



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It was wonderful to see and talk to so many of you at Parent Evenings this week. Thank you very much for coming to see your child's Class Teacher. We believe that working in partnership is the key in ensuring your child's success. We would like to thank you all for your support. We hope you found the information you received useful and enjoyed viewing your children's work. If for any reason, you were not able to attend on either of the specified nights, please do talk to your child's Class Teacher so that another appointment can be made. If you have any feedback for us, both positive and developmental, please let us know.

### What have we been learning in school?

Some of the children from Robins Class made Easter postcards in their phonics session. They practised their new sounds by writing a short message to a family member or friend and then walked down to the local post box to post it! This is how we make learning more relevant, purposeful and meaningful for our children at WSL.



On Wednesday this week each class attended a free **Rocksteady Music Workshop**. The children had the chance to play in a band and all thoroughly enjoyed an exciting, interactive and rewarding experience. In Summer Terms 5 & 6 every Tuesday afternoon Rocksteady Music School will work with us to provide Rock and Pop Band lessons for all age groups, giving our children the chance to learn guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals. If you would like your child to join in the lessons please sign up to secure your child's place via their website [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents) Please refer to the letter sent home for further details.



Last week KS2 had their **DT Week** making juggling balls. All the children enjoyed the week and have certainly developed not only their sewing skills, but also juggling techniques. Here are some of their comments:

*'I have never done sewing before and I learnt how to do back stitch,'* - Lucas M

*'I really enjoyed it because I don't get to do things like that at home,'* – Emily S

*'It was really fun because it was challenging when it didn't work. I stayed calm and learnt from my mistakes.'* – Amelia R

*'My knitted bag came out really nice and my juggling balls have no holes and the fabric I chose looks good together,'* Eleanor B

*'It was fun making juggling ball. It was quite hard but I managed. Everyone's looks amazing!'* – Matthew T

*'The juggling balls were amazing to make because we learnt all kinds of stiches and they are fun to play with. I like my colours because they go together well and they're bright and happy!'* – Isabella E

We break up for the Easter Holidays today and return to school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** for the start of our Summer Terms. May I take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to parents/carers, governors and staff for all your support and for great Spring Terms filled with success and memorable achievements and wish you all a safe, peaceful and Happy Easter holiday!

L-J Ellerton, Headteacher

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

## 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: Freddie Scrimshaw**

**Year 1: Oscar Roye**

**Year 2: Alex Woodman**

**Year 3: Amelia Roye**

**Year 4: Azaan Chapman**

**Year 5: Harriet Butler-Walker**

**Year 6: Owen James**

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	447	2416
Galileo (Green)	410	3429
Redgrave (Red)	<b>483</b>	<b>3625</b>
Yeats (Yellow)	395	3347

The Winning House for this term 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	92.7%	Red Kites	94.4%
Robins	95.0%	<b>Kestrels</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
Skylarks	91.7%	Whole School	94.1%



## THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone who sponsored our half marathon run. We raised an amazing £2,000 which will go towards the new adventure play area for the children.

Susan Baylis and Jo Wynn.

## EYFS Outdoor Learning Area Updates

As you may have noticed we are improving the EYFS Outdoor Learning Area. We have had two trees removed for safety reasons. The Climbing Frame – Pirate Ship is being assembled by our Handyman Mr Timms. We are very grateful to our parents who have made it possible by donating generously towards this project. Mr Roberts, Eira's Dad, has been extremely generous in giving up his time and has made a Mud Kitchen and a table using recycled materials for EYFS children! A huge THANK YOU goes to Mr Roberts for his great support.



## Bags2School Fund Raising

We are having another Bag2School fundraising event in May. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid £400.00 a tonne from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery** and **shoes** we collect. Please go through wardrobes during the Easter holidays and gather as many items as you can. We will be sending the bags home as soon as they are delivered to school in Term 5. More details to follow.

## Top Table fine Dining



Top Table Fine Dining was a great success, encouraging children to always demonstrate exemplary behaviours and show respect and appreciation during lunchtime. The children and their invited friends have enjoyed the experience and 'feel very special' at the Top Table.

## 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](http://www.wslprimary.org) under 'Key Information-Curriculum' section.

## RE Week Sharing Assembly

Last week we had RE week and children have learned a lot about the focused topics. You are welcome to see photos displayed in the school.

## After School Clubs

We It is the school's practice to suspend the running of after school clubs for the first and last weeks of main terms - that is to say around the Easter, Christmas and Summer holidays. *Clubs run as normal either side of half terms.* There will, therefore, be **NO Internal School Clubs in the week commencing 18th April in Term 5.** If you require any child care, please use the After School CARE CLUB. Thank you.

Please remember to sign up for the **new Boys and Girls Football Lunch Club** for Year 3-6— see flyer attached.

## Year 3 and 4 Swimming Payments

As we approach the end of Term 4, please make sure you are up to date with the payments for your child's swimming lessons which will start on the first day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April in Term 5. If you have any queries or are unsure what you have paid, please talk to Miss Grimmett in the School Office.

## Lost Property

If you think your child has lost anything in school, please come in early this afternoon and any items in the lost property bag will be on display in the playground. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

## 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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Start of Pupil Term  
Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons start – details to follow

**May** Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May Day Holiday  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs Week  
Throughout May KS1 SATs  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Staff Inset Day- School is closed  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Pupil Term  
Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening check Week  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Village Fete  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

**July** Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

School Funding Letter to all

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information and Guidance Letter to Year 1 parents

10 Ways to Boost Phonics Confidence to Year 1 Parents

Rocksteady Music School Letter to all

Football Lunch Club for Boys and Girls flyer to all

After School CARE CLUB Registration Form to all

Caterlink Menu Summer Term

Primary Times to all

Easter Holiday Art and Craft Club Leaflet to all

Easter Technology Camp flyer to all