



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To acknowledge and celebrate the hard work that our Teaching Assistants (TAs) put into the school and to show our appreciation we held a special Assembly on Tuesday as part of the celebration of National Teaching Assistants Day which was on 15<sup>th</sup> September. As you all know our Teaching Assistants are an essential asset to any classroom. Why? They not only support teachers in managing classroom activities but more importantly give extra attention and support to the children who most need it, whether providing 1-1 support or running intervention programmes in small groups. Our TAs provide the extra support and motivation to help children reach their potential. During the assembly, each class paid tribute to our TAs. Here are some tributes from the children...

Mrs Kemp is very helpful.

Mrs Wood is very nice.

When we are doing really hard work, they help us all.

Thank You TAs for helping me when I am stuck, I have really come along in all my subjects! Thank you!

Thank you, Mrs Macaulay-Brown for all you do for the class. I really enjoy reading to you. I also enjoy your PE lessons. You have been a fabulous Teaching Assistant. Matilda

Dear Teaching Assistants Thank you for helping me! I am really good at learning because of you! Angelos

Thank you so much for helping me with my handwriting, spelling, Friends for Life and reading to me.

We have some lovely photos displayed, please do come in to have a look.

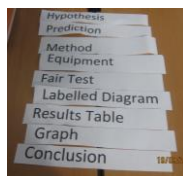
### What have we been learning in school?

On my Learning Walks around the school I have seen the children engaging well in a range of learning opportunities as they settle into their new classes.

In Science lesson, Year 3 and 4 children were comparing how vehicles move on different surfaces and to make it fair test they had to change one thing... they all worked well in groups and recorded their findings in a scientific way.



Whilst Year 5 and 6 carried out their experiments on shadows related to their topic work on light. They were investigating specifically how the height of a shadow changes when the distance from the light source to the object is changed. The children were learning to follow the correct steps of the scientific method in their experiment. They were enthusiastic and collaborative!



Just a reminder - **Residential Trip Information Meeting** for Year 5/6 Parents will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm to 4.00pm in Kestrels Classroom. This is repeated from 6.45pm to 7.30pm. Year 5/6 children are welcome to join us. The PTA Meeting will start at 7.30pm in Red Kites Classroom. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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>	Esther Buekers	Lily Spooner
<b>Robins:</b>	Amber Ripley	Freddie Scrimshaw
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Jamie Baylis	Olivia Fontaine-Brice
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Callum Presnail	Ethan Collinson
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Nellie Dabliz	Jared Doyle

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	344	647
Galileo (Green)	433	749
Redgrave (Red)	328	590
Yeats (Yellow)	234	562

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 18-09-17 to 22-09-17

Owls 95.8% Red Kites 97.4%

**Robins 99.2%** Kestrels 87.9%

Skylarks 93.6% Whole School 95.1%



## Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr & Mrs Philp and Mrs McEvet who kindly donated some books and stationery supply for the school.

## After School & Lunch Time Clubs Guidelines

All clubs started this week. It was good to see so many children taking part a range of clubs we offer. It is important that you read and agree to the following guidelines:

- Your child must attend every week.
- If your child is sick or unable to attend, you must inform the staff member in charge of that club by ringing the School Office or writing a note.
- All children will be dismissed from clubs via the front Entrance Blue Door.
- Your child will need picking up and cannot walk home alone unless prior arrangements are made.

These guidelines have been put in place for the safety of your child.

If a club is cancelled, your child will be informed in school or given a written message to bring home or in the case of last minute cancellation, an email or a text message will be sent to you. Thank you for your co-operation in helping ensure our clubs run smoothly and safely.

## Medical Matters

Please can parents/carers keep school informed of any medical needs, no matter how small, whether this is a change to a condition which we already know about or a new diagnosis. The more information we have available the better able we are to help and support your child in school.

It is particularly important to share information about any medical needs, which could cause cross contamination, to safeguard staff and pupils alike.

If you wish to speak to me or Mrs Woof, Inclusion Coordinator in a confidential setting please contact the School Office for an appointment on a Thursday when Mrs Woof is in school.

## Medication in School

Please could all parents note that only **prescribed medication** and Inhalers should be brought into school and handed in to the School Office. Parents should complete and sign a Medicine Request Form before we can administer any medication. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Changed your Email Address or Phone Number?

Please remember to let the School Office know if you change your email address or mobile phone number. This is important as we are now updating all our contact information.

## School Lunches

Just a reminder - **Lunches for the following week must be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00noon every Friday. LATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.** The School kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order.

**Dinner money must be paid in advance by cash, cheque or online at [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com) All cash payments should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.**

If you do not have your login, please contact Jo Grimmett in the School Office who will be able to send you your login details. If sums outstanding are not cleared you may receive a call informing you that a packed lunch is required for your child whilst debts are cleared.

If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

## Read Write Inc Phonics Workshop

Learning phonics is a very important part of Reception and Year 1 Curriculum. As such, we would very much welcome your support with helping your children to learn their sounds. So that we all teach them in the same way, we are running a **Read Write Inc Phonics Workshop on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.30pm in Owls Class**. It would be much appreciated if every parent in the year group could come. **Helping your child to learn to read is the most important gift you can give them.**

## Tea/Coffee Morning and PTA Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

We would like to invite all parents, in particular, our new parents to attend Tea/Coffee morning with Headteacher and PTA On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 8.50 to 10.00am in the Dining Hall.

Please come along to the PTA meeting at 7.30pm in Red Kites Classroom in School

## Open Mornings for Prospective Parents Year R Sept 2018

If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding three Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place from 9.30-11.30am on

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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>	Tea/Coffee morning with HT and PTA	9.00-10.00am
		Residential Trip Information Meeting for Year 5/6 Parents	3.15pm & 6.45pm
	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
	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Workshop to Year 3	9.30am
	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

**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](http://www.wslprimary.org)**

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

Harvest Festival Letter to all

Residential Trip Information Meeting Message to Year 5/6

Mayor's Charity Event Leaflet to all

Mayor's Charity Event Booking Form to all