



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated in Waltham St Lawrence's Church this afternoon at 2:00pm and we would love you to join us in the Church. Please refer to the separate letter sent home last week with all the detailed arrangement for the day.

Parents are requested please to remember the following housekeeping rules, in order that everyone can appreciate the hard work that the children and staff have put into the service:

Parents and family members **MUST** be seated by 2.00pm

- All mobile phones must be switched off.
- If pre-school children attend, please ensure they stay with you, quietly, and are not allowed to wander around the Church.
- Photos may be permitted during the service but for the safety of our children all images must not be published in the social networking sites, they are for your own purposes only.

We all hope you will enjoy the first whole school event. We had a lovely display of all the Harvest donations in the School Hall. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.



WSL Breakfast, After School Extracurricular Clubs and CARE Club are all extremely popular this year and we are reaching the stage of running a waiting list for Mad Science and Homework Club. We are working hard to accommodate all requests and ensure working parents have flexibility and children have access to after school opportunities but we have to make sure the correct pupil numbers and staffing ratios at each session. The children on the waiting list for these clubs will start as soon as spaces become available. In the meanwhile we would ask you to consider using our After School CARE Club which provides a wonderful extended school service for our working parents or encourage your child to join other clubs as we still have places for Craft, Sewing Club (all ages) and Golf (YR-4).

Unless you receive confirmation from the School Office by telephone or email that your child can attend their chosen club please do not 'turn up' for the beginning of a session expecting to leave your child in our care; this puts the staff in a difficult situation and affects staff ratios.

Bookings for After School Care Club should be submitted in the usual way by completing a registration (for new children) and booking form via the website.

Be assured, however, that every child has at least one club place and most got their first choice. At the end of each club, all children must be picked up from the front entrance. Thank you for your continued support of all of our clubs.

As part of the **This Girl Can** campaign to get more girls involved in and enjoying being physically active, we have signed up to participate in the Girls Touch Rugby Festival which will take place at Furze Platt Junior School on 4th October with 16 other schools in RBWM. Two coaches from RBWM came on Wednesday afternoon to train our Year 5/6 girls to get ready for the tournament. We wish them all the good luck.



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.

Owls:	Isobel Dzedzic	Demi Benham
Robins:	Jenna Williams	Oscar Roye
Skylarks:	Caleb Tarn Adam Partridge	Anna Koldashi
Red Kites:	Matilda Croucher	Amelie Roye
Kestrels:	Eleanor Quinn	Alice McEvet

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	208	855
Galileo (Green)	429	1178
Redgrave (Red)	281	871
Yeats (Yellow)	275	837

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 25-09-17 to 29-09-17

Owls 84.2% Red Kites 93.9%

Robins 97.6% Kestrels 91.1%

Skylarks 93.2% Whole School 92.0%



Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our parent helpers who support the school and children in a number of ways, sorting out our School Library, hearing children read and helping children in groups or class etc. We really value your support and appreciate all that you do.

Thank you

We would like to thank you to all the parents to come to our Tea/Coffee Morning on Tuesday. It was lovely to share many ideas of how to raise more money for the school and children.



Thank you to all the Year 5/6 parents for attending the Residential Trip Information Meetings on Tuesday. We hope you find the meeting informative and helpful. More detailed letter will follow regarding payment. Thank you also goes to Mr Errington for his hard work.

Requests from Owls Team

We would appreciate it if parents can bring in a box of tissues for the children to use. Thank you for your support.

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 2nd 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.**

Lateness

Please ensure that you arrive with plenty of time at the beginning of each day. Registers are taken promptly at 8:50am with lessons beginning immediately after. Arriving late will not only result in missed learning but also significantly disrupt the learning of other children

Flu Vaccinations – Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

Please ensure the form sent home this week is returned to school by Friday 13th October, indicating whether you wish your child(ren) to receive the vaccination or not. This vaccination will take place on Tuesday afternoon 28th November in school.

WSL PTA Committee

WSL PTA had a very productive meeting on Tuesday 26th September and we were very pleased to see so many new parents at the meeting. We now have a full PTA Committee with most positions filled. If you are interested in any of the vacancies, please let the PTA Committee members know. Thank you.

Chairs: Sam Teague Arti Shama-Grey

Vice Chairs: Nicola Buekers **Vacancy**

Treasurers: Katrina Sell **Vacancy**

Secretaries: Charlotte Robinson **Vacancy**

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.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on: Wednesday 18th October 5.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday 19th October 3.30pm – 6.30pm Booking can be done online. We will let you know when booking system opens nearer the time.

Primary and Secondary Schools Admissions

Children born between 01/09/13 - 31/08/14: If your child is starting primary school in September 2018 you will need to complete an application form available from the admissions team at your local authority from Monday 11th September. Contact Admissions Team at RBWM

Secondary: If your child is starting secondary school in September 2018 you should receive an application pack from your local authority on Monday 11th September

Deadline for applications 31st October 2017

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 2nd October 2017

Wednesday 15th November 2017

Tuesday 9th 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 Dan Collinson (Parent Governor)

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2017-2018

Term 1 (35 days)

September	Mon 18 th	All Clubs start this week	
	Wed 20 th	School photographer in (individual/sibling photos)	9.00am – 12.00pm
	Tues 26 th	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 th	Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church	2.00-3.00pm
October	Mon 2 nd	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9:30-11.30am
		Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	2.15-3.00pm
	4 th Oct	Girls touch Rugby Festival / Tournament	1.00pm
	Mon 9 th	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
	Tues 10 th	Road Safety Workshop to Year 3	9.30am
	Wed 18 th	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 19 th	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
	Thurs 19 th	World Values Day - details to follow	
	Fri 20 th	End of Term 1 and Break up	3.00pm

OCTOBER HOLIDAY: Monday 23rd October– Friday 27th October 2017

Term 2 (37 days)

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

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

Term 3 (28 days)

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

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 th	Pupil Term starts
March	Thurs 29 th	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.wsprimary.org

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

Information about Nasal Seasonal Flu Immunisation / Consent Form to YR-4

October Census Day Letter to all

Rugby Competition Letter to Year 5/6

Halloween PTA Disco Letter to all

Major's Charity Event leaflet and Booking Form to all

Reading Museum Trip KS2