



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We want all of our children to build on their 'learning powers'. These are characteristics which we think will make our children even better learners. One of these is that *Good learners keep improving*. In School we promote Growth Mindset, Class Teachers often talk about building muscle, and how the brain, like a muscle, can be improved with practice and input. For this reason, I like the word **'yet'**. **'Yet'** means I may not have the skills or knowledge **right now** to accomplish what I want, but if I stay focused, I can gain those skills. Think how you can use **'yet'** if you are struggling with something. The children do require to continue to use the Growth Mindset approach – having a positive 'I Can do' attitude and being resilient to help them through next week as ...

We are in 'National Testing' season – assessment of our Year 2 children is on-going during the month of May and formal tests of Reading, SPaG and Maths will be in the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May, while our Year 6 children have a week of tests, commencing next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The children (and staff) are all working very hard. Good luck to all of our pupils – we are sure that they will do their best and that their hard work will be reflected in the results. Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive along the way. Here are a few key reminders and they do make a huge difference:

- Make sure your child has early nights and has plenty of sleep
- Ensure your child has yummy breakfast (**offered free to Year 6 children only next week, just turn up at 8.00am**) and has plenty to drink
- Ensure your child is in school every day on time and has calm thoughts – the day will start with the usual registration routines
- If your child is unwell, contact the school in plenty of time from 8.00am onwards and we will make arrangements for your child to take the test away from others and arrange a collection time also

For Year 2 parents, can you please also avoid booking holidays or appointments (if necessary please try to make doctor or dentist appointments out of school time as much as possible) during this on-going assessment period, as it is vital for your children to be in school EVERYDAY so that they will not miss out any important lessons and assessments or tests. Thank you for your support.

We are delighted to see so many children enjoying the new clubs on offer this term (Yoga and Active Gamerz) and learning and developing a wide variety of skills through these experiences. The children also thoroughly enjoy their new Rocksteady Music lessons. We continue to look for opportunities to provide children with extra enrichment activities throughout the summer term. If you have some spare time and would be interested to help us run a Gardening Club, please contact the School Office or your Child's Class Teacher. Thank you.



As I mentioned in last week's Newsletter recently we have quite a few prospective parents visiting our school and commented on how wonderful our school is and how engaged the children are with their learning. Please spread the word as we still have a few places available for Early Years Reception intake September 2017, we also have places available for other year groups, too. Please contact the School Office for details.

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.

<b>Owls:</b>	Lucie Teague	
<b>Robins:</b>	Laetitia Mumford	Thomas Quinn
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Amelia Roye	Joshua Creffield
<b>Red Kites:</b>	All of Red Kites Class	
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Amelie Galbraith	Josie Bate

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	201	619
Galileo (Green)	270	644
Redgrave (Red)	234	<b>784</b>
Yeats (Yellow)	<b>297</b>	778

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 01-05-17 to 05-05-17**

Owls 84.1% Red Kites 95.0%

**Robins 100%** Kestrels 96.9%

Skylarks 95.7% Whole School 95.6%



## Top Table Fine Dining

The children continue to enjoy 'Fine Dining' because it 'made me feel special, another child said: 'I loved the Fine Dining and the lovely cups and water jug and tablecloths' Yesterday our second group of children for this term selected for their excellent table manners, shared a fine dining experience! Each brought a guest to enjoy the privilege, our Lunchtime controllers are very impressed with how polite our children are. Wow!

## Reading at Home



We expect the children to read to an adult or older brother or sister at home **every day**. It is important that an adult signs the Reading Record each time. Thank you for your support. Confident readers have reached the stage where they sometimes want to read silently to themselves. The interaction between the parent and child may change at this stage. To ensure that your child's reading development continues to move forward, we would encourage you to question your child about what they are reading, at an appropriate time, to extend their reading and share their enjoyment of the book.

## Travelling Books Book Fair

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

## Sickness and Bugs

Please remember, if your child has been affected by sickness and/or diarrhoea, we ask that you keep them off school for 48 hours.

## PE Kit and Trainers

PE is a statutory curriculum for all primary children. Participation in PE is hugely important for the development of health, fitness and wider skills for learning such as resilience and collaboration. Every week we have a number of children who are forgetting their PE kit. This is a reminder to all parents, **please can you make sure your child bring in their full PE Kit including trainers (all clearly labelled) on Monday and take them home for washing on Friday.** 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.

## Adventure Playground

We would be very grateful if you could supervise your children playing on the Adventure Playground after school. There is no staff supervision at these times and the children have been told they should only use the facility with their parental supervision after school.

## Mathsmagenius Contest

This week all children are working hard during 'Mathsmagenius' Contest focusing on Mathematical Language / vocabulary related to all aspects of Maths We will inform you the result shortly.

## Bags2School Fund Raising

This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid £400.00 a tonne from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** we collect. Please go through wardrobes and gather as many items as you can. Please bring your bags for collection on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00am. Thank you.

## KS2 Year 6 SATs 2017

The dates for this year's Year 6 SATs Exams are **8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. It is vital that the children are in school during this very important period.

## After School Clubs – KS2 Collection Arrangements

We have agreed that Year 6 children will be able to walk home from clubs in Terms 5 and 6 to allow them to build up their independence before secondary school. We need your written consent. If you give permission for your child to walk home from school themselves we ask that you sign the form giving permission for school to let them go.

**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)**

<b>May</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	May Day Holiday - School Closed	
	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mathemagenius Contest	
	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May	The PTA Meeting	7.30pm
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs Week	
	Throughout of May	KS1 SATs	
	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Books Book Fair	3.00-4.00pm
	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Skylarks Fundraiser</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Cake Sale	3.00pm
	<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day in support of Village Fete - Detail to follow</b>	
		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)**

<b>June</b>	<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Staff Inset Day- School is closed</b>	
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Pupil Term	
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Language and Culture Week – Detail to follow	
	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese Delegation visit – detail to follow	PM
	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	English Grammar Workshop for Parents – detail to follow	3.15-4.00pm
	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
	Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	Village Fete at Cricket Field	12.00pm
	Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (followed by family picnic)	9.00am-1.00pm
	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Trip - detail to follow	9.00-3.00pm
<b>July</b>	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening to Parents with Children's Presentation	5.30pm-7.00pm
	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Rehearsal of Hoodwinked	1.30pm
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Outing	9.00-3.00pm
		Year 6 Bounce and Race in the School Playing Field	3.30-5.30pm
	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Week	
	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Information Meeting for New Parents in School Hall	11.10am-12.00pm
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of Year Production – Hoodwinked	1.30pm & 7.00pm
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 End of Year Production – Hoodwinked	7.00pm
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Award Ceremony – all parents are welcome	9.30am
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for Year 6 parents only	9.00am
	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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