



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

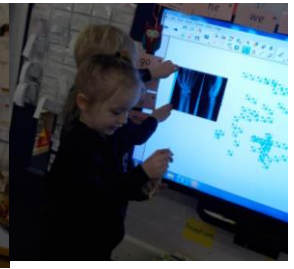
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Friday 24th March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of their work on the community, the children in Owls Class have enjoyed the visits from a number of professionals from our school community. They have learned about different jobs people do and understand their roles. Dr Robinson (Freddie's Mum) came in and showed the children some X-ray pictures. The children matched some skeleton bones to the right X-ray photos. Last Thursday Owls Class was transformed into a laboratory when scientist Dr O'Hara (Aoife's Mum) visited the class. They carried out an experiment on colour mixing... Thank you to our parents for their support!



Last Friday, as part of the Science topic and National Science Week, Mrs Presnail came to visit Kestrels Class and showed them how to do a **heart dissection**. The children loved it:

'I really enjoyed the session because I was taught what valves were, they were really tough, by tough I mean they were almost in destructible...' Joshua H

'I absolutely LOVED Mrs Presnail's heart dissection lesson and found it extremely interesting. Not only were we reminded of the parts and functions of hearts, we actually got to see and investigate a real animal's heart! As I am hoping to be a doctor, to know all these facts is brilliant! It was really an amazing experience!' Amelie G

'...my group looked at a cow's heart which was about the same size as a human's head. We poked a metal pole down a few tubes to see where it would end... Mrs Presnail told us about what she does as a vet.' Josie B

'We all enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun and I hope to do it again!' Lucas W

'I really enjoyed the heart dissection and I think it was a great experience for us. I loved seeing the different sizes of animal hearts', Own J

'I thought that the heart dissection was amazing because in most other schools you wouldn't get to have such a great experience at such a young age. I was like real life vet, performing surgery on an animal's heart with things like a scalpel.' Finlay D

Mrs Presnail obtained the four animal hearts from Quintessential Meats Farm Shop at Fernygrove Farm which is owned by Thomas and Eleanor Quinn's parents. Hearts are from sheep, pig and cow, so a very special thank you to Mr and Mrs Quinn!

As you may remember last May Human Values Foundation came to film our school about the Values Education, now the Values video is on the YouTube, here is the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dzj_rCcBWWI or go to the school website under 'About Us' section.

We have shared the video within the school and we think the video is excellent and communicates the identity of the school brilliantly. What a good timing with the very recent Outstanding rating from Ofsted! The Education in Human Values has had such a great impact on the overall personal development and welfare of our children as well as our excellent academic results. The values we instil in our children have provided clear direction and meaning to life and inspire 'exemplary' behaviour from the children and 'pupils are very well prepared for life in modern Britain', as judged by Ofsted. Please do let us know your thoughts. Thank you.

We are introducing another NEW CLUB Active Gamerz for KS2 children in Term 5 and 6, please refer to the letter sent home today.

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:	Lily Spooner
Robins:	Laetitia Mumford Jude Collin
Skylarks:	Bali Sharma-Grey Angelos Gordon
Red Kites:	Noah Edwards Alice McEveitt Nellie Dabliz
Kestrels:	Isabelle Croucher Owen James

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	102	1979
Galileo (Green)	110	3019
Redgrave (Red)	153	3143
Yeats (Yellow)	131	2952

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 96.4% Red Kites 97.6%

Robins 94.2% **Kestrels 99.4%**

Skylarks 93.9% Whole School 96.1%



THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Maggie Bate for organising a second hand uniform summer dress sale this afternoon.

The PTA Race Night

The PTA RACE NIGHT last Friday was well attended and supported by the school community. It was a fun evening and we raised £1,480 for the school!! Well done and Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA with its events. A special thank you to Juanita Tarn whose effort and enthusiasm both before and on the night ensured it was such a success!

Red Nose Day 2017 (Comic Relief)

We have raised £44 so far for the charity. Thank you for your support.

Football News



On Monday WSL Football Team took to the pitch at Holyport Primary School and played two games with Holyport and White Waltham Teams. Unfortunately we lost both games 3-2 and 3-0. The Children have worked hard as a team, well done. Thanks to Mr Errington for organising this event and parents for your continued and enthusiastic support.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March for all year groups. Thank you for using the online booking system. Your children are invited to be present at the Parents Evenings. Please make sure that they are not wandering, unaccompanied around the school. Your child's books will be available to look at before and after the consultations. Our Inclusion Coordinator, Mrs Woof will be available to meet you if you wish on Thursday from 4.00-6.00pm. Please use the

same online system to reserve your slot(s). I will be available to talk to during both evenings.

Daffodils

Aren't they lovely at this time of year? I love the signs of spring which are appearing. Please make sure your children are not picking, running over our school's or neighbours' gardens.



Values – Generosity

When we think about generosity we usually think about being generous with money or possessions. At the assemblies this week we discussed what the word means for us, as you would expect, the children showed an excellent understanding and suggested that we can also be generous with our time, our gifts and our abilities. Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is generous to us, it makes us want to be generous in return. We also discussed the opposite of being generous is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend? How would you describe yourself on this scale?

Selfish

Generous

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Who is the most generous person you know?

Please have a think about this with your children. **How can we all model generosity?** Thank you for your support with this.

Class Pages and Age Related Expectations

Please visit the relevant Class Pages on the school website, which have been updated to keep you informed about what your child has been learning so far and how you can help at home. To achieve the very high End of Year Expectation/Objectives for each year group and your child's full potential, we need your valuable support in your child's learning. The Age Related Expectations (ARE) or Key Objectives for Reading, Writing and Maths for each year group are available on the school website www.wslprimary.org under 'Key Information-Curriculum' section.

No Dogs

Dogs are not permitted onto the school premises. If you do walk your dogs to school to drop pupils off or collect them, you must stay outside the school gate with your dogs. Thanks you for your co-operation.

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.

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	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:

- Parents Evening Lett to all
- Guide to successful parents Evening to all
- Clubs for Term 5&6 Letter to all
- Clubs Booking and Payment Forms to all
- Active Gamerz Club Information Letter / Booking Form to all
- Easter Technology Camp Flyer to all
- Primary Times magazine to all