



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The children were still talking about our Language and Culture and the whole week culminated with a 'Show and Tell' Sharing Assembly on Friday last week with each class had the chance to show what they had learned over the week. We enjoyed hearing children saying greetings, counting in Greek, Vietnamese and other languages and singing an African song. EYFS children dressed up in the traditional dress of their chosen country. All the children showed great enthusiasm throughout all these events. Thank you for coming to the Family Assembly last Friday. I hope you have all enjoyed it. Well done to all the children who have acquired new knowledge about different cultures and demonstrated their new skills of counting and singing in different languages. Here are some of the photos and children's comments about the week.



'I really enjoyed Language and Culture Week. My favourite thing is when Angelos' mum came in and told us about Greek and we tried some food. I also liked the Chinese Dance and the Anansi Stories Amelia brought in.' – Abi, Year 3

'I loved Language and Culture Week because it was great to learn things about places in the world.' - Monty, Year 3

'I thought that it was interesting and I learned different things from different cultures. My Nanny came in and talked about her culture and I didn't know half of the things so I learned something new!' - Amelia, Year 3

'I enjoyed doing the Haka in front of the Class.' – Isaac, Year 3

'I absolutely loved language and Culture Week and all the activities in our class. Mrs Gordon brought in some water melon, pitta bread, vegetable oil and halloumi cheese for our food tasting session and we learned how to write and count numbers and name shapes in Greek' – Emily, Year 4

'It was inspiring when I saw all the school sharing their learning. It was fun listening to everyone at the sharing Assembly. I learned a lot of new things.' – Azaan, Year 4 *'It was fun making and bringing in food to share with the class.'* – Megan, Year 5

'It was an honour and privilege to have so many special people come to visit our school. I enjoyed doing our poetry and singing. It was very fun and I loved the colourful outfits.' – Poppy, Year 6

'I really enjoyed meeting the Chinese delegation because I was interested to know how they would dress, speak and communicate. They wanted to learn about our culture and we wanted to learn about theirs. I thought it was really cool that they looked interested to meet us.' – Finlay, Year 6 *'I loved it and hope they could come in again!'* – Millie, Year 6

'Last Thursday the Chinese Delegation came in and performed some dancing. It was wonderful and I learned a lot from the amazing experience! I loved dressing up, singing and performing poem in Mandarin. It was really extraordinary!' Kirstie, Yr 6

What busy two weeks we have had so far in Term 6! A very successful Language and Culture Week, Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, plus the forthcoming Village Fete tomorrow - without the hard work of our staff, the PTA and support of wider school community these events would simply not occur. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

We still NEED volunteers for the Village Fete this Saturday 17th June! If you have a spare hour, then please come along to the Village Fete to help - you can either man a stall or supervise the Bouncy Castle or come for general help e.g. setting up or taking down tents etc. **25 % of the money raised at the Village Fete will come back directly to the school and benefit our children.** The more people helping, the more we can do, the more successful the day will be. **So please come along and help support our wonderful school. Thank you.**

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:	Lily Spooner
Robins:	Amber Ripley Scarlet Roye Joel Bes-Bordes
Skylarks:	Grace Gammon Angelos Gordon
Red Kites:	Callum Presnail Jack Baylis Harriet Butler- Walker
Kestrels:	Josh Hamer Owen James

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	113	1912
Galileo (Green)	243	1869
Redgrave (Red)	224	2285
Yeats (Yellow)	231	2245

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

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 12-06-17 to 16-06-17

Owls	94.2%	Red Kites	94.0%
Robins	96.1%	Kestrels	90.6%
Skylarks	94.8%	Whole School	94.2%



Library Books

We are pleased to inform you that we have recently upgraded our Library System now called Reading Cloud. To help us to keep up to date of all our stock we would like **ALL Library Books with a bar code to be returned to school by the next Thursday 22nd June**. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed Library books. Thank you.

English Grammar Workshop on Thursday 22nd June

We are pleased to organise this English Grammar Workshop for KS1 and KS2 Parents on **Thursday 22nd June from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the School Hall**. For seating arrangements we would appreciate if you could confirm your attendance to your child's Class Teacher or via call / emails to the School Office.

Annual Outdoor Gig

Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club's 6th Annual Gig is on **Friday 14th July** at the Club – this has been a very popular event for the whole family.

There will be two live bands playing 80's/70's music, Food (Haweli curry and BBQ), Bar, parking.

For more details please refer to the flyers on PTA Notice Board outside the School Office or contact Rupe via rupendupatel@yahoo.co.uk

Whole School Trip Money

Thank you for the money received so far with **73% families have paid** for the Whole School trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens on Friday 30th June. **Without sufficient voluntary contribution the trip may have to be cancelled**. 27% parents have not paid yet, please can you do so ASAP in order for the trip to go ahead. Thank you for your support.

Lateness

Please ensure that your children continue to arrive on time to begin the school day. The school gates open at 8:40am and the bell rings at 8.50am and children should be in class for registration then.

Being Independent

We continue to want the best for our children especially in ensuring that they become independent and resilient both in their learning and wider activities. Now that our youngest children in Owls have got used to the routines and we would like to prepare them for the next year. Well done and thank you to all of the parents who have been saying goodbye to the children at the main gate and allowing them to come into school independently. This will really help them with their transition to Year 1. **We would expect ALL the KS2 children come in independently!** Thank you for your support.

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.

THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs James and Mrs Kemp who have donated some beautiful plants to school. Yesterday they both worked very hard, removed weeds and transformed our learning area.



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 6 (35 days)

June	Sat 17 th	Village Fete at Cricket Field	12.00pm
	Thurs 22 nd	English Grammar Workshop for Parents –new Date & Time	2.30-3.30pm
	W/C 26 th	RE Week	
	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	Year 6 Leavers Party – Cricket Club	5.00-7.00pm
	Thurs 6 th	Dress Rehearsal of Hoodwinked	1.30pm
		Open Evening to Parents with Children's Presentation	5.30pm-7.00pm
	Fri 7 th	Year 6 Outing – High Rope Course	9.00-3.00pm
	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 13 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

Term 3 (28 days)

Staff Inset Day: Wednesday 3 January 2018
 Start of Pupil Term: Thursday 4th January 2018
 End of Pupil Term: Friday 9 February 2018
February Holiday: Monday 12 February 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018

Term 4 (29 days)

Start of Pupil Term: Monday 19 February 2018
 End of Pupil Term: Thursday 29 March 2018
Spring Holiday: Friday 30 March 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018
(Good Friday: 30 March 2018 and Easter Monday: 2 April 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:

Mad Science Leaflet to all