



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday – it is lovely to see everyone back looking refreshed as we enter Term 4. We have had a very busy start to the term with an exciting, inspirational day organised on Wednesday by Once Upon a Bus Team to celebrate Science and Storytelling at WSL as part of the celebration of World Book Day and National Science Week in March.

The amazingly talented 'Jane Deane' who acted as 'Dee Livery' the unicycling paper girl from "Justin's House" on Cbeebies got our day off to a fantastic start. All the children were actively involved and fully engaged with her fantastic storytelling of 'Grimms Tale'.



Soon after children in different year groups jumped aboard the Bus and joined Commander Sharma-Grey and Captain Grey exploring the Solar System, they have all learned a lot of facts about our planets.



Russel Arnott, Physicist and Oceanographer led three hands-on Science Workshops for different year groups:

Bubbology - Children in EYFS and KS1 explored the properties of bubbles and made their own lava lamps!



Water, water everywhere –

Children in Year 3 and 4 learned about the importance of water conservation by building their own filter out of household items. The different filters are then put to the test to see which team produced the cleanest water.

Fish Dissection -

Year 5 and 6 had great fun finding out what makes a fish a fish as they systematically and scientifically dissect it piece by piece.



This year World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March 2017. We would like to focus on non-fiction books and invite the children to **dress up in the uniform of their clubs e.g. Rainbows, Brownie, Scouts or Riding and encourage children to read aloud and give a public speech about their clubs or the most original and interesting hobbies e.g. dance, piano, cooking, skiing, ice-skating etc.** We would appreciate a donation of £1 per child towards upgrading our School Library System.

The benefits of reading are enormous so we hope you will, like us, use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child and use the book token given to each child last term on a book of your child's choice.

We are very touched by many kind and heartwarming messages, emails and letters we received from parents, ex-staff and community on our Ofsted Outstanding achievement. Without your partnership the children would not flourish as they do, so a huge THANK YOU! Have an enjoyable weekend.

L-J Ellerton, Headteacher

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for their actions in demonstrating and promoting the school values throughout this week.

Owls:	Lucie Teague
Robins:	Oscar Ripley Amber Ripley Luke Croucher
Skylarks:	Angelos Gordon Jessica Dunning
Red Kites:	Matthew Taylor Jack Baylis Callum Presnail
Kestrels:	Lucas Wynn Joshua Hamer

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	201	1170
Galileo (Green)	455	2003
Redgrave (Red)	433	1976
Yeats (Yellow)	376	1972

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 23-01-17 to 27-01-17

Owls	98.2%	Red Kites	96.0%
Robins	91.6%	Kestrels	87.5%
Skylarks	92.2%	Whole School	91.6%



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.

Sponsored Spelling Bee

Children have been tested on the spellings every day this week. We will present prizes for the highest scorers in each year group as well as make special mentions to those children who put extra effort into this competition. This sponsored annual event not only helps raise standards, but also helps us raise funds for school. This year the money raised will be used to purchase specific resources for our children. Please send in the raised money to school as soon as you can or by Monday 14th March 2017. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



Values

In our PSHE/Values Education this term we will be focusing on the core value of **LOVE** and the related value of **Tolerance / Compassion/ Devotion and Generosity**. During the next two weeks the children will learn to recognise that having patience with others is a vital aspect of love which leads to greater understanding of one another.

Healthy Snacks

As a Healthy School, please can we remind parents that snacks for break times should be **a piece of fruit or vegetable only**. We request that no crisps, cereal or chocolate bars or sweets (including Smarties, chocolate buttons etc.) are allowed during break time. Thank you.

Owls Class Assembly

Owls Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday 15th March at 9.00am in the School Hall. All parents are welcome to join us.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

The Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents will be held on Thursday 16th March at 2.30pm in the School Hall.

New Dates and Events

Please check dates and times of events so that you are able to join us whenever possible. The details can be found on the reverse of this newsletter or separate letters sent home.

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

Voluntary One Way system & The Highway Code

This is just a reminder for us all, parents and residents - 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. **Thank you for using the 'Stop and Drop' Zone in the mornings and thanks to our parents volunteers who help with this scheme.**

Please remember to be more considerate and courteous when parking in the road before and after school and also not to park across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours.

The Solution to KEEP OUR CHILDREN / EVERYONE SAFE:
NO PARKING on the Double Yellow Lines at the junctions of Brook Road and Baileys Road
NO PARKING on 'Keep Clear' markings
NO PARKING on Zigzag markings
Be considerate and do not stop in the middle of the road
Thank you for your co-operation in this.

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.

KS2 Year 6 SATs 2017

The dates for this year's Year 6 SATs Exams are 8th - 11th **May 2017**. If your child is in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school that week. Thank you for attending the SATs meeting for Year 6 parents last term. If you were unable to attend, please see Mr Errington for some useful handouts and Booklets.

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 4 2017 (30 days)

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
	Thurs 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting	2.30pm
	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	
		Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons start – details to follow	
May	Mon 1 st	May Day Holiday	
	Mon 8 th –Thurs 11 th	KS2 SATs Week	
	Throughout of May	KS1 SATs	
	Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Book Fair	
	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	
	Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening check Week	
	Sat 24 th	Village Fete	
	Thurs 29 th	Sports Day	
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.wslprimary.org

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

- Year 6 Homework Letter to Year 6
- Celebrating Storytelling and Science Poster to all
- Headlice Letter to Owls and Skylarks
- Chickenpox Letter to all
- Ofsted Report Letter to all
- Ofsted Report to all