



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another eventful week: yesterday we celebrated the World Values Day. All the children and staff took the opportunity to reflect and think deeply about their chosen values and acted on them in practice. Both staff and children are keen to nominate one another on **the values they have shown** and all the nominations are displayed on Our Values Board in the School Hall. Please do come along and see our examples of how valuable living our values can be. I thoroughly enjoyed my learning walk yesterday and witnessed consistent whole school approach to our Human Values Education. From Reception all the way through to Year 6, I am proud to say that our children have an inner calm and are experienced at both thinking and speaking deeply about our values, the world and how they fit in it. Children have produced some lovely work related to Values. Perhaps you could ask your child/ren about what they have learned, share your values with them and put values into action each and every day.



It was so good to see many parents who came to the Parents' Evenings with your children and contributed to the discussions about your child's learning with their Class Teachers. We believe that working in partnership together is key in ensuring your child's success and we are always looking to give you the information that you find most useful to help your child's progress. We hope you found the discussions with your child's direct involvement very valuable. If for any reason, you were not able to attend on either of the specified nights, please do speak to your child's Class Teacher to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. If you have any feedback for us, both positive and developmental, please let us know. Thank you.

Last Thursday the KS2 children enjoyed their visit to Reading Museum as part of their work on The Romans. They have learned a lot more about the topic. Here are some photos for you to enjoy.



Sadly at the end of our lunchtime today we said farewell to Mrs A'Court, our Lunchtime Controller who will leave WSL to work in another setting closer to her new home. Mrs A'Court has been a brilliant member of WSL Staff Team and we appreciate all her support. We are so sorry to see her go and wish her all the best for the future. We are in the process of recruiting a Lunchtime Controller and we will keep you informed of the result once the appointment is made.

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching October Holiday. The first term of this academic year has flown by! Just a reminder that the school will be **closed** next week from **Monday 23rd October to 27th October** for October Holiday and **also closed on Monday 30th October** for staff training day. We **re-open** at 8.40am for the start of Term 2 on **Tuesday 31st October**.

We will have an **Open Morning** to prospective parents **on Tuesday 15th November** from 9.30am to 11.30am with Headteacher's Presentation at 10.00am. We are pleased that you choose to send your children to WSL School and we would like you to spread the word and pass on this information to friends and family who have children who are due to start school in September 2018. We also have spaces for Year 1, 2, 3 and 5. Please tell them how happy we would be to see them!

Have an enjoyable holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Head Teacher

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

Star Pupils for Term 1

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS: Hector Hewitt

Year 1: Eira Roberts

Year 2: Amber Ripley

Year 3: Luke Croucher

Year 4: Abigail Pope

Year 5: Sarah Creffield

Year 6: Alice Philp

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	349	1836
Galileo (Green)	415	2192
Redgrave (Red)	329	1705
Yeats (Yellow)	307	1588

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 16-10-17 to 20-10-17

Owls 95.0% Red Kites 99.1%

Robins 99.2% Kestrels 93.2%

Skylarks 97.1% Whole School 96.9%



Thank You...

To all the parents who give up their time to help and support the children in class or school in so many different ways throughout Term 1.

Target Sheet

At the Parents Evenings Class Teachers shared with you your child's Targets for your child to work on in order to make further progress. If you were unable to attend the Parents Evenings and have not received the Targets Sheets, please contact your child's Class Teacher. We strongly believe that by working together with you, we will enable your children to achieve their potential.

New Gardening Club in Term 2

Gardening Club will start on Thursday 2nd November in Term 2. Please return the permission slip by Tuesday 31st October. We will confirm your child's place on Wednesday 1st November via email or text. Please make sure your child has the suitable clothes and shoes for Gardening Club. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday for more details.

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

This worked really well with our Values curriculum. Children had produced some lovely work which will be displayed in and around the school.

Shinrai Karate

On Tuesday the KS2 children had a special assembly where they learnt about Shinrai Karate. Sempai Will Doran and Sempai Helen Archer, along with Teen and Callum Presnail, demonstrated various aspects of the sport. The children were shown some kicking, punching and defensive techniques, as well as a kata (a choreographed set of movements used in training and for demonstrations) and a bout of kumite (competition fighting). Sempai Will, who runs a family class at Woodlands Park on Sunday mornings, explained some of the many benefits of learning the art and discipline of karate. Spare leaflets are available in the School Office if anyone would like further details.



PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

Thank you to the PTA Committee who have worked so hard to organise such a successful event and parents and staff who have helped behind the scenes and on the day. The children had a great time. The costumes are amazing! We had the Fancy Dress Competition with the best dressed Boy and Girl for the whole school and one winner from each class:

Best Dressed Boy: Eoin Murphy

Best Dressed Girl: Isabella Eales

Owls Jak Busby

Robins Maya Sharma-Grey

Skylarks Denni Benham

Red Kites Matilda Croucher

Kestrels Aiden Tarn



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).**

Late Pick Up / Care Club

We would like to remind you to pick up your children on time after school as staff 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. 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

