



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful and happy holiday and welcome you back for our final Summer Term, a particular welcome to Joel, Joella in Year 1 and Judah in Year 2 and their family who have joined us for the first time this week.

Summer Term is a busy term as always, with lots of events taking place: Information Meetings, Sports Day, Transition Week, Village Summer Fete, KS2 End of Year Production 'Hoodwinked' and our Leavers Service etc.

Please see Page 3 of this term's dates and events for your diary . You might want to spend a few moments transferring these to your diary so that you do not miss something important. There will be more information about some of the events in future newsletters / letters.

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th June to take the Whole School and Class group photographs. Please make sure your child/ren look smart in their school uniforms.

We continue to be committed to 'Outstanding' academic standards and promote confidence, independence, resilience and hard work. Through our embedded Growth Mindset approach, the children understand that in order to learn they must be brave and make mistakes, and this allows them to tackle challenges they wouldn't have attempted before. As teachers and Teaching Assistants, we never stop learning and the school provides opportunities for all staff to have Continuous Professional Development (CPD) linked to the school priorities and national initiatives. All staff will receive training on supporting children and young people with anxiety, help them overcome and manage it and empower them with resilience and confidence through our Growth Mindset approach and Education in Human Values programme.

Teaching and support staff will, as always, work hard to provide more challenging, bespoke provision for the children and give up their time to significantly expand our extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities such as Lunchtime and After School Clubs, Sports events etc.. The staff and I look forward to continuing to improve our school and the completion of the school improvement projects in what should be an exciting Summer Term.

In fact, as part of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Priorities for this year, to further improve EYFS Outdoor Learning Area; relocate the School Library and create more space for group teaching and learning, during the Easter holiday the following jobs were completed:

- Goat willow tree in the quiet garden was removed due to broken branches and rotten roots
- Pirate Ship Climbing Frame was assembled by Handyperson Mr Timms, ready for use once the wet pour safety surfacing is completed next week.
- Worktops in the ICT Suite were removed by Mr Timms and the floor was polished by our cleaners, ready for the School Library relocated in its place.

We are looking forward to seeing the transformation of the improved learning environment! Thanks for your support, too.



Termly Curriculum Overview for each Year group gives you a broad overview of what your child will be studying at school in Term 5 and 6 and how you might support in their learning. The Overviews will be uploaded on to our website - any questions? Please see your child's Class Teacher.

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:	Rowan Arrowsmith		
Robins:	Luke Croucher	Finley Lonsdale	
Skylarks:	Oliver Sell	Jessica Dunning	
Red Kites:	Amy Bond	Isabella Eales	Megan Jones
Kestrels:	Alice Wakeling	Kirstie Partridge	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	260	
Galileo (Green)	170	
Redgrave (Red)	253	
Yeats (Yellow)	214	

The Winning House for this week is **Brunel**. 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	96.6%	Red Kites	99.0%
Robins	89.6%	Kestrels	98.4%
Skylarks	97.3%	Whole School	96.0%



Congratulations

At the end of last term all the children took part in Davis Tate Easter Egg Colouring Competition and two winners are from our School. Amy Shields, Branch Manager in Twyford will be presenting the prizes to **Poppy Grieves and Leon Galbraith** at the Celebration Assembly this afternoon. Well done and many congratulations!

Adventure Playground

As the weather is improving, children can now use this facility during and after school. Children playing on the Adventure Playground after school are at their own risk. Please ensure that they are playing safely. Pre-school children should **NOT** be allowed to play on the Adventure Playground because the equipment is not designed for children of this age. We strongly advise parents to supervise your children closely. There should be no **RUNNING** and **CHASING** on the Adventure Playground. As a School, we cannot take any responsibility for any injury occurring outside school hours. **USE/PLAY IS AT YOUR OWN RISK!** Thank you for supporting us with this.

Voluntary One Way System and Parking

For those new to our school, we would like to inform and remind you that there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day to avoid congestion during the rush hour. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and leave either by turning left into Brook Lane, or right into Baileys Lane. Brook Lane is a single track Lane, We would ask you not to park on the opposite side of the road or across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours. Please remember to follow the Highway Code and **NOT** park on the Double Yellow Lines at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer School Uniform

As we are now in Summer Terms, Summer uniform can be worn:

Girls: pale blue gingham dress or grey skirts with School's logo polo shirt, white socks;

Boys: School's logo polo shirt with trousers (long or short), grey socks.

Black, hard wearing shoes must be worn, trainers, plimsolls open-toe sandals, and shoes with inappropriate heels may not worn. **No make-up or nail vanish are allowed.**

All the children are expected to have their PE kit in school every day. Please make sure that **ALL ITEMS should be clearly labelled**. Children with shoulder length hair or longer should have it tied back using plain hair-ties, hair bands or clips please. Not only will this contribute to their smartness but will also keep tackle the ongoing head lice problems.

Reading Club is cancelled on Monday 24th April

Please note that, because of joint schools teacher training taking place next Monday 24th April, Reading Club will be cancelled. Thank you for your understanding.

Mathsmagenius Contest

'Mathsmagenius' Contest focusing on Mathematical Language / vocabulary related to the basic skills e.g. number bonds, times tables and their corresponding division facts will take place throughout the week beginning 1st May. All children are encouraged to take part in this contest. More detail to follow next week.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please make sure you have booked your child/ren to attend Extra-Curricular Clubs and that you have returned the permission slips with full payments to school. All Clubs will start next week.

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.

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.

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.

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 5 2017 (28 days)

April	Tues 18 th	Start of Pupil Term	
		Year 3/4 Swimming Lessons start	
	Fri 28 th	Year 6 Cake Sale	3.00pm
May	Mon 1 st	May Day Holiday - School Closed	
	Tues 2 nd – Fri 5 th	Mathemagenius Contest – details to follow	
	Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th	KS2 SATs Week	
	Throughout of May	KS1 SATs	
	Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th	Travelling Book Fair	3.00-4.00pm
	Thurs 18 th	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
	Fri 19 th	Year 6 Cake Sale	3.00pm
	Fri 26 th	Year 6 Ice Cream Sale	3.00pm
	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 5th	Staff Inset Day- School is closed	
	Tues 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Tues 6 th – Fri 9 th	Language and Culture Week – Detail to follow	
	Thurs 8 th	Chinese Delegation visit – detail to follow	PM
	Mon 12 th	English Grammar Workshop for Parents – detail to follow	3.15-4.00pm
	Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
	Sat 17 th	Village Fete at Cricket Field	12.00pm
	Thurs 29 th	Sports Day (followed by family picnic)	9.00am-1.00pm
	Fri 30 th	Whole School Trip - detail to follow	9.00-3.00pm
	July	Wed 5 th	Open Evening to Parents with Children's Presentation
Thurs 6 th		Dress Rehearsal of Hoodwinked	1.30pm
Fri 7 th		Year 6 Outing	9.00-3.00pm
		Year 6 Bounce and Race in the School Playing Field	3.30-5.30pm
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th		Transition Week	
Tues 11 th		Information Meeting for New Parents in School Hall	11.10am-12.00pm
Wed 12 th		KS2 End of Year Production – Hoodwinked	1.30pm & 7.00pm
Thurs 14 th		KS2 End of Year Production – Hoodwinked	7.00pm
Mon 17 th		Award Ceremony – all parents are welcome	9.30am
Wed 19 th		Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents only	9.00am
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.wsprimary.org

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

Year 6 Leavers' End of Year Outing Letter to Year 6

Bags 2School Bags to all