



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of the Music / Theatre Week, last Thursday the children enjoyed a wonderful performance of "The Jungle Book" from the Image Theatre Company. The show was a huge success with the children singing along to songs they had been taught and laughing with each other as they performed a range of "Jungle Actions". Some very fortunate children even got to act alongside the cast including drinking deer, wonderful wolf-cubs and mischievous monkeys. The show finished with a rousing finale in which all the children participated. It was a brilliant afternoon and I know that the children are already talking about possibilities for the performance next year!



In Maths lessons the children in Skylarks were measuring length and converting between centimetres and meters. They each took 2 strides, measured the length in cm, then recorded it in a table and converted it to m and used the measurements to make comparisons with the stride lengths of the rest of their group. Maths is everywhere and Maths is fun, please encourage your children to apply what they have learned in school to solve real life problems.



Red Kites Class shared their learning during the **Class Assembly** on Wednesday, covering a range of subjects such as PSHE/Values, English Mystery stories and non-fiction, History on Shang Dynasty of Ancient China and Music. The children spoke with confidence and expression and showed their musical talents! The assembly was enjoyed by all. Thank you, parents for joining us and continue supporting your children's learning at home.



Growth Mindset Workshop for Parents - Thank you to those parents who attended the workshops held this week. For those who were unable to attend, the attached slides from the PowerPoint are sent with this Newsletter for your information. At WSL Growth Mindset, the theories of Dr Carol Dweck, has become an ongoing key priority. We are determined to ensure Growth Mindset ideas are embedded within our school ethos and work hard to instil all our pupils with 'Growth Mindset'. We want all our pupils to relish challenges, embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process, value the importance of effort, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others. This will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults. The language we use is very important; it tells the children what we believe and what we value. Please use the ideas provided to support the children – we can change the mindset of our learners. Thank you.

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.

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| Owls: | Lily Spooner | Caleb Tarn |
| Robins: | Thomas Croucher | Maizie Stracey |
| Skylarks: | Finlay Lonsdale | Amelia Roye Sarah Creffield |
| Red Kites: | Matthew Taylor | Beth James |
| Kestrels: | Aoife Murphy | Finlay Doyle |

House Points

| | Weekly Total | Rolling Total |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Brunel (Blue) | 175 | 533 |
| Galileo (Green) | 292 | 812 |
| Redgrave (Red) | 291 | 824 |
| Yeats (Yellow) | 315 | 896 |

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 23-01-17 to 27-01-17

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|----------|-------|-----------------|--------------|
| Owls | 93.1% | Red Kites | 96.0% |
| Robins | 94.2% | Kestrels | 98.1% |
| Skylarks | 85.2% | Whole School | 92.9% |



THANK YOU

As you may be aware, the interactive projector in Robins Class was not working properly, causing much disruption to the teaching and learning. This created an unexpected cost to the very tight school budget. We are very grateful that the David Brownlow Charitable Foundation (DBCF) provided the timely support by funding a brand new Interactive Flat Screen at the end of last term. Huge thanks from all of us go to Alexander Barfield, Chief Executive who visited the school and settled the invoice very quickly. Now the children in Robins Class are benefitting from this upgraded modern technology which has made their learning fun and stimulating.

Recently a very kind parent has donated generously to fund EYFS Outdoor Learning equipment. THANK YOU!

Thank you also goes to Mr and Mrs Sharma-Grey who donated games for the children to play.

Fundraising for the Mnyakongo School Project

We have sent a donation of £198 to this school in Tanzania. £131 was raised through the Craft Club Surprise Christmas Gifts and £68 at the Craft Club Stall at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you for supporting this fundraising. Our thanks go to Mrs Bate for her hard work and effort organising these events. We also received a THANK YOU card from Barbara Laing, the link person, which is displayed on the board in the Reception Area.

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. £1.00 per item - any proceeds will then go to the School Private Funds.

iSingPOP Project Payment

What an inspirational project - the children are still buzzing with it. They have thoroughly enjoyed the week and will remember it for the rest of their life. Thank you to those parents who have paid, if you haven't yet, please make your contribution as soon as you can as we need to settle the invoice soon. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Parent Governor Appointment

We are very pleased to announce that Matt Grey has now been appointed as Parent Governor. We are looking forward to welcoming him to the WSL Governing Board and working together to move our school forward. Please look out for more opportunities for Parent Governor or Co-opted Governor in the near future.

Meet Our Governor – Matt Grey

I am delighted to have the opportunity to support the school in the role of a Parent Governor.

I have over 25 years of business experience, working in a variety of professional roles that have demanded much in the way of creative thinking; I provide services to actuarial organisations in the U.S. have enjoyed working closely with schools in the past and presently focus my work in areas related to progressive learning and educational experience. I also run the Once Upon a Bus storytelling project with my Wife Arti Sharma-Grey. We have 2 children at the school, Bali (Skylarks) and Maya (Owls).

I am privileged to confess that my personal interests and hobbies are bound up with my work! As such, I enjoy studying, developing new ideas, brands and experiences, for pleasure. I am especially interested in science education and its "consciousness raising potential".

I will commit myself to the continued success of the school and trust that my knowledge, experience and enthusiasm, as a parent, an educator, and a professional, will contribute something of objective value.

Best wishes

Matt



Medicine in School

Please could all parents note that only prescribed medication should be brought into school and handed in to the School Office. If your child requires a **prescribed medicine** FOUR times a day, and a dose has to be administered at lunchtime, then parents must complete a Request Form for Administration of Medicine. Without this we are unable to administer medicine. These forms are available from the School Office. The medicine must be in the original labelled bottle.

If your child requires a **prescribed medicine** THREE times a day then there is normally no need for them to be given that medicine at school. The medicine can be given before school, after school when the child returns home and in the evening.

Asthma Even if your child has not been diagnosed with asthma but has been given an inhaler (for any reason)

then please inform the School Office. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Skylarks Class Assembly

Skylarks Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday 8th February at 9.00am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to join us.

Class Representatives

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| Owls | Vacant | Vacant |
| Robins | Beth Gammon | Lang-Hong Woodman |
| Skylarks | Chloe Koldashi | Katrina Sell |
| Red Kites | Susan Baylis | Nicola Buekers |
| Kestrels | Jo Wynn | Kate Murphy |

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 | Sat 28 th | Chinese New Year of the Rooster | |
| February | Mon 6 th –Thurs 9 th | Chinese Teachers of English School Placement at WSL | |
| | Tues 7 th | Safer Internet Day | |
| | | PTA Meeting at the Bell | 7.30pm |
| | 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 |
| | Thurs 9 th | Dance Festival -Year 1 and 2 | All Day |
| | 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)

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| February | Mon 20 th | Start of Pupil Term | |
| | W/C Mon 20 th | Spelling Bee Competition – details to follow | All Week |
| | Wed 22 nd | Once Upon A Bus Storytelling - details to follow | 10.00am-12.00pm |
| | | Science Workshops for all children- details to follow | 11.00am-3.00pm |
| 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)

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| 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)

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| 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:

Dance Festival Final Letter to Year 1 & 2