



# Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

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## Weekly Newsletter – No:13

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Assessment Week has been going on this week. We have assessed where the children are in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is an important part of teaching and learning at WSL and it enables teachers to identify gaps in children's knowledge and understanding and put in place any intervention programmes to enable them to make further progress. It also helps teachers gather evidence and examples to moderate pupil work. There are some highlighted areas where children need more work on. **Attendance is crucial to children making progress!** Please encourage your child/ren to keep learning the basic number facts, spellings and daily reading and encourage the children to apply their learning in real life problem solving situations at home. Remember, as with all learning, **little and often** is what gets results. In practice, this means that five minutes a day is better than one hour once a week. The support and encouragement you give your children in school and with homework is invaluable. I know all the staff appreciate how closely you are prepared to work with us to ensure all our children make rapid progress, attain highly and most importantly are happy.

The term is rushing by... it feels as if Christmas has almost arrived at WSL. Throughout of the week I have heard snippets of the rehearsal for our **EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play** which we are looking forward to watching next week on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30am, followed by tea and coffee in the Dining Hall and also on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, prior to this performance, tea and coffee will be served in the Dining Hall for parents, relatives and friends. All parents are warmly invited to join us. Thank you to the teachers and TAs who are all working very hard to help the children.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December is **KS2 Carol Service** taking place at Waltham St Lawrence Church at 7.00pm. It is our expectation that all KS2 children take part in this Service and the children should come in their school uniform. Please make sure the children arrive at the Church between 6.30pm and 6.45pm ready for start at 7.00pm. It promises to be a lovely evening.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to our whole School Christingle Service this afternoon at 2:00pm** in Waltham St Lawrence Church. This is always a lovely occasion and guaranteed to make everyone feel really Christmassy!

**The PTA Christmas Fete is tomorrow from 12.00-2.30pm** - There will be a lot of festive fun activities and stalls plus Lunch, Mulled Wine and Santa's Grotto! Please come along with your family and friends and show your support and raise money for the benefit of all our children. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

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:** Caleb Tarn Demi Benham  
**Robins:** All of Robins for working so hard and taking on challenges  
**Skylarks:** Oliver Rusher Anna Koldashi  
**Red Kites:** Eleanor Quinn Megan Jones Harriet Butler-Walker  
**Kestrels:** Owen James Isabelle Croucher

House Points	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
<b>Brunel (Blue):</b>	472	3319
<b>Galileo (Green):</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>4375</b>
<b>Redgrave (Red):</b>	413	4149
<b>Yeats (Yellow):</b>	587	3906

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** 05-12-16 to 09-12-16

<b>Owls</b>	<b>99.2%</b>	Red Kites	89.6%
Robins	94.8%	Kestrels	98.1%
Skylarks	97.9%	Whole School	95.3%



### Davis Tate Christmas Colouring Competition 2016

A couple of weeks ago we invited all the children to take part in Davis Tate Christmas Colouring Competition 2016. Our school has the most entries and we are so proud that Noah Edwards in Year 5 won Davis Tate Christmas Colouring Competition! WELL DONE and Many congratulations to you, Noah!



### Robins Fundraiser

Last Friday, Robins Class sold Krispy Kreme Donuts after School. It was a great success with an impressive **£117.00** raised. Many thanks for all who helped and got involved, especially to Mrs Woodman. The money will be used to buy counting beads for all the Robins Class to use, This will be an invaluable Maths resource for them. Thank you for your great support.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks for all of you who have purchased books from the Scholastic Book Fair. We have sold **£342.50** worth of books. This means we will have some free books for the School Library. THANK YOU so much for your continued support!

### Christmas Tree



We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to **Ladds Garden Centre** for donating a Christmas Tree to our School, which has now been put in the School Hall with decorations on, adding that extra festive atmosphere for the children! They also give a special offer of 10% discount if parents from our school buy a Christmas tree from Ladds Garden Centre. Thank you.

### Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box is in operation and can be found in the Reception area. The Christmas Elves deliver children's cards every day. The last delivery day is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jump Day on 16<sup>th</sup> December

The whole school **Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, to add to this festive occasion we would like to get everyone in our school to wear a festive jumper or Christmas novelty knitwear with the school uniform skirt or trousers and **donate £1 in aid of Save the Children Charity**. This is totally voluntary; if you do not wish your child/ren to take part, then they must wear school uniform as normal. Children can enjoy a special Christmas lunch freshly cooked in our kitchen, whether it be a cooked meal (for those of you who have booked and paid) or a special Christmas packed lunch prepared by your fair hands. Perhaps a Christmas hat worn at a jaunty angle would make the occasion even more festive?

**Please note the change of menu – Fish and Chips will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December instead.**

### iSingPOP Singing and Recording Project

This project will run for a week in January 2017. It is linked to other National Curriculum 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. Just a gentle reminder **the deposit should be in by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you for your 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.

### Nut/Food Allergy

Please could I remind all parents to keep us informed about any food allergies that your children may have. With Christmas fast approaching children will be given treats of festive food as part of Christmas celebration, so if they have any allergies or food intolerances at all, we need to know. We do have children and adults in school who have nut allergies so please could I ask all parents to continue to be vigilant and not bring any nuts or nut products on to the school site.

### 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.

### The Lych Gate Magazine

As we have many staff and families who live outside the village, to keep you up to date and possibly involved in any village events, The Lych Gate magazine provides an ideal source of information, in addition our children's work is regularly published in the magazine. Copies are now available at £1.50 each from the school. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with an 'Honesty Box' for the £1.50 charge per magazine.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:school.admissions@rbwm.gov.uk)

We will be holding two more **Open Mornings on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October– Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp**

#### Term 2 2016 (37 days)

December	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
	<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Lunch &amp; Christmas Jumper Day</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>
	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	<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<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:**

Golf Club Registration Form to all

After School Care Club Registration Form Term 3 to all

Sewing Club Registration Form to all

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