



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday the Whole School went to Cotswold Wildlife Park in Burford. Our EYFS children went on their first ever school trip! The excitement of a coach journey was overwhelming, with many children using words such as 'awesome' and 'cool' before we even got to the park. The children in groups walked around the different enclosures and delighted in watching the penguins being fed, seeing meerkats and otters and going into the Madagascar enclosure, with many lemurs basking in the sunshine and birds flying up above. They were able to watch giraffes roaming around from very close proximity. The lions were adored by all. The children also had the opportunity to attend workshops about A Day in the Life of a Zoo Keeper. They learnt about animals' habitats and how they have adapted to survive. They recognised the differences between the habitats, identified how the animals had adapted to their environment. All children enjoyed the picnic. Owls Class were lucky to have had a train ride. The train journey around the park allowed the children to see many of the animals as well as the opportunity to wave at the general public! All returned home tired but full of stories about our day. A fun day was had by all! Here are some photos and comments from the children...



"I saw the rhinos, they are the best and have big horns." – Aoife, EYFS

"I love the monkeys because we heard them go 'ooh' I liked the sloths." – Maya

"I loved seeing the meerkats because we saw them climbing." – Freddie

"I met a very very big lion! I liked watching the animals." – Harvey

"I liked the giraffe when it came right up to us." – Tom

"It was interesting to learn about the two types of rhinos." – Jessica

"It was good because the animals were not all penned up. the habitats looked natural." – Isabella E

"I learned that camels have a hump to collect their water." – Jenna

"Our school trip was really amazing. We saw a lot of animals. We saw one peacock spread out its tail feather" – Lola

"My favourite was the rhinos. I really enjoyed all the experience and hope to do it again at my secondary school." – Lucas

"I enjoyed it when we had lunch, there were peacocks roaming around us." – Finlay D

"I loved it when we saw the wolves and meerkats, they were very cute. I would love to go again. It was the best school day ever." – Joshua H

Thank you to those parents who attended our Parents' Open Evening yesterday. I am sure you will agree that all the children have worked extremely hard this year and that they have produced work of a high standard. I hope you also had a chance to speak to your child/ren's Class Teachers about their learning and progress. If you were unable to come and would like to see your child/ren's work please arrange a mutually convenient time with the class teachers.

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:	Sofia D'Orazio
Robins:	Alex Woodman Jamie Baylis Luke Croucher
Skylarks:	Tom de Glanville Anna Koldashi
Red Kites:	Beth James Eleanor Quinn
Kestrels:	Josie Bate Aoife Murphy

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	141	2317
Galileo (Green)	251	2417
Redgrave (Red)	253	2941
Yeats (Yellow)	242	2878

The Winning House for this week 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 03-07-17 to 07-07-17

Owls 93.8% Red Kites 93.6%

Robins 100% Kestrels 98.1%

Skylarks 97.6% Whole School 97.0%



Library Books

ALL Library Books with a bar code must be returned to school ASAP. Please can you check and make sure your child/ren return the borrowed Library books. Thank you.

Class and Whole School Photographs

Orders need to be returned to school by the end of TODAY 7th July. Thank you. After this date you will need to contact Stanley Baker Studios Ltd direct if you would like to place an order.

Rocksteady Music Assembly

There will be a Rocksteady Music assembly on Tuesday 11th July at 2.30pm in the School Hall. You are welcome to join us.

Transition Week

During the next week commencing 10th July, the children will spend the mornings in their new classrooms with their Class Teacher for the 2017-18 academic year. We hope to make it an exciting transition week and help them move as smoothly as possible.

Welcome information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in Reception Owls class in September 2017. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th July at 11.00am in Curiosity Room.

After School Clubs

Next week is the final week for all external Clubs. All children should be collected at 3.00pm. If you require child care after school, please use our **After School CARE Club**. You must book a slot in advance directly with Progressive Sports. Thank you.

Year 2 Mighty Maths Event

On Monday 3rd July 2017 our team of 3 Year 2 children, Jamie Baylis, Alex Woodman and Luke Croucher represented WSL at the first KS1 Mighty Maths Team Problem Solving Event 2017, organised and sponsored by Maidenhead Thames Rotary Club for RBWM schools. They were very enthusiastic and worked collaboratively as a team to solve a range of challenging problems, competing with 19 other schools. Although we didn't win this time, we were in 7th place and they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Great Effort, Well done! Thank you also goes to parents who supported us at this event.

E-SAFETY

With the school holidays rapidly approaching the children will no doubt be using a lot of their free time glued to their devices.

One of the most common Apps at the moment is Snapchat. You may have heard reports about a new feature called "Snap Map". This is causing a fair amount of fuss in the news. It is the ability to be able to view a map showing the exact location of where they are and also their 'friends'.

This is concerning as it could make their whereabouts known to strangers as not every user is careful about who they add to their friends list.

The advice for everybody is to set their settings to be "Ghost Mode". That way nobody is able to see their location. You do this by:

- When they are in photo-taking mode, you pinch the screen and that will open Snap Map
- Touch the settings cog which is located in the top right corner of the screen
- Tap "Ghost Mode" and that will switch off location sharing.
- Also need to remember that photos and videos which are posted to Snapchat's public 'Our Story' will still be discoverable on the map

If you have parents that are concerned, here are a couple of links which describe the Snapchat App and how to control their settings. Please feel free to use any of this information on your website or newsletters.

<https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/about-snap-map2>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Documents/Thinkuknow%20Parent%27s%20and%20carers%20%20guide%20to%20Snapchat.pdf>

These links and other useful information can also be found at my site

<http://www.pclstraining.com/links/>

Sun Safety

Please remember to provide sun hats for your children and ensure they have their water bottles in school. Sun cream should also be applied before school particularly sunny days. Thank you.



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)

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
		Skylarks visit to the Kitchen Garden	9.00-11.30am
	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 5 th September 2017
Start of Pupil Term:	Wednesday 6 th 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 31 st 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 th 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.wsprimary.org

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

Year 6 Outing Letter to Year 6	Sex and Relationship Education Letter to Year 6
Production tickets Letter to all	RBWM SEND OFSTED Letter to relevant Parents
New Class Letter + Reports including Attendance Report, Tests Results for Year 1 Phonics, KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs to all	