



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Another eventful and successful week - On Tuesday **Safer Internet Day**, the children worked together in their class groups focusing on this year's theme: 'Be the change. Unite for a better Internet'. Please read the Pupil Internet Agreement sent home today and return the signed Agreement to school by Friday 24th February. We hope you will find them informative and useful. This annual event also provides an opportunity for us all to explore the responsibility we all have to help create a kinder online community. We will have further class based E-Safety Workshops planned in Term 4.

Primary Dance Festival 2017 - A HUGE THANK YOU & WELL DONE to all the staff involved and children in Year 1 & 2 whose performance was 'Full Steam Ahead' based on the theme of 'Changes' - What a great show! Throughout the day the children demonstrated excellent behaviour. They have done our school and parents proud! Thank you to Miss Gregory, Mrs Macaulay-Brown, Mrs Sarney and Mrs Wood supervising them all day and anyone involved who have in their different roles, organised, supported & prepared the dance, in particular, Mrs Macaulay-Brown who taught the dance movements, made props and costumes and Miss Grimmett who helped with all of the logistics & ticketing arrangements. Thank you to parents for your great support and transporting your child/ren to and from the event. It has been a great achievement and memorable experience for our children and all involved!



As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, the children have enjoyed a range of cultural activities organised by our Chinese Teachers of English from Reading University: making and tasting Chinese dumplings and putting chopsticks into practice, singing Chinese songs, learning traditional folk dance, Yong-ge Wu and doing paper cutting and learning more about the Shang Dynasty of Ancient China!! Here are some comments from children in Robins:

'I have never made dumplings before but it was good fun', - Harry A Year 1

'It was very exciting'. Marcus Year 2

'They were quite easy to make but they tasted delicious', - Oscar R Year 1

'I like making dumplings', Jude Year 1

'I enjoyed making dumplings. I made them before at the Chinese New Year'. Laetitia Mumford Year 1



We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **MONDAY 20th February** 2017, for the start of Term 4.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher

Sunshine Book

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: Caleb Tarn
Year 2: Jonny Sparkes
Year 3: Joshua Creffield
Year 4: Poppy Rainer
Year 5: Amy Bond
Year 6: Joshua Presnail

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	182	969
Galileo (Green)	279	1548
Redgrave (Red)	272	1543
Yeats (Yellow)	298	1596

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 06 -02-17 to 10-02-17

Owls	95.5%	Red Kites	95.2%
Robins	96.3%	Kestrels	96.9%
Skylarks	91.3%	Whole School	97.8%



Sponsored Spelling Bee Competition

This annual event will take place during the first week back in Term 4 starting on Monday 20th February. Please encourage your child to learn the words for their year group and refer to the letter sent home today for more details. Good luck to all children.



Skylarks Class Assembly

Skylarks Class Assembly was fantastic! The children have all worked very hard learning their lines, reciting their myth stories and rap poems with confidence and beautiful expression. What a talented class! Well done, children!

Robins Class Assembly

Robins Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday 1st March at 9.00am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to join us.

KS1 & KS2 SATs Information Meeting

Thank you to those who attended SATs Information Meetings. Please refer to the PPT slides sent home today. If you need any help or advice please contact us.

Lateness

Please can you ensure your child arrives in school by 8.40 am so that when the bell goes at 8.50am they are ready to go into the classroom. Please plan to leave earlier so if bad weather or roadworks cause delays, the impact will not affect your child's learning. Thank you for your continued efforts.

Once Upon A Bus & Science Workshop

This exciting day will take place on Wednesday 22nd February. Please refer the letter sent last week for more details. Thank you to those parents who have paid, if you haven't yet, please make your contribution as soon as you can. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Following the event, there will be a **PTA CAKE SALE** to raise money for Owls Outdoor Learning equipment.

Wokingham Half Marathon

Jo Wynn and Susan Baylis are running the Wokingham Half Marathon to help raise funds towards a new Adventure Playground. The money raised will be ring fenced from the normal PTA funds. To sponsor them please use the following link

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/WSLPTA

Breakfast Club and After School CARE Club

If you do require child care, we are offering an extended service at WSL running the above two clubs - Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.40am daily and Afterschool Care Club from 3.00-6.00pm (can be picked up any time) daily, run by Progressive Sports. The children will be registered and given a healthy snack and a drink. There are multiple activities your children can choose to do throughout their stay. There is also a dedicated time for them to do their Homework.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

As usual, the school will be collecting Active Kids Vouchers from the Sainsbury's Campaigns, please send them in with your child or to post in the collecting box outside the School Office. We have been able to enhance our PE equipment from vouchers collected in the past. We are very grateful for these vouchers which help us to add to resources and equipment in school. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Representatives

Owls	Vacant	Vacant
Robins	Beth Gammon	Lan-Hong Woodman
Skylarks	Chloe Koldashi	Lindsey Collinson
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)

February Fri 10th End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up 3.00pm as usual
 Sat 11th 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 20th Start of Pupil Term
 W/C Mon 20th Spelling Bee Competition – details to follow All Week
 Wed 22nd 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 1st Robins Class Assembly 9.00am
 Thurs 2nd World Book Day
 Mon 13th-Fri 17th KS2 DT Week
 Wed 15th Owls Class Assembly 9.00am
 Mon 20th-Fri 24th RE Week – Symbols (KS2) & Christianity (KS1)
 Wed 29th Parents Evening 5.30-8.00pm
 Thurs 30th Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
 Fri 31st 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 18th Start of Pupil Term
May Mon 1st May Day Holiday
 Fri 26th 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 5th Staff Inset Day- School is closed
 Tues 6th Start of Pupil Term
July Fri 21st 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:

- Pupil Internet Agreement to all
- KS1 SATs Information Meeting Letter & PPT Slides to Year 2 Parents
- KS2 SATs Information Meeting Letter & PPT Slides to Year 6 Parents
- Once Upon a Bus and Science Workshop Letter to all
- Sponsored Spelling Bee Competition Letter
- Spelling Bee Sponsor Form to all
- PTA Race Night letter to all
- PTA Cake Sale Letter to all
- Shine - Performance Booklet to all