



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 3 March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Wednesday Robins Class had the opportunity to showcase their learning through their Class Assembly. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a mock 'News Round' where they had the chance to demonstrate their understanding of different weather types across the UK and even a different continent. The children relished in discussing their English stories and their understanding of grammatical terms such as expanded nouns etc. all the children memorised their lines and spoke confidently and clearly! Very well done to Robins and we hope you have enjoyed it and learned something new, too from the children. Thank you all for coming and to teachers and TAs for their help!



The children had a marvellous day celebrating World Book Day yesterday with a focus on non-fiction books. The children were all dressed up in the uniform of their clubs e.g. Rainbows, Brownie, Guides, Scouts or Riding and had a chance to give a public speech in their classes about their clubs or the most original and interesting hobbies e.g. fishing, dance, piano, cooking, walking etc. We also had our World Book Day Parade in the hall to share the variety of uniforms and costumes. It was impressive to see how much effort had been made by the children and staff! Thank you so much for your support and a donation of £67 towards upgrading our School Library System.



We had an Open Morning for our Governors with a focus linked to our School Improvement Plan. Some of our Governors came this morning and enjoyed their Learning Walk in each classroom, seeing all the children across the school hard at work and being engaged with their learning! They also had a chance to talk with some children about their work. One Governor commented, ' Not only was it informative but it was a real joy to see the children being such active learners, right across the school.' We are all very proud of the excellent hard work that takes place every day by staff and children alike to create such a harmonious learning environment where everyone is able to excel and achieve together – indeed, an Outstanding school!

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:	Aoife O'Hara	
Robins:	Alex Woodman	Georgia Hamer
Skylarks:	Emily Stewart	Bali Sharma-Grey
Red Kites:	Hannah Freudenberg	Matilda Croucher
	Amelie McIntosh	
Kestrels:	Millie Stagg	Kirstie Partridge

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	235	1405
Galileo (Green)	320	2323
Redgrave (Red)	287	2263
Yeats (Yellow)	219	2191

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	85.5%	Red Kites	94.8%
Robins	97.6%	Kestrels	87.5%
Skylarks	93.9%	Whole School	93.1%



Thank You

We are very touched by many kind and heartwarming messages, emails, letters and cards we received from parents, ex-staff and community on our Ofsted Outstanding achievement. We are very grateful to a family who gave a generous donation for buying new library books for our children.

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.

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.

Online Safety Workshops

As part of RBWM Primary Support Project to help keep our children safe online, we are pleased to have secured Online Safety Workshops for KS2 classes for Monday 13th March next week. This will be led by Chris Caughey from RBWM. All KS2 children will learn about e-Safety tips, advice and use provided resources to help them stay **safe online**. We will share the learning next week.

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.

Wokingham Half Marathon

Jo Wynn and Susan Baylis ran at 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

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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www.internetmatters.org

This is a new online portal for parents to access advice about online safety for their children. It provides tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.

<http://parentinfo.org/>

Please use this URL. It helps parents/carers reinforce our education of keeping their children safe online.

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)

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	KS2 Online Safety Workshops	9.00am-12.00pm
		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.wsjprimary.org

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

- Caterlink Special Diet/Allergy form to all
- OA4 Dividable Medical Off Site Form to all
- Dance Festival DVD Order Form to Year 1 and 2
- KS2 Poetry Project Anthology Letter to Red Kites
- KS2 Poetry Project Anthology Cover and Content Page to Red Kites
- Sponsored Spelling Bee Results Letter to all
- Easter Holiday Camp Flyer to all