



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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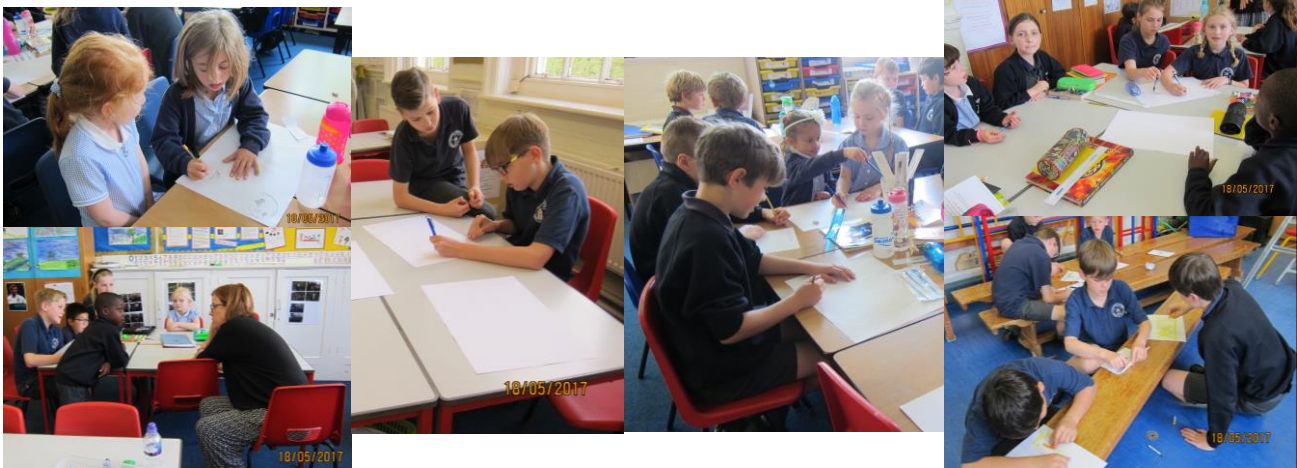
Dear Parents / Carers,

Once again the term seems to be flying by, I can't believe we only have one week until the May Holiday, the children have certainly been enjoying their learning and continue to play well together. Even the Playing Field is being used nearly every day whenever it is dry enough to run on!

Year 2 children deserve a special mention this week for their positive attitude during the KS1 SATs tests. We are so proud of them and the way that they tackled the week with determination, perseverance and enthusiasm. They will have two more tests to do next week. All the test results will be used to support Teacher Assessment which will be included in the end of year Annual Report. A huge thank you to all of the KS1 team and everyone who have supported them through the SATs.

Our Year 6 children continue working hard after SATs last week. This week they have been focusing on their writing tasks which will be judged against end of the year criteria. We have confidence that our children will achieve their best.

Yesterday all the children gathered together in their House Teams to plan for another exciting **Young Apprentice House Competition Event**. This will take place next Friday afternoon 26th May on the school playground. Please refer to the letter sent home today for details. Here are just some of photos to show how they worked as a team to brainstorm ideas for their own business with the aim to make as much money as possible for the school. We wish them all good luck!



Language and Culture Week from 6th June to 9th June

As part of the National Curriculum, since 2014, teaching Modern Foreign Languages at KS2 has become compulsory. In our School we teach two different Foreign Languages to our pupils, French (Year 3-5) and Mandarin (Year 6). Our school is the first Primary School in RBWM to teach Mandarin. During our 'Language and Culture Week' which will take place in the week commencing 5th June, the first week of Term 6, the children will have the opportunity to celebrate the diversity and learn to speak different languages (Mandarin, French, Italian etc.) and appreciate different cultures at WSL. We are very pleased to have organised a delegation from China to visit us on Thursday afternoon 8th June. Our children will join the Chinese Delegation (with education background) to give a special performance at 2:10pm and finishes before 3.00pm, followed by Tea and Coffee and/or nibbles from difference cultures. You are all welcome to join us on this special occasion so please keep this date in your diary. We also plan to have a Sharing Assembly on Friday 9th June, too. More detail to follow.

If you would like to offer your expertise and talk to children about your job using different languages, or cook something Spanish or Vietnamese etc. we would love to hear from you, please contact the School Office or your child's Class Teacher.

