



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending the Welcome and the Year Ahead Information Meetings for Parents yesterday. We hope you have found these meetings useful and informative. We have received some positive feedback from parents. We appreciate your partnership and great support. Without that partnership it will not be possible for your child/ren to fulfil their potential. Quite simply, we want the best for your child in exactly the same way you do. Together we can achieve that goal!

I am delighted to report that in walking around the school, popping into classes and spending time with the children on the playground, it is lovely to see them settling so well into the new school year and I am impressed with the positive attitude and excellent learning behaviour displayed by all the children. It is also a pleasure to see all our new Reception children in their uniforms looking so smart and keen to come into school. They have settled very well and they are clearly enjoying the chance to make new friendships and explore their new surroundings. Thank you to our new parents for helping to make the first few days/weeks very successful!

### What have we been learning in school?

Robins Class have been learning how to be team players and good friends. Here they are making a friendship web, each member of the class had to say something special about another member and pass the string along until we formed our own Robins Class web.



### 'Make a Mile'

As a Healthy School, we hope to build fitness, enhance wellbeing, develop a love of sporting activity & grow aspirational attitudes. We launched this initiative last year and it went very well. We would like to continue this sporting activity **'Make a Mile'** across the school this year. This approach to physical & emotional health and wellbeing will further complement our PE provision at WSL.

**What is it?** Children will walk or run (or a blend of both) for 10 – 20 minutes each day

**Where?** The School Playground around the Tennis Court (22 laps=1 mile) or Playing Field (5 laps = 1 mile) when weather permits

**Who?** All our children from Reception through to Year 6

**Expectations** **'Make a Mile'** can be achieved by walking, running or a blend of both.

**When?** We will all attempt to **'Make a Mile'** each day, unless extreme weather conditions make it difficult. It will take place at lunch time or a time that suits the needs of the class and their timetables.

The focus of Human Values Education for this term is **Right Conduct** and we will be focusing on the related theme of **'Be an example'**, **'Respecting other's property'**, **'Kindness'** and **'Duty'**. Children are learning that good behaviour is for the benefit of everyone and being gentle and kind are central to good behaviour. Perhaps you can help your child do some home learning exercises: make a list of things they have learned from others by following their examples or discuss how they felt when someone did not respect their property.

Quotes: *'Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself'.*

*'Action speaks louder than words'.*

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>	Every one for settling very well
<b>Robins:</b>	Eira Roberts Georgia Hamer Jude Collin
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Connie Stevens Summer Smith
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Jack Leather Lois Bulla Alexia Richardson
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Beth James Eleanor Bye

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	303	
Galileo (Green)	316	
Redgrave (Red)	262	
Yeats (Yellow)	<b>328</b>	

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 11-09-17 to 15-09-17**

**Owls** 99.6% Red Kites 97.8%

**Robins** 99.6% Kestrels 96.8%

Skylarks 99.1% Whole School 98.7%



## The Waltham St Lawrence 7 Shurlock row Village Show

Once again we were pleased to take an active part in this year's Village Show. A resident commented that it was good to see so much on offer from the school. The children's entries were amazing! Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work and huge support.

## Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview will be available on the School Website today. These give you a broad overview of the learning that takes place in Term 1 & 2 for your children. Class Pages on the website will continue to be added to keep you informed regularly about what your child is learning and how you can help at home.

## After School Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs will start next week. A register will be taken every session to comply with Health and Safety rules, legal requirements, emergency procedures and a duty of care to all pupils and employees. Please notify the teacher as soon as possible if your child cannot attend a session. Children are expected to follow the School Code of Conduct at all times, any behaviour which disrupts the learning and enjoyment of other children in the Clubs will not be tolerated and children demonstrating such persistent disruptive behaviour will be given warnings, taken out of or excluded from Clubs. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

## Breakfast Club and After School CARE Club

If you do require child care, we are offering an extended service at WSL running the above two clubs - Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.40am daily and After School Care Club from 3.00-6.00pm (can be picked up any time) daily, run by Progressive Sports. The children will be registered and given a healthy snack and a drink. There are multiple activities your children can choose to do throughout their

stay. There is also a dedicated time for them to do their Homework.

## Free School Meal (FSM)

EYFS and KS1 children are all eligible to receive a **Universal Free School Meal**. However, if your circumstances mean that you would already be automatically entitled to a **Free School Meal (whether your child is in the EYFS, KS1 or KS2), it is important that you still register for this**. Additional funding is available to support those children but only where an application has been made.

**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child – contact the school office ([office@wslprimary.org](mailto:office@wslprimary.org)).**

## Class Representatives 2017-18

Many of you are aware that each class has two parent Class Representatives. Their role is to be a contact between parents and staff and they also act as the link to WSL PTA. As well as coordinating fundraising events, many have found it useful to compile class contact lists. The role is a voluntary one and as such can be adapted to suit individuals. Each September or when the representatives / children change year group we will ask if the Representatives wish to continue or if there are new volunteers. If you are interested in being your child's Class Representative, please contact Sam Teague, Arti Sharma-Grey or Jo Grimmett in the School Office.

## Voluntary One Way System and Parking

For those new to our school, we would like to inform and remind you that there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day to avoid congestion during the rush hour. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and leave either by turning left into Brook Lane, or right into Baileys Lane.

The issue of parking for school pick up and drop off has been brought to my attention, so we would like to remind you not to stop or pull up on the zigzag lines. Cars parked on the grass verge adjoining the road towards the bridge are strongly discouraged at least during the autumn and spring terms as the ground is wet and can get very soft during the winter months in particular.

Please remember to follow the Highway Code and NOT park on the Double Yellow Lines at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Stop and Drop Zone

A brand new **Stop and Drop Zone** Banner has been put up in front of the school. Thank you for using the 'Stop and Drop' Zone in the mornings and thanks to our parents volunteers who help with this scheme. We need more parent volunteers to man the Stop and Drop Zone every day. **If you can spare 10-15 minutes once or twice every 4 weeks to help keep the Zone running and our pupils safe, please let Mrs Sell or the School Office know. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.**

**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: Mr Warren Clements (Co-Opted Governor)

**Dates for your Diary**

**Academic Year 2017-2018**

**Term 1 (35 days)**

<b>September</b>	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	All Clubs start this week	
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	School photographer in (individual/sibling photos)	9.00am – 12.00pm
	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Headteacher's Surgery	9.00-10.00am
	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church	2.00-3.00pm
<b>October</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9:30-11.30am
		Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	2.15-3.00pm
	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
	Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	World Values Day - details to follow	
	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1 and Break up	3.00pm

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October– Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Term 2 (37 days)**

<b>October</b>	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – School Closed</b>	
	Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
<b>November</b>	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30am
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week and Internet Safety Family Assembly	9.00am
<b>December</b>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 2 and Break up	1.15pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Wednesday 20 December 2017 to Tuesday 2 January 2018**

**Term 3 (28 days)**

<b>January</b>	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>	
	Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
<b>February</b>	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3	
	<b>February Holiday: Monday 12 February 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018</b>		

**Term 4 (29 days)**

<b>February</b>	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
<b>March</b>	Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4	
	<b>Spring Holiday: Friday 30 March 2018 to Friday 13 April 2018</b>		
	<b>(Good Friday: 30 March 2018 and Easter Monday: 2 April 2018)</b>		

**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:**

Open Evening Letter from Piggott School to Year 6

Primary Times

WSL Barn Dance Leaflet

Golf Club Sign Up Form