



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 13th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have had! Thank you to EYFS parents who came to the Maths Workshop on Monday. The children in Owls Class worked well as a team and showed some different strategies to their parents such as counting numbers one by one to 10 or matching numbers using bright-coloured *Numicon* which is a structured imagery and apparatus. Some children were challenged to extend their learning by ordering numbers from 0-10 or 0-20. The children also demonstrated peer assessment. We hope you have enjoyed working with your children in the Morning Challenge and found the session informative. Most importantly we hope you will use some of the ideas e.g. using a multi-sensory approach to support your child's Maths at home. We believe that teachers and parents work together will help your child's make maximum progress. As requested please find a copy of PPT slides in your child's Book Bag.



What have we been learning in school?

As part of the topic work on **The Great Fire of London**, during their DT lessons Robins Class made their own Tudor houses. They have developed a range of skills such as designing, cutting, sticking, making and evaluating. They all worked well as a team, collaborating and supporting one another.



In Maths lessons children in Skylarks have learned to sort different shapes according to their properties using the Venn Diagram and Carroll Diagram.



On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 children took part in a **Road Safety Session** delivered by Imogen Leonard, the Road Safety Officer on behalf of RBWM. The children were taught the basics of the 'Green Cross Code' – **THINK, STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN and HOLD HANDS**. Each child was given a High Vis Safebag with a workbook and DVD enclosed, aiming to help your child keep safe and streetwise. Please encourage your children to practise pedestrian skills at the roadside and **return the completed workbook to school by Wednesday 18th October next week so that the Class Teachers can sign their Certificate.**



Parents Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. Please book your appointment via our online booking system. These meetings will be held in the classrooms. You can view your child/ren's books in the School Hall or Cloakroom. Please note Mrs Woof, Inclusion Coordinator will be available to meet with parents on **Thursday 19th October from 3.30pm to 6.30pm** if you so wish. We look forward to meeting with you then.

Have an enjoyable weekend.
L-J Ellerton, Head Teacher

“ 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:	Kimble Roberts	Harvey Mills	
Robins:	Christa Gordon	Aoife O'Hara	
Skylarks:	Alex Woodman	Joshua Wilson	
Red Kites:	Lucy Finch	Jack Baylis	Freya Ablewhite
Kestrels:	Amy Bond	Isabella Eales	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	305	1487
Galileo (Green)	252	1777
Redgrave (Red)	212	1376
Yeats (Yellow)	243	1281

The Winning House for this week is **Brunel**. Well done.

Attendance

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

Class Attendance for 09-10-17 to 13-10-17

Owls	98.3%	Red Kites	95.7%
Robins	98.4%	Kestrels	90.5%
Skylarks	98.1%	Whole School	96.4%



Thank You...

To Mr Roberts who has donated a few packets of pencil grips to the school. They are value resources which help children to use the hand muscles efficiently and develop the correct pencil grip needed for handwriting.

To Mrs Sell who has spent many hours helping sorting out books for our School Library.

Parent Governor Appointed

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Edwards will be joining the WSL Governing Board as Parent Governor. We look forward to working with Mrs Edwards. Congratulations, Mrs Edwards.

We would also like to thank those parents who expressed interest in the process.

KS2 Trip to Reading Museum

The KS2 children enjoyed their visit to Reading Museum yesterday. They have learned a lot more about the Romans. We will share their learning next week.

RE Week Mon 16th -20th October

During the RE Week children will work on different topics:

EYFS/KS	Caring for Others
Lower KS2	Hinduism
Upper KS2	Peace

Lunchtime Controller

We are seeking a permanent Lunchtime Controller to join our lunchtime team to supervise and ensure the welfare of the children during the lunchtime period. Hours of work are 12.00pm to 1.00pm during term time only. Appointment starts in Term 2, 1st November as soon as satisfactory recruitment checks are completed. If you are interested or you know anyone who would be interested in taking up this role please contact the School Office for more information and an application form.

PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

Please come along to the first PTA fund raising event this year ~~-Halloween Fancy Dress Disco~~ **today from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in the School Hall**. There will be food, drinks, fun games and craft activities for children and grown-up bar. All the money raised will be spent on our children! If you can spare any time to help set up or tidy up on the day, please come along. Thank you for your support!

School Photos

We are sending home your child's photos last week. Please **return your order form with payment by Thursday 19th October** to the School Office or use the Letter Box outside the Main Entrance.

Growth Mindset Workshop

Growth Mindset Workshop for Parents will take place in the School Hall on **Tuesday 7th November at 9.00am and at 2.15pm (repeat)**.

Collection of Children at the End of School Day

Your children's welfare is our priority and it is important that we know every child is collected by a designated adult. We would be very grateful if you could let us know in advance that someone else is picking up your child to avoid any confusion.

We would like to remind you to pick up your children on time after school as staffs have other commitments. We have such a wonderful extended school provision **After School CARE Club**, you can always book a session for your child if you are going to be late or busy that day.

Bag2School Collection

We are having another Bag2School fundraising event in November. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid £400.00 a tonne from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** we collect. Please bring as many bags to school as you can on Tuesday morning of **21st November at 9.00am** when they will be collected. We are sending the bags home today, but you may also use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers. If you would like to know more about Bag2school, the website address is www.bag2school.com

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
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)

October	Fri 13 th	PTA Fancy Dress Halloween Disco	5.30-7.30pm
	Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th	RE Week	
	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	Tues 7 th	Growth Mindset Workshop for All Parents	9:00am & 2:15pm
	Mon 13 th –Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Tues 28 th	Flu Vaccination for Year R – Year 4	
	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
	Tues 28 th	PTA AGM	6.30pm
December	Tues 5 th –Mon 11 th	Travelling Book Fair	3.00-3.45pm
	Fri 8 th	Whole School Christingle Service in WSL Church	2.00pm
	Mon 11 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Wed 13 th	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play to Parents	1.30pm
	Wed 14 th	KS2 Christmas Carol in WSL Church – detail to follow	7.00pm
	Wed 14 th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	9.30pm
	Fri 15 th	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
	Fri 15 th	PTA Christmas Fair	3.00-5.00pm
	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.wslprimary.org

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

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| Parents Evenings Letter to all | Teaching Practice Letter to Owls |
| Guide to Successful Parents Evenings to all | Teaching Practice Task Requirement Letter to Owls |
| Maths workshop PPT Handouts to Owls | Christmas Cards Letter to all |
| World Values Day Letter to all | Bonfire Night Police Advice & Halloween Police Advice to all |
| Bag2Schools bags to all | Twyford Bonfire Night Colouring Competition to all |
| Progressive Sports – Half Term Holiday Camp to all | |