



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The school joined the nation yesterday at 11.00am for one minute silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the terror attack in Manchester. As a School we form part of a wider safeguarding system and we have a duty of care to safeguard our children including safeguarding them from the risk of being drawn into terrorism. We help our children discuss and understand these sensitive topics as age appropriate.

What have we been learning in school?

As part of the Science Topic on Sound, children in Year 3 and 4 carried out an investigation to find the best materials to use to protect a child's ears at a noisy rock concert. In groups, the children had to design, carry out and record their investigations.



On Tuesday morning the Robins Class visited Millennium Woods at the invitation of Mrs Davies and had a fantastic time looking at different types of trees and berries. The children worked hard to match the leaves they found to the correct trees. They then collected leaves, twigs, daisies and fir cones and brought them back to school. They created a wonderful collage with everything they have found. We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Davies.



Our second 'Young Apprentice' House Competition will take place this afternoon from 1.30pm – 2.30pm on the school playground. The children are all very excited about running their own business and aim to make as much money as they can for the School. Let's wish them all good luck. We will announce the winning house at the end of day – more report to follow.

We break up from School today and look forward to welcoming you back for the final Term 6 of this academic year on **Tuesday 6th June 2017**. 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. Please remember that **Monday 5th June is INSET Day and the school is closed**.

We wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing and safe May Holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher

Star Pupils for Term 5

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: Maya Sharma-Grey

Year 1: Christa Gordon

Year 2: Jamie Baylis

Year 3: Lucas Mumford

Year 4: Amelie McIntosh

Year 5: Megan Jones

Year 6: Finley Doyle

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	242	1591
Galileo (Green)	219	1478
Redgrave (Red)	272	1860
Yeats (Yellow)	325	1801

The Winning House for this week is **Yeats**. Well done.

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 22-05-17 to 26-05-17

Owls 95.0% **Red Kites 95.6%**

Robins 92.6% Kestrels 89.4%

Skylarks 92.2% Whole School 93.0%



Stop and Drop Zone

A huge thank you goes to our parent volunteers who help man this service and have made it such a great success, ensuring the safety of the children as they leave their car and make their way into school independently. Thank you, you have made a difference!

Parent Governor Appointed

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Collinson will be joining the WSL Governing Board as Parent Governor.

We look forward to working with Mr Collinson. Congratulations, Mr Collinson.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a bottle in support of the prizes for Adults Tombola for the **Village Fete on Saturday 17th June**. Your support is much appreciated.

Raffle Tickets for Village Fete

Village Fete is really an important fund raiser for the School, of which raffle is the biggest earner. Please return your tickets to the PTA Box outside the School Entrance and make sure cheques payable to **Waltham St Lawrence Fete** Spare Raffle Tickets are available in the School Office.

Whole School Trip Money

Thank you for the money received so far for the Whole School trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens on Friday 30th June. Please send in your contributions to your child's Class Teacher **by 7th June 2017**. This is a voluntary contribution, but if the costs are not met, the trip may have to be cancelled. Thank you.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

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.

Language and Culture Week 6th – 9th June

Our 'Language and Culture Week' will take place in the, the first week of Term 6, the children will have the opportunity to celebrate the diversity and appreciate different cultures at WSL. A delegation from China will visit us on **Thursday afternoon 8th June and give a special performance at 2:10pm with our children**. This will be followed by Tea and Coffee and/or nibbles from difference cultures at 3.00pm. You are all welcome to join us on this special occasion. We would like to invite you to the Sharing Assembly on Friday 9th June at 2.30pm in the School Hall.

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

Parenting Special Children (PSC)

Great support for parents of children with ASD and ADHD including sleep workshops and pre- and post- diagnosis support can be found at:

www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk

Please find attached a flyer for the next ADHD parent programme run by the Charity Parenting Special Children (PSC). It is a **5 week programme and will be run at the Town Hall, Maidenhead - Tuesday evenings, 13th June – 11th July 6.45pm-8.45pm**.

It is for parents with a child with a diagnosis of ADHD or they are on the pathway. If you would be interested please could you let Mrs Woof, Inclusion Coordinator know via the School Office so that we can refer direct to PSC.

School Book Bags and PE Bags

Due to limited peg space in the Cloakroom and health and safety reasons we would appreciate if all large-sized rucksacks are replaced with the School Book Bags.

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.

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**. Thank you for your continued support.

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 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
Staff Inset Day: Tuesday 5th September 2017
 Start of Pupil Term: Wednesday 6th September 2017
 End of Pupil Term: Friday 20 October 2017
October Holiday: Monday 23 October 2017 to Friday 27 October 2017

Term 2 (37 days)

Staff Inset Day: Monday 30 October 2017
 Start of Pupil Term: Tuesday 31st October 2017
 End of Pupil Term: Tuesday 19 December 2017
Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 20 December 2017 to Tuesday 2 January 2018

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:

- Basic Stationery Supply List Letter to all
- Raffle Tickets for Village Fete to all
- PTA Meeting Minutes to all
- Camp Leaflet to all