



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

What an exciting Music /Theatre Week we have had - The children have really enjoyed iSingPOP, singing pop style songs with actions. This wonderful singing and recording project has enabled the entire school to produce our very own album! The lyrics of all iSingPop songs are based around Christian values linked very well with our School Core Values and British Values which cover important topics such as love, friendship, freedom, creation, guidance, thankfulness and praise.

The children have worked extremely hard all week. To celebrate the achievements of the children, they are ready to perform at fun packed concerts held in WSL Church at 2.15pm and 6.15pm today. This is a fabulous unique opportunity which children will remember for the rest of their lives! Please come along!

Here are some comments from the children:

My week with iSingPOP has been great! I liked it because the songs are really good and catchy!
Jack B

It was amazing; it was so original and so interesting. Everybody had a blast!
Dominic S

I think it has been amazing and I have never liked singing, but now I love it! It has inspired me. It is fabulous and AWESOME! It has taught me a lot about singing and now I love pop. Hannah F

'It was amazing and so fun. I was so happy. The songs were great and now I have them stuck in my head' Noah E

'I thought iSingPOP was really really fun because it got everyone involved and I like how we get to make our own album and have our own concerts.' Alice E

I had a great time, learning new songs and new dance moves. I also improved my voice. Thank you. Georgie

I really enjoyed iSingPOP because instead of just singing songs you got to do actions and have fun. I liked making our CD and Sandy and Sarah were very kind. It was an amazing experience! Isabella E

It was very fun and very helpful because I want to be a singer when I am older. Megan

'It gets your body awake and it gets your voice going. It has good words and it makes us feel very happy. It tells us the right conduct,' Vinnie S

"It's been absolutely awesome" - Luke Croucher

'Thank you so much for the lessons, it was so much fun and I learnt loads of things. It was the best thing ever. THANK YOU! It relates to our school values and it was also like 'Making a Mile' because we burnt off lots of energy. It may boost our confidence at singing and acting! Joshua H

"I love iSingPop, I want to do it every day!" - Connie

'...I liked how the songs were catchy and how they all related with the values as well. I also liked how enthusiastic Sandy and Sarah were!' Amelie G

"I've had the best week learning and singing with them" - Jonny Sparkes



We look forward to seeing you all there at the two concerts, a unique opportunity which cannot be missed!

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:	Ava Koldashi		
Robins:	Harry Ablewhite	Jamie Baylis	
Skylarks:	Grace Gammon	Ethan Collinson	
Red Kites:	Leon Corkin	Aiden Tarn	Vinnie Smith
Kestrels:	Kirstie Partridge	Joshua Presnail	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	194	358
Galileo (Green)	319	580
Redgrave (Red)	271	534
Yeats (Yellow)	357	581

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 16-01-17 to 20-01-17

Owls	95.4%	Red Kites	98.0%
Robins	95.0%	Kestrels	95.6%
Skylarks	94.8%	Whole School	95.8%



Growth Mindset Workshop

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

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals and funding for your child's school through the Pupil Premium if you receive one of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance etc. (details from the School Office)

Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered Free School Meals without the need to make an application. If you receive a qualifying benefit, it is important that you still apply for Free School Meals to get funding through the Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. The funding can be used for a range of interventions including: help with costs of learning resources, Teaching Assistant Staff, after school programmes, equipment etc.

Human Values Education

During the next two weeks children will learn that being truthful in one's daily accomplishments and relationships is the way to happiness and proud achievements.

Parent Governor

If you are interested and would like to discuss being in becoming a Parent Governor at WSL, please refer to the letter sent home last week or contact our Chair of Governors, Richard Pelly, his contact number is available from the School Office.

School Lunches

Please remember - **Lunches for the following week must be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00noon every Friday. LATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.** The School kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order.

Dinner money must be paid in advance by cash, cheque or online at www.scopay.com All cash payments should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.

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

Parking / Dropping Off

It was reported on a number of occasions to the School Office that some parents are briefly parking their vehicles in the Stop and Drop Zone. We appreciate parking during drop off and collection is difficult but ask that you ensure your child/ren and other children are safe, bearing this in mind please park/drop off appropriately.

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

Mrs Bate will be organising a Second Hand School Uniform Sale on Friday 3rd February in the playground after school. £3.00 per item - any proceeds will then go to the School Private Funds.

School Closure due to severe weather conditions

It is our intention that the school will stay open whenever possible. In the unlikely event of a school closure, we would send a message to parents' as soon as a decision has been made. Local radio stations will also be informed and can provide valuable information on the local traffic situation and any difficulties there may be.

Local Radio Stations:

BBC Radio Berkshire Frequency:

95.4 FM, 94.6 FM, 104.1 FM, 104.4FM

Heart Thames Valley Frequency: 97.0 FM, 102.9 FM

Jack FM

In the event of heavy snow or adverse weather, a message would also be put on the School Website (www.wslprimary.org) as soon as possible and we would ask all parents to check this before leaving home. If there is no message on the website you should assume the school is open. We would aim for the School Office to be manned from 8.00am, but would ask for your understanding if staff have been unable to get in to man the phones. We would always ask you to check the website rather than phoning the school.

New Parent Carer Forum

Contact a Family are supporting local parents to set up a **new Parent Carer Forum in Windsor and Maidenhead.**

A Parent Carer Forum brings together parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities, providing opportunities to meet others, to have your say and to get involved in activities that could influence how local services are delivered for your children and family. Nationally, through their parent carer forums, parents and carers have achieved a great deal by working together with local authorities, education settings, health providers and others to make sure the services they plan and deliver

meet the needs of local disabled children and their families.

Sounds interesting?

Contact a Family will be a hosting a [coffee morning](#) meeting to meet local parents and hear your views.

10:00-12:00 Friday, 27th January 2017

**Manor Green School, Elizabeth Hawkes Way,
Maidenhead SL6 3EQ**

RSVP to: Sharon Carrigan at Manor Green School

sharon.carrigan@manorgreenschool.co.uk

Call 01628 513800 ext 2008.

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)

January	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
		KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents	2.30pm
		KS2 SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents	6.30pm
	Fri 10 th	End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up	3.00pm as usual
	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	RE Week – Symbols (KS2) & Christianity (KS1)	
	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 as usual

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	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.wsprimary.org

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

iSingPOP Concert Letter to all

Bus and After School Clubs Letter to all