm & 6.15pm (repeat)
	Wed 25 th	Growth Mindset Workshop for parents	9.00am
		Red Kites Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Thurs 26 th	Growth Mindset Workshop for Parents (repeat)	2.00pm
	Sat 28 th	Chinese New Year of the Rooster	
February	Tues 7 th	Safer Internet Day	
	Wed 8 th	Skylarks Class Assembly	9.00am
	Fri 10 th	End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up	3.00pm
	Sat 11 th	The Lantern Festival (The last day of Chinese New year Celebration)	

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	Wed 1 st	Robins Class Assembly	9.00am
	Thurs 2 nd	World Book Day	
	Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th	KS2 DT Week	
	Wed 15 th	Owls Class Assembly	9.00am
	Mon 20 th -Fri 24 th	Whole School RE Week – Symbols	
	Wed 29 th	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 30 th	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
	Fri 31 st	End of Pupil Term 4 and Break up	2.00pm

SPRING 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:

Clubs Letter to all

After School CARE club Registration Form to all

There will be an Open Morning on **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.

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.**