



# Waltham St Lawrence Primary School

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Together We Inspire and Achieve

Weekly Newsletter – No:15

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you all had a restful break over the Christmas Holidays. It is always such a pleasure to see the children returning with fresh enthusiasm and making such a positive start to the year. Several visitors commented this week on the exceptional way that the children conduct themselves around the school building - lovely to hear.

Spring Terms are usually short and there is a lot to fit in! We certainly have had a very busy start to the term. In the class and assembly children have taken the opportunity of the New Year to think about the new beginnings and make resolutions; we hope you also had a chat with your child/ren about their hopes and dreams.

We have a fun, very busy and exciting term ahead including Class Assemblies for Parents, Celebrating World Book Day Activities, Curriculum Workshops / Information Meetings, Parents Evenings and other occasions when you will be invited into school. A list of dates for this term can be found on the reverse of this Newsletter; further dates will be notified as and when they are known.

### What have we been learning in school?

As part of the topic work on 'Extreme Weather', Robins Class painted replicas of Waterloo Bridge by Monet. They talked about fog and different weather we see in winter.



On Wednesday we all enjoyed a fantastic Class Assembly led by Kestrels, it is all about Growth Mindset. Every single child in the class demonstrated what everyone can achieve through positive attitude and Growth Mindset approach. We are all amazed at the skills and talents our Year 6 children have! Very well done! Thank you for joining us at the assembly.



We have one exciting enrichment **Music / Theatre Week** planned next week - **iSingPOP** is coming to Waltham St Lawrence Primary School and the **Image Theatre** will visit us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. This themed week 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 will be a wonderful and memorable experience for all. Please send in the voluntary contributions (if you have not done so yet). Thank you for your continued support! We cannot do all the things we do without you and your great support, so please accept a very big thank you for all you do in helping us to give the children so many different learning opportunities both during the school day and outside too. As I have said many times before we can do so much more together for our children – indeed **'Together we inspire and achieve'**.

I would like to remind you that we also operate an Open Door Policy. If you have any questions to ask, concerns to raise or need to inform the school of a situation, please feel free to let us know. You can meet with the staff member in person or speak on the phone. If an appointment needs to be made with a particular member of staff, this can be done at a mutually

convenient time. We are always looking for ways to improve on everything we do here at WSL and your comments are always so valuable.

The staff, Governors and I value and thank you for your support for our school in all kinds of ways and look forward to working with you all throughout this term.

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:** Maya Sharma-Grey  
**Robins:** Jonny Sparkes Amber Ripley  
**Skylarks:** Leon Galbraith Abigail Pope  
**Red Kites:** Luke Pilbeam Jared Doyle  
**Kestrels:** Alice Wakeling David Smith

### House Points Weekly Total Rolling Total

<b>Brunel (Blue):</b>	164
<b>Galileo (Green):</b>	261
<b>Redgrave (Red):</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Yeats (Yellow):</b>	224

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 04-01-17 to 13-01-17

Owls	88.2%	Red Kites	94.0%
Robins	94.3%	Kestrels	92.9%
Skylarks	94.3%	Whole School	93.3%



### Christmas 'Thank You!'

On behalf of all the staff, may I say a big thank you to you and your children for the many generous and thoughtful gifts and kind words. They are very much appreciated.

### Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview has been uploaded on the school website under 'Our Class – Curriculum' Section. They give you a broad overview of the learning that takes place in Term 3 & 4 for your children.

### Human Values Education

The focus of Human Values Education for this term is **Truth** and the related Values of **Integrity, truthfulness and discrimination**. During the week children have been learning that integrity (trust) is a vital part of a good character and reputation. Perhaps you could discuss with your child/ren why it is important to always do the right thing and have the courage to tell the truth.

### Growth Mindset Workshop

Growth Mindset Workshop for Parent will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am to 10.00am and repeated on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 2.00-3.00pm in the School Hall.

### PTA Meeting

**PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January, 7.30pm at The Bell Pub. All parents/carers welcome.** We are a charity raising funds for the school to help create a richer learning environment and benefit all pupils' learning. Your help and support is always very much appreciated and needed. Hope to see you there for a chat & drink! Please come along.

### AGENDA:

Race Night in Neville Hall on 3rd February 2017; Other upcoming events & Fundraising ideas; Vacant positions in the PTA, How monies raised will be spent & AOB

### Parent Governor

Zoe Ripley, Parent Governor has recently resigned due to work commitments. We would like to thank her for her great help and support to the school – THANK YOU! If you would like to discuss being a governor, please refer to the letter sent home or contact our Chair of Governors, Richard Pelly, contact number is available via the Office.

### School Lunches

School Lunches are provided by CaterLink, who provide a three week rolling menu which changes 3 times a year. The Menu is displayed in the Reception area, also sent home each term, yesterday and can be downloaded from the School Website. All meals meet Government Standards for Healthy School Meals.

For the academic year 2016/17 the cost of a school lunch for pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 is **£2.20** per child per day or **£11.00** per child per week.

**Dinner money must be paid in advance by cash, cheque or online at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)**

Jo Grimmet will send a Link Code to all those parents who have not registered yet online. This Cashless Payments System is easy to use for all parties, we look into expanding its use across the whole school.

The school kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order.

**Lunches for the following week must therefore be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00noon every Friday. LATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. You have to prepare a packed lunch for your child on the day. All cash payments should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.**

All children in EYFS and KS1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Please register if you have not already done so - forms available from the School Office or can be downloaded from the School Website.

If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

### Voluntary One Way System and Parking

To avoid congestion during the rush hour, there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and leave either by turning left into Brook Lane, or right into Baileys Lane. Brook Lane is a single track Lane, please be more considerate and not to park across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours. **Please remember to follow the Highway Code and NOT park on the Double Yellow Lines at all times.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**Term 3 2017(28 days)**

<b>January</b>	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning	9.15am-12.00pm
	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Music/Theatre Week	All week
	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Image Theatre	1.00-3.00pm
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	iSingPOP Concert at WSL Church	2.15pm & 6.15pm (repeat)
	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Growth Mindset Workshop for parents	9.00am
		Red Kites Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Growth Mindset Workshop for Parents (repeat)	2.00pm
	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year of the Rooster	
<b>February</b>			
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day	
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Class Assembly	9.00am
		KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents	2.30pm
		KS2 SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents	6.30pm
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up	3.00pm as usual
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	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)**

<b>February</b>	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>March</b>	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Robins Class Assembly	9.00am
	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day	
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 DT Week	
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Class Assembly	9.00am
	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	RE Week – Symbols (KS2) & Christianity (KS1)	
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	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)**

<b>April</b>	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>May</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day Holiday	
	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Pupil Term 5 and break up	3.00pm as usual

**MAY HOLIDAY: Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017 & Progressive Sports Holiday Camp**

**Term 6 (35 days)**

<b>June</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
<b>July</b>	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Pupil Term of 6	2.00pm

**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:**

- Dance Festival Tickets Letter to Robins
- iSingPOP Project Letter to all
- Parent Governor Vacancy Notification Letter to all
- Severe Weather Alert Letter to all