



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an eventful and wonderful week we have had here at Waltham St Lawrence! We would like to give a huge vote of thanks to our hardworking PTA who worked tirelessly jointly organising this year's Parish Village Fete. Thank you to all those parents, Governors, staff and children who have given their time and effort in so many ways helping both on the day and in the days leading up to it. Thank you all for coming to support us on Saturday. Together we have raised about £8,500. (The exact amount will be confirmed) 25% of the money raised will go straight back to our children here at school. The extra money gives our children many opportunities they may not otherwise have had. Thank you!!!



In partnership with Institute of Education (IOE) of Reading University, we welcomed a group of Chinese Teachers of English to our school this week for their school placements. The purpose of their visit is to learn about the British Education System and in return they also planned some activities for the children. All the children had the opportunity to learn more about the Chinese Language and Culture such as Chinese Wedding, Mandarin, Paper cutting, Beijing Opera Gymnastics and Shuttlecocks. They thoroughly enjoyed acquiring some new skills.



Thank you for those who attended the English Grammar Workshop for KS1 and KS2 Parents yesterday. We hope you have found it useful. We will have the PowerPoint slides uploaded on the website for your reference.

I am very pleased to announce that we are fully staffed for 2017-18 and the school organisation for next year will be:

**Owls:** Mrs Brancato

**Robins:** Miss Gregory

**Skylarks:** Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Robinson

**Red Kites:** Mrs Cubbage

**Kestrels:** Mr Errington

We are now in the final process of organising classes for 2017-18 taking into consideration of a variety of criteria as previous years: age, ability, maturity, friendship, balanced number and gender in each class. For the new academic year only two year groups are going to be split, Year 1 and 4. I will keep you informed of the final new class organisation in due course. In the meanwhile I am happy to discuss any concerns or answer any questions you may have about this.

School Photos – we are requested to have our Whole School photos taken again on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00am, so please make sure your child/ren look smart in their School uniforms.

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.

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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Owls:</b>      | Eira Roberts    | Caleb Tarn      |                 |
| <b>Robins:</b>    | Jenna Williams  | Teddy Whitehead | Thomas Croucher |
| <b>Skylarks:</b>  | Freya Ablewhite | Monty Philp     |                 |
| <b>Red Kites:</b> | Prunella Dabliz | Eleanor Bye     |                 |
| <b>Kestrels:</b>  | Georgie Owen    | Finlay Doyle    |                 |

## House Points

|                 | Weekly Total | Rolling Total |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Brunel (Blue)   | 186          | 2098          |
| Galileo (Green) | 294          | 2163          |
| Redgrave (Red)  | 258          | 2543          |
| Yeats (Yellow)  | 223          | 2468          |

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 19-06-17 to 23-06-17**

Owls 92.5% Red Kites 96.0%

**Robins 98.7%** Kestrels 89.4%

Skylarks 91.3% Whole School 94.3%



## 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 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed Library books. Thank you.

## Strengths and Resilience

Mr Collinson, Ethan's dad has started a four-week sessions on Strengths and Resilience Programme in Kestrels Class. This links very well with our Values Education and Growth Mindset approach. It will help children understand themselves and others and develop strategies to cope with changes during this very important transition period. Thank you to Mr Collinson for giving up his time to support the school.

## Open Evening to All Parents

**Open Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.** You will have an opportunity to look at your child/ren's work and have a chat with the class teachers about your child/ren's learning and progress over the year. **At 6.00pm** there will be a presentation led by children. More details to follow.

## Annual Outdoor Gig

Waltham St Lawrence Cricket Club's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gig is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (Hawelli 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](mailto:rupendupatel@yahoo.co.uk)

## Whole School Trip Money

Thank you for the money received. We are pleased that **82% families have paid** for the Whole School trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Only 17% parents have not paid yet, please can you do so ASAP in order for the trip to go ahead. If you have any problems or difficulties, please come to see me. Thank you for your support.

## Spaces at the School Next Year

As we look forward to next year we see that we will have spaces in the following year groups: Year 1, 3 and 4. We will be very happy to talk to any parents who might be interested in their child starting in WSL in September, for example if they are moving into the area. Please contact the School Office for more details.

## Sports Day and Family Picnic

Please make a note in your diaries that our Sports Day will take place **on the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017** and we would love you all to come along and watch. Should we be unlucky with the weather, the date will change and we will inform you of an alternative date – but fingers crossed, we will be in the middle of a fine spell of sunshine and no rearrangement will be needed! We are aiming for a **9.15am start** and should be all finished by midday when all families are invited to join us for our School Family Picnic in the Playing Field from 12.00-1.00pm. Please refer to the letter sent home regarding ordering Picnic Buffet. The PTA will sell Ice Creams and Lollies on the day. See you then.



## NHS Choices Tips for Coping in Hot Weather

**Avoid the heat: stay out of the sun and don't go out between 11.00am and 3.00pm (the hottest part of the day) if you're vulnerable to the effects of heat.**

**Keep rooms cool by using shades or reflective material outside the windows. If this isn't possible, use light-coloured curtains and keep them closed (metallic blinds and dark curtains can make the room hotter).**

**Have cool baths or showers, and splash yourself with cool water.**

**Drink cold drinks regularly, such as water and diluted fruit juice. Avoid excess alcohol, caffeine (tea, coffee and cola) or drinks high in sugar.**

**Listen to alerts on the radio, TV and social media about keeping cool.**

**Plan ahead to make sure you have enough supplies, such as food, water and any medications you need.**

**Identify the coolest room in the house so you know where to go to keep cool.**

**Wear loose, cool clothing, and a hat and sunglasses if you go outdoors.**

**Check up on friends, relatives and neighbours who may be less able to look after themselves.**

**If you're worried about yourself or a vulnerable neighbour, friend or relative, you can contact the local environmental health office at your local authority.**

**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 | W/C 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | RE Week   |                 |
|      | Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>                      | Sports Day (followed by family picnic)                  | 9.00am-1.00pm   |
|      | Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>                        | Whole School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens | 9.00-3.00pm     |
| July | Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>                         | Year 6 Leavers Party – Cricket Club                     | 5.00-7.00pm     |
|      | Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>                       | Dress Rehearsal of Hoodwinked                           | 1.30pm          |
|      |   | Open Evening to Parents with Children's Presentation    | 5.30pm-7.00pm   |
|      | Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>                         | Year 6 Outing – High Rope Course                        | 9.00-3.00pm     |
|      | 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 13 <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          |

**SUMMER HOLIDAY: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday September 2017**

#### Academic Year 2017-2018

#### Term 1 (35 days)

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Staff Inset Day:     | Monday 4 September 2017                          |
| Staff Inset Day:     | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017           |
| Start of Pupil Term: | Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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)

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|----------------------|--|
| Staff Inset Day:     | Monday 30 October 2017                               |
| Start of Pupil Term: | Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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<br>(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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

Sports Day & Family Picnic Letter to all      Altwood Open Morning Flyer Y5      Festival of Archaeology 2017 Poster to all  
NHS Beat the Heat staying Safe in hot Weather and Forecast information to all  
NHS Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination Parent Letter to Rec – Year 4  
Open Morning – Evening at Furz Platt Senior School Leaflet to Year 5 Parents  
Langley Fire Station Open Day Leaflet to all