



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a pleasure visiting classrooms since the beginning of Term 5, with children continuing to demonstrate positive attitudes towards their learning and completing a wide variety of learning activities. Our Year 6 children are working very hard preparing for their SATs taking place in the week beginning 8th May. Some children in Owls Class have received 'Headteacher Award' Stickers for their exceptional learning and I am very impressed with how some of our youngest children can apply their phonics skills to read with confidence! **Please continue to support your children by reading daily at home, ensuring your children completing their set homework to a high standard and working in partnership with School Staff to achieve their potential.**

During the last two weeks we have had a lot of prospective parents visiting the school and they all commented on the calm learning atmosphere in school and how focused the children are with their learning and their excellent behaviour. We still have a few places available for Early Years Reception intake September 2017, we also have places available for other year groups. Please contact the School Office for details and help to promote our 'Outstanding' school.

We are delighted to have appointed Warren Clements as **Co-opted Governor** to join the Governing Board following the recent advertisement in the parish magazine 'The Lych Gate'. Warren Clements is a resident of Shurlock Row and has the right set of skills to help the school. Please read the 'Meet the Governor' Section for more details.

More updates on School Improvement Projects:

On Monday the Wetpour Safety Surfacing for EYFS Outdoor Learning Area was completed. We are very pleased with the wonderful provision we provide for our children in EYFS. The purposeful outdoor learning zones are carefully planned with Mud Kitchen, Building Site, Exploration and Reading areas etc. to help the children develop a range of skills and knowledge. Well done to our EYFS Team, Mrs Brancato and Mrs Lancaster for their hard work and parents who have made it possible by donating generously to fund the Climbing Frame and making Mud Kitchen and Tables etc. for the children. Thank you also goes to our PTA who paid for the costs of Safety Surfacing and Football Goal Posts.



The focus of our Education in Human Values (EHV) this term is on the Core Value of '**Non-Violence**' and other related values through the themes of **Pollution, Conservation, Interdependence of Nations and Unity** etc. The children have been focusing on Global Awareness and learning that polluting the air, water and the earth's surface will upset the natural balance of all life and all living things will suffer. They have reflected upon the quote 'The best things in life are free, so take care of them.' Perhaps you could spend some time with your children to talk about the importance of clean air, drinking water, trees and plants and what can happen if we pollute the air too much. Discuss oil slicks and polluted coastlines. Thank you.

Can I remind you that Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed. We are open as normal on Tuesday 2nd May.

Have an enjoyable Bank Holiday 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:	Mollie-Mai Hawkins
Robins:	Christa Gordon Jude Collin Adam Partridge
Skylarks:	Eoin Murphy Danni Benham
Red Kites:	Jack Baylis Tristan Sell Alice Philp
Kestrels:	Poppy Grieves Isabelle Croucher

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	158	418
Galileo (Green)	204	374
Redgrave (Red)	297	550
Yeats (Yellow)	267	481

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	92.7%	Red Kites	97.6%
Robins	92.6%	Kestrels	97.5%
Skylarks	97.4%	Whole School	95.7%



Meet the Governors

Hello from Warren Clements Co-opted Governor of WSL Governing Board

I have joined the Governing Board of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School following the advertisement in the parish magazine 'The Lych Gate'. I am a resident of Shurlock Row having moved to the village in September 2015.



I am a qualified accountant with 24 years' experience working for a number of different companies. For the last 15 years I have worked for BT Group where I have held various different roles including 3 years as Group Controller and for the last 3 years as Chief Financial Officer of Openreach, a division of BT.

Although I don't have any experience of being a School Governor I'm hoping to bring the skills and experience from my business career to ensure all children at the School get the best possible primary education.

When I'm not working, I cycle regularly and play golf. My wife (Helen) and I have one son George who is in secondary school in Reading.

I am really looking forward to helping the school.

Warren Clements

Learning Resources are Wanted...

Children in Owls are learning about insects this term. If you have some **large plastic insects / mini-beasts**, please pass them on to Mrs Brancato. Thank you.

Collection of Children at the end of school day

Your children's welfare is our priority and it is important that we know every child is collected by a designated adult. We would be very grateful if you could let us know in advance that someone else is picking up your child to avoid any confusion.

Mathsmagenius Contest

'Mathsmagenius' Contest focusing on Mathematical Language / vocabulary related to all aspects of Maths will Take place throughout the week beginning Tuesday 2nd May. Please refer to the letter sent home on 26th April, which outlines the different aspects of Maths with some examples of relevant Maths Vocabulary for your reference. Remember, as with all learning, **little and often** is what gets results. In practice, this means that five minutes a day is better than one hour, once a week. All children are encouraged to take part in this contest. Keep learning, children and good luck!

Outstanding Payment for Lunches and Clubs

Please may we ask all parents/carers whose children are in Years 3-6 and order a school lunch to always ensure they have paid for the meal in advance.

If outstanding debts are not cleared and credit is not available for your child to order a lunch, you may receive a call informing you that a packed lunch is required for your child.

Parents/Carers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their child's dinner money account has credit available and remember to pay promptly for lunches and clubs well in advance.

If you have any problem, please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

After School Extra-Curricular Clubs

All the Clubs have started this week. We are grateful that parents and teachers give up their time to run some of the very popular clubs. Children are expected to follow the School Code of Conduct at all times, any behaviour which disrupts the learning and enjoyment of other children in the Clubs will not to be tolerated and children demonstrating such persistent disruptive behaviour will be given warnings, taken out of or excluded from clubs. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

Travelling Book Fair

We will be holding the Travelling Book Fairs with books for sale from Monday 8th May till Friday 12th May after school between 3.00 and 4.00pm. **Please note that the sales will take place in Dining Hall or Playground.** The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school!

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.

Henley Arts Trail

This event will take place Saturday 29th April – Monday 1st May 2017 with 32 venues full of amazing local talent! Please refer to the leaflets sent home for further details or check their website www.henleyartstrail.com

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
	Fri 12th	Skylarks Fundraiser	3.00pm
	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 5 th	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	5.30pm-7.00pm
	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.wslprimary.org

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

Mathemagenius Contest Letter to all

Travelling Books Leaflets to all

Henley Arts Trial Leaflet to all

Dolphin School Book Festival 2017 Programme to all