



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 17th March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow – what another busy week of fantastic learning taking place at WSL:

On Wednesday the children in **Owls Class** put on a fantastic Class Assembly for the whole school and their parents and parents from other year groups, sharing what they have learned so far – telling the time, reciting poems about months of the year and days of the week with lovely actions. They also acted out a very well-known story of Three Little Pigs in their own version with a brilliant modern twist, demonstrating their understanding of properties of different materials and why they want to build a house made of bricks! They showed off their singing skills by performing one of the iSingPOP songs, which was spontaneously joined by the whole school! Well done to all the children and thank you to Mrs Brancato, Mrs Lancaster and our volunteer helpers in Owls Class. Thank you to parents for coming and hope you all enjoyed the assembly and feel very proud of what your children have achieved!



Robins Class have been learning about capacity in Maths this week. They have been looking at a variety of different containers and discussing and investigating whether the tallest container will always have the largest capacity or if there are other factors they might need to consider. Year 1 children have been using non-standard units (cupfuls) and Year 2 have been learning about millilitres and litres.



Spelling Bee Presentation: On Wednesday the highest scorers in each year group received their Spelling Bee 2017 Trophy and Special Recognition for BEST EFFORT Certificates were given to the children:



Many congratulations to the winners this year! We would also like to say **WELL DONE** to all the children who have made a huge effort on learning some very challenging words! Each child has been awarded appropriate House Points and their hard work and effort are recognised and celebrated! A big 'Thank you' to parents and carers for your continued support! Please return the sponsorship forms with the raised money if you have not done so yet. Your support is greatly appreciated!

IT'S RACE NIGHT TONIGHT! 7.30pm at the Neville Hall

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets - £12.50 per ticket including food and licenced bar, you can purchase tickets at the door tonight. Please come along to support our school. We are all looking forward to a night full of fun☺

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:	Eira Roberts
Robins:	Maizie Stracey Oscar Roye Sid Stevens
Skylarks:	Summer Smith Danni Benham
Red Kites:	Jared Doyle Eleanor Bye Eleanor Quinn
Kestrels:	Josh Presnail Amelie Galbraith

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	200	1877
Galileo (Green)	265	2909
Redgrave (Red)	279	2990
Yeats (Yellow)	252	2821

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

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 13-02-17 to 17-03-17

Owls	98.2%	Red Kites	92.8%
Robins	92.5%	Kestrels	96.3%
Skylarks	96.5%	Whole School	94.7%



THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Baylis for helping with some furniture donations and delivery to the school from Baylis Media - all the furniture will be put to good use!

We are also very grateful to many of our parents who give up their time and come to school to support and help the children with DT Projects this week, Mrs Bate, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Rainer and Miss Justice. Dr Robinson and Mrs O'Hara came to support Owls Class with their learning about the community – more detailed news to follow next week.

This morning Mrs Presnail came to Kestrels Class and showed them how to do a heart dissection – look out for more exciting news on this next week...

Football News



On Tuesday WSL Football Team took to the pitch of Courthouse Junior School and played against Courthouse Team. It was a tough match but **we won 3-0**. In the second game we played against Holy Trinity **we lost 3-1**. WSL Team showed good footballing skills and displayed wonderful qualities of determination and outstanding teamwork. They should be very proud of their efforts and attitude. Well done to everyone and huge thanks to Mr Errington for organising this event and parents for your continued and enthusiastic support. There is a detailed report displayed in school written by Finlay and Lucas.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting

Thank you to those parents who came to the meeting yesterday afternoon and we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to come to the meeting and would like to find out more information please come to speak to me or Mrs Wiseman or Miss Gregory for how you can support your child at home.

Parents Evenings

Please note Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March for all year groups. The online booking system will again be used and will be available from next Tuesday 21st March for you to reserve your slot(s).

School Lunches

Please may we ask all parents/carers to always ensure you have ordered and paid for your child's meals a week in advance by 12.00 noon on Fridays. Parents/carers are able to pay for school lunches using the Cashless online system. If you do not have your login please can you contact Admin Officer in the School Office who will be able to send you your login details. If sums outstanding are not cleared you may receive a call informing you that a packed lunch is required for your child whilst debts are cleared. The Caterlink needs to know what meals have been ordered to inform their weekly stock order and the ensure the supply delivery is correct and sufficient. Thank you for your support.

Red Nose Day 2017 (Comic Relief)

Next Friday 24th March children should come to school in their normal school uniform but can wear a **Red Nose or Red Ribbon on the day** with a £1.00 donation in support of this charity. The money we raise will help people living really tough lives in the UK and across Africa. We will be using the Red Nose Day as a learning opportunity to help our pupils explore the issues facing young children across the world, and how the money we raise can help.

KS 1 Year 2 SATs and Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

KS1 SATs will take place throughout **May 2017** and Year 1 Phonics Screening Test will be in **w/c 12th June 2017**. It is vital that the children are in school during this very important period.

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.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep bringing in Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to school. We are very grateful for these vouchers which help us to add to resources and equipment in school. Thank you for your continued support.

E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying www.connectsafely.org/guides

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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)

March	Fri 17 th	PTA Race Night at the Neville Hall	7.30pm
	Mon 20 th	Football Match at Holyport Primary School	3.30-5.00pm
	Mon 20 th -Fri 24 th	RE Week – Symbols (KS2) & Christianity (KS1) Assessment Week	
	Wed 29 th	Rocksteady Workshops	9.00am-12.00pm
		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 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 17 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:

Automatic Library Cards letter to EYFS

Skylarks Cover Arrangements letter to Skylarks

Football Matches letter to Football Team