



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 21st July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievably, this school year has flown by. As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of your help and support throughout the year. WSL is a fantastic place to be and I feel incredibly privileged to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school. There have been many highlights and successes for the school. To be judged by Ofsted as an OUTSTANDING School was a real achievement for everyone involved with WSL. I know many of you enjoyed the special Family Assemblies, Sports Day, and fantastic productions and other events held this year, while our PTA and the parents/carers have worked extremely hard fundraising in support of school for the benefit of our children, amassed an impressive £5,000+.

The children have worked really hard and each one has made progress across the curriculum. None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of our Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Support Staff. I am incredibly grateful to each of them for their hard work and extensive contributions towards making WSL such a brilliant school. I would like to add that the year culminated in the fantastic outcomes for Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and EYFS outcomes as well as excellent SAT results at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. I will share the detailed information with you in September.

Today we will be sadly saying farewell to Mrs White, Mrs Crothers and Mrs Turner. We will miss them all and thank them for their valued work as Teaching Assistants / ELSA and for all that they have done for our school. We wish all of them happiness and good health in the future.

I am sure you would like to say 'Good Luck' to any pupils, particularly our Year 6 who are leaving us – We wish our children well and very happy in their new schools and they will carry on their learning journey at their secondary schools. We do hope that you keep in touch with us and let us know how you are doing. It has been great pleasure having you at WSL! We would like to thank all the parents of Year 6, who will be joining the ranks of ex-Waltham St Lawrence parents, (although we still hope to see you at school events!) for your partnership and huge support over the years!

I am very pleased to announce that Progressive Sports Progressive Sport will continue to work alongside our School to run the Extended School Provision – After School CARE Club here at WSL School, commencing 6th September 2017. Our school continues to offer an Extended School Day from 8.00am to 6.00pm with the following operation hours:

Breakfast Club: 8.00am - 8.40am – ongoing as normal

After School CARE Club 3.00pm – 6.00pm – ongoing as normal

Progressive Sports will continue to deliver an outstanding Afterschool CARE Club programme for our children. If you would like to book a place for your child, please complete the Registration Form sent home today and send directly to Progressive Sports.

Finally, this is a reminder that school finishes today **21st July at 2.00 pm** for the summer holiday. For those returning, school will be closed for staff training on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2017 and will re-open for pupils on **Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 8.40am**. Please refer to the Term Dates for 2017-18 on the last page of this letter.

On behalf of all the staff and governors I wish you all a relaxing, happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everybody invigorated and ready for the next academic year which promises to be AMAZING!

Have an enjoyable weekend and very happy and safe Summer Holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Headteacher

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

Star Pupils of Term 6

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: Abbigail Mason

Year 2: Marcus Edwards

Year 3: Grace Gammon

Year 4: Emily Stewart

Year 5: Beth James

Year 6: Kirstie Partridge



Star Pupils of the Year 2016-2017

Congratulations to the Star Pupils of the Year:

EYFS: Eira Robert

Year 1: Oscar Ripley

Year 2: Bella Corkin

Year 3: Freya Ablewhite

Year 4: Matilda Croucher

Year 5: Isabella Eales

Year 6: Joshua Presnail

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	219	2536
Galileo (Green)	204	2621
Redgrave (Red)	294	3235
Yeats (Yellow)	172	3050

The Winning House for Term 6 is **Redgrave**. Well done.

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

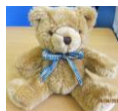
Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 17-07-17 to 21-07-17

Owls 97.7% Red Kites 95.2%

Robins 98.7% **Kestrels 100%**

Skylarks 92.1% Whole School 96.4%



The Winner for the Best Class Attendance of the Year is Robins Class – WELL DONE 😊

School Report

Please can we remind you that ALL signed reports must be returned to your child's Class Teacher so that we have confirmation that you have indeed seen this important document and the signed report will then be kept in your Child's File.

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a sincere vote of thanks to all parents who donated stationery supplies or beanbags to the school. Thank you for your generosity.



Good bye and Good Luck to Our Year 6 Pupils

You are off to the following schools:

Josie	The Piggott's School
Isabelle	Cox Green
Funlay	Bohunt
Amelie	America!
Poppy	Newlands Girls' School
Joshua H	Shiplake
Owen	Pangbourne / Shiplake
Aoife	Furs Platt Senior School
Georgie	Bohunt
Kirstie	Cox Green School
Joshua P	Desborough College
David	Bohunt
Millie	The Piggott's School
Alice	Newlands Girls' School
Lola	Bohunt
Lucas	Bohunt

Holiday Homework for EYFS

Mrs Brancato would appreciate it if parents of Owls Class could take some photos of children taking part in various activities during their holidays. Thank you.

Information Leaflet for Parents – KS1 and KS2 Results

Standards and Testing Agency (STA) published a [leaflet](#) to help parents understand what to expect in reports from schools about pupils' assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 (KS1 & KS2). It describes the role of national curriculum tests and teacher assessments, as well as how results are used.

Summer Stationery Purchases

Over the summer holidays we know that parents, carers, grandparents and relatives like to get children ready and prepared for the new school year. If you are buying stationery or personal items for your child, we would offer the following suggestions:

All Children will need: A small transparent pencil case about 20cm long, 2 sharp pencils, 3 primary colouring pencils, 1 purple pen, 1 black whiteboard pen, 1 small container sharpener, 1 ordinary rubber, 1 glue stick.

Please make sure all items are labelled with their NAMES.

Village Show 2017

Village Show will take place on Sunday 10th September 2017. Why not use the Summer Holidays to get your entries ready for the Village Show? There is something for everyone in the Children's Classes and you may enter as many classes as you like.

Aged 7 and under

Decorated Gingerbread Man, Vegetable and or Fruit Monster, A Jam Jar of Flowers, A painting or drawing of me, A painted pebble.

Aged 8 –13 incl.

3 decorated cupcakes, A pot of home grown cress (max 15cm), Drawing of your own Minecraft creature, Any photo using a smart phone, A friendship bracelet, A Lego model Max 20 cm in any direction, A wildflower arrangement.

Full details of how to enter are on the WSL website:

www.walthamstlawrence.info

Have Fun!

Village Show Committee

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 2017-2018

Please note the dates below are provisional and may be subject to change or amendment.

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

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)**

Summer Terms 2018

Term 5 (29 days)

Start of Pupil Term: Monday 16 April 2018

End of Pupil Term: Friday 25 May 2018

May Holiday: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 2018

Term 6 (37 days)

Staff Inset Day: Monday 4 June 2018

Start of Pupil Term: Tuesday 5th June 2018

End of Pupil Term: Tuesday 24 July 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:

Information Leaflets – KS1 and KS2 Results to Year 2 and Year 6 Parents

'Keep your kids live and kicking this summer' video link from NHS to all