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:	Freddie Scrimshaw	
Robins:	Harry Ablewhite	Jonny Sparkes
	Marcus Edwards	
Skylarks:	Abigail Pope	Azaan Chapman
Red Kites:	Leon Corkin	Vinnie Smith
Kestrels:	Aoife Murphy	Lola Wynn

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	418	1349
Galileo (Green)	305	1259
Redgrave (Red)	497	1588
Yeats (Yellow)	334	1476


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 15-05-17 to 19-05-17

Owls	90.8%	Red Kites	92.4%	
Robins	88.9%	Kestrels	89.4%	
Skylarks	91.3%	Whole School	90.6%	

Travelling Books Book Fair

We have raised £305.72 which will enable us to get £82.29 worth of FREE books for our School Library. Thanks

Bags2School Fund Raising

Together we collected 256kg and raised **£102.40!** What an amazing amount! Thank you so much for your support.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Becky Bond, Parent Governor since 2013, will end her term on 6th June 2017. Becky has played an instrumental role as Safeguarding Governor and has been so committed and dedicated to the best outcomes for the children and the School's overall achievements. We would like to thank her for her superb support and great help to the school over the last four years.

Due to this we now have one vacancy for Parent Governor. If you would like to discuss being a governor, please refer to the letter sent home on Wednesday for more details or contact me or our Chair of Governors, Richard Pelly, his contact number is available via the Office.

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a Non-Uniform day next **Friday 26th May** in support of the prizes for Adults Tombola for the **Village Fete on Saturday 17th June**. Please bring in a bottle of something that is of good quality, in-date and desirable! There will be PTA members or Class Reps outside the main door to accept any donations on the day. Your support is much appreciated!

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.

Norovirus

There are an increasing number of pupils at school with diarrhoea and vomiting consistent with symptoms of Norovirus. At the assembly we have talked to children and emphasised the importance of hand washing after using the toilet and before eating or handling food. Our cleaners have been cleaning all door handles and surfaces thoroughly. Let's all take extra care to limit this on-going transmission of infection. Please remember, if your child has been affected by sickness and/or diarrhoea, we ask that you keep them off school for 48 hours.



Medication in School

Please could all parents note that only **prescribed medication** and Inhalers should be brought into school and handed in to the School Office. Parents should complete and sign a Medicine Request Form before we can administer any medication. Many thanks for your support in this matter

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The closing date for collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers has now passed. We would like to calculate the number of vouchers we have collected as a school and place an order. Thank you for the many contributions we have already received, and please could you send in any remaining vouchers as soon as possible. **The deadline is on Friday 9th June**. We are very grateful for these vouchers which help us to add to resources and equipment in school.

School Budget is TIGHT, Can You Help Us By...

- Making more grant applications for our School?
- Asking your business to provide any support or sponsorship?
- Asking your family members to consider supporting the Friends of Waltham St Lawrence (FOWSL) Charity by making a regular contribution to school funds through a standing order? [FOWSL Gift Aid Declaration Form is attached.](#)

School Book Bags and PE Bags

Our School Book Bags and Drawstring Bag for PE kit are of a very good size. **Due to limited peg space in the Cloakroom we would appreciate if all large-sized rucksacks are replaced with the School Book Bags.** The rucksacks take up so much room and there is not enough space for their coats and they fall on the floor and become a trip hazard.

PE kit should be in a drawstring bag and kept in school from Monday to Friday. Please make sure that the children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name or their names clearly written and easily visible. Thank you for your understanding and support.

After School Clubs / End of School Day Collection

We need your written consent if you prefer your children to walk home themselves from school in Terms 5 and 6. We ask that you sign your consent letter for giving permission for school to let them go. Thank you.

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)

May	15th – 25th	KS1 SATs in Reading, Maths	
	Fri 19 th	Year 6 Cake Sale	3.00pm
	Fri 26th	Young Apprentice House Competition	1.30-2.30pm
		Non-Uniform Day in support of Village Fete	
		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

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	
	Thurs 8th	Chinese Delegation visit & joint performance with children	2.10pm
		followed by the PTA Tea/Coffee etc.	3.00pm
	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 to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens	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

SUMMER HOLIDAY: Monday 24th July 2017 to 4th Monday September 2017

Academic Year 2017-2018

Term 1 (35 days)

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 4 September 2017
Start of Pupil Term:	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
End of Pupil Term:	Friday 20 October 2017
October Holiday:	Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017

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:

- Parent Governor Vacancy Notification Letter to all
- Whole School Trip Letter to all
- Young Apprentice House Competition Letter to all
- FOWSL Gift Aid Declaration Form to all