



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year to everyone – and a particular welcome to all the children and families who have joined us for the first time this week. We wish them all happiness and success during their time with us at WSL. I am glad to say that the children have returned to school smartly dressed, polite, positive and eager to learn. We have had a very busy start to the new term with new routines set up and various monitors nominated, in particular, in Year 6 the children are encouraged to take on responsibilities within the school. Please read on to see the various roles and jobs they have in their final year at WSL. The Year 6 children enjoy these responsibilities as they appreciate being treated as mature and responsible young people.

As we are at the start of the new academic year, we would be very grateful if you could remind your children of the following:

- School starts at 8.50am. Children arriving after 8.50am are LATE and their parents need to report to the School Office and sign in the 'Late Arrival Book'.
- No children should be in school before 8.40am for supervision reasons.
- Please label ALL uniform and PE kit.
- Children must have their PE kit in school every day, not just PE days. They also need to ensure that they have adequate long sleeve tops and tracksuits once the weather turns colder.
- Bring a named water bottle to school every day and do not store it in your Book Bag. Bottles leak and can damage school property.
- Please provide your child with healthy snacks e.g. fruit or vegetables and fresh water. We encourage parents to make healthy packed lunches. Fizzy drinks, sweets or sticky fruit winders should not be included (fresh or dry fruit only.) Thank you.
- Encourage children to hang up their coats, a drawstring bag with their PE kit or a SMALL SIZED bag as and when required and organise their lunch boxes etc. on their own. This will help to develop their independence and self-help skills and avoid congestion in the cloakroom.
- Encourage children to use our Stop and Drop Zone.
- If someone other than yourself or your nominated person(s) will be collecting your child, please tell a member of staff. We cannot release your child to anyone who hasn't been authorised.

May I also remind you that we operate an 'Open Door' policy and as such parents are most welcome to come and discuss any concerns with a member of staff or myself. However, at busy times, it may be necessary to make an appointment via the School Office. Similarly, if you have any comments to make regarding the school, please do let me know as I am on the playground before and after school most days and I am available to talk to parents or see me at the Headteacher's Surgery or Coffee Mornings. Key Dates and events are listed in the 'Dates for your Diary' on the last page of this Newsletter.

In case you are reading one of these newsletters for the first time, a reminder that it is produced every Friday and contains all the up to date information about the school, including events. Spare copies are available from the School Office or on the school website www.wslprimary.org

I am very pleased to say that our school offers an Extended School Day from 8.00am to 6.00pm with the following operation hours:

Breakfast Club: 8.00am - 8.40am – ongoing as normal run by Mrs Wakeling

After School Care Club 3.00pm – 6.00pm –run by Progressive Sports, started on Wednesday 6th September

Please go on our school website to access the Programme and Registration Form or contact the School Office.

We hope you will be able to attend Welcome and The Year Ahead Information Meetings for Parents on Thursday 14th Sept next week. We offer two meetings to cater for parents who have more than one child. Times are as follows and there will be a crèche available on the day in the School Hall.

3.15-3.45pm Welcome and the Year Ahead Meeting for Parents in your child's Classrooms

3.45-4.15pm Welcome and the Year Ahead Meeting for Parents in your child's Classrooms – Repeat

Have an enjoyable weekend.

L-J Ellerton

Headteacher

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

House Captains 2017-18

We would like to congratulate the following pupils on being elected House Captains:

Galileo (Green):	Nellie Dabliz	Jared Doyle
Brunel (Blue):	Vinnie Smith	Isabella Eales
Yeats (Yellow):	Beth James	Matthew Taylor
Redgrave (Red):	Tristan Sell	Alice McEvet

School Council 2017-18

Welcome to this year's School Council 2017-2018. New members of School Council were elected this week. They are:

Year 1:	Eira Roberts	
Year 2:	Scarlett Roye	
Year 3:	Jamie Baylis	Thomas Croucher
Year 4:	Angelos Gordon	Barley Sharma-Grey
Year 5:	Jessica Dunning	Azaan Chapman
Year 6:	Megan Jones	Eleanor Quinn

Peer Mediators 2017-18

10 of our current Year 6 children who were selected to be Peer Mediators had a 3-hour training session in July. They will be responsible for helping to resolve minor friendship problems at lunchtimes. The Peer Mediators are:

Amy Bond	Archie Buekers
Isabella Eales	Harriet Butler-Walker
Beth James	Alice McEvet
Megan Jones	Alice Philp
Eleanor Quinn	Matthew Taylor

Playground Leaders 2017-18

All Year 6 children are Playground Leaders this year. They will be responsible for organising and leading games and activities on a rota basis during lunch break.

Office Monitors

The following Year 6 pupils will be Office Monitors and will answer calls in the School Office during lunch time on a rota basis.

Matthew Taylor	Amy Bond
Harriet Butler -Walker	Nellie Dabliz
Alice Philp	Isabella Eales
Eleanor Quinn	Beth James
Vinnie Smith	Alice McEvet
Aiden Tarn	Megan Jones

Adventure Playground

The School Council has put forward their ideas for a new Adventure Playground. We are in the process of securing more donations to enable this to happen. However, unfortunately we have been advised to temporarily close the Adventure Playground for health and safety reasons. We will keep you informed of the progress on this project.

Village Show 2017

Don't forget that this event takes place at the Neville Hall on **Sunday 10th September at 2.00pm**. The children have been busy this week in school completing some of the Art & Craft work and we have, on behalf of the children, submitted all their entries. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Sunday then do please visit the show.

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@wsprimary.org).

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress. Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 06-09-17 to 08-09-17

Owls	94.2 %	Red Kites	98.6%
Robins	97.5 %	Kestrels	98.2%
Skylarks	99.3 %	Whole School	97.5 %

The Winner for the Best Class Attendance of the week is Skylarks – WELL DONE 😊

Curriculum Overview

Please look out for Termly Curriculum Overview which will be available on the School Website next week. 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.

E-SAFETY

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying www.connectsafely.org/guides

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. www.ceop.police.uk

www.internetmatters.org

This is an online portal for parents to access advice about online safety for their children. It provides tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.

<http://parentinfo.org/>

Please use this new URL. It helps parents/carers reinforce our education of keeping their children safe online.

Gifts

All staff would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone for the thoughtful gifts and cards we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched by your generosity.

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)

September	Mon 4 th	Inset Day – School Closed	
	Tues 5 th	Inset Day – School Closed	
	Wed 6 th	Pupil Term starts	
	W/C 11 th	Welcome and the Year Ahead Meetings for Parents in Classrooms (specific dates /times as overleaf)	
	Mon 18 th	All Clubs start this week	
	Wed 20 th	School photographer in (individual/sibling photos)	9.00am – 12.00pm
	Tues 26 th	Headteacher’s Surgery	9.00-10.00am
	Fri 29 th	Harvest Festival Service in Waltham St Lawrence Church	2.00-3.00pm
October	Mon 2 nd	Read Write Inc Phonic Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	2.15-3.00pm
	Mon 9 th	Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents in Owls Classroom	9.00-9.45am
	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
	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)

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)

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:

Compassionate Leave Letter to all

Top Table Fine Dining Letter to all

Club Letter to all

Autumn Lunch Menu

After School Care Club Booking Form