



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has certainly been a very busy week!!! As you know we were inspected by Ofsted. During the inspection the inspector conducted a wide variety of activities including classroom observations, looking at children’s books, reviewing documentation relating to safeguarding and speaking to the children and some parents about our school, to name but a few. We would like to thank all the children for working so hard, staff for pulling together so well, parents who took the time to complete the Parent Questionnaire and governors for their huge support. Ofsted’s findings are confidential until their official report is released. We will communicate their report when it is available. We anticipate this will be within about 3 weeks.

One of the biggest challenges in **New Maths Curriculum** is independently solving word problems. We encourage the children to use the RUCSAC approach as below and we share this with you so that you can use the same method to support your child’s learning and solving real life Maths problems at home:.

- RUCSAC –**
- READ -**
- Underline**
- Calculation**
- Solve**
- Answer**
- Check**

What have you got in your RUCSAC to help you solve word problems?

Read the question carefully. What is the important information?

Underline the key words – what is this question asking you to do?

Decide which calculation you will need to do. Write it down (+, -, x, ÷).

Solve the problem, make sure you follow all the steps.

Have you **answered** the question? What were you meant to find out?

Check your answer. If possible, check using the reverse operation to check your working out.



Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day 2017. This year’s theme is **“Be the Change: Unite for a better Internet”**. This annual event is marked to provide safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. To mark the Day we will involve all the children in this

annual event. We will have a Whole School Assembly emphasising the importance of internet safety followed by class activities. The children will work together and discuss ways for building a better internet for all. Ultimately, a better internet is up to us! Let’s work together to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. We thank you for your continued support in this matter.



The Chinese New Year of the Rooster started last Saturday, 28th January and will last for 15 days finishing off on the Fifteenth day with Lantern Festival on 11th February. During the next week we will have some Chinese teachers of English from Reading University visiting our school as part of their school placement, learning about the British education system, in the meanwhile the children will have the opportunity to learn about different aspects of the Chinese culture through various activities planned for them. I wish you all **新年好! Xīnnián hǎo** Happy New Year.

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:	Aoife O’Hara	
Robins:	Antoinette Stevens	Sid Stevens
Skylarks:	Azaan Chapman	Poppy Rainer
Red Kites:	Noah Edwards	Archie Buekers
Kestrels:	Poppy Grieves	Lola Wynn

House Points

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. Well done.

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	254	787
Galileo (Green)	455	1267
Redgrave (Red)	447	1271
Yeats (Yellow)	405	1298

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 30-01-17 to 03-02-17

Owls	80.8%	Red Kites	96.8%
Robins	96.7%	Kestrels	95.6%
Skylarks	94.0%	Whole School	93.9%



Wanted ...

If you have any old or used birthday and Christmas cards, wellies and waterproof jumpsuits, please pass them on to Owls Class. Thank you.

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.

Maths Shapes Workshop for EYFS

Mrs Brancato will run a Maths Shapes Workshop for parents in Owls on **Monday 6th at 9.00am in Owls Class.** Please come along if you can. Thank you.

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.

iSingPOP Project Payment

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.

After School Extracurricular Clubs

It is lovely to see our children enjoying their clubs after school. We are very fortunate as a school that we are able to run such a variety of clubs for our children. Thanks to our dedicated staff and very supportive parents, Mr Bond and Mrs Bate! The After School Club continues to be successful and some are also oversubscribed. The best way to show our gratitude to all Club Leaders is for the children to show their respect and adhere to the high expectations for behaviour so that everyone can enjoy and develop their skills further.

Please remember After School Clubs are NOT a child care facility, if your child is not interested in the club please do not sign them in. If they do not follow the Code of Conduct we have to follow our policy to deal with each case appropriately.

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.

Chineses New Year

As part of the celebration of the Chinese New Year of the Rooster 2017, we are planning to teach children how to make Chinese vegetable dumplings on Wednesday and Thursday next week. If your child has any allergy, please let your child's Class Teacher know by Tuesday 7th February. Please ask your child to bring along a rolling pin and a pair of chopsticks! Thank you.



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.

Class Representatives

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)

February	Mon 6 th –Thurs 9 th	Chinese Teachers of English School Placement at WSL	
	Mon 6 th	Maths Shapes Workshop for Parents in Owls Class	
	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)

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)

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.wslprimary.org

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

- Ofsted Letter to all
- School Inspection - a Guide for Parents
- Dance Festival Final Information to Year 1 and 2
- Bring on the Battle Poster to all
- Windsor Castle – Half Term Activities to all
- Half Term Activities at Maidenhead Heritage to all
- Primary Time Magazine to all
- Perform Shine Magazine – Drama Workshops to all