



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were so pleased to see many of you join us in celebrating the Harvest Festival last Friday in WSL Church. The Harvest Assembly is always a treat! This year each class reminded us of Harvest by focusing on the process or production line 'From Seeds to Table' and 'Giving Thanks'. Through singing, Harvest Values, sharing bread making experience, poems about Combine Harvester and production line of crops, the children have reminded us all the good things we have in our lives and how we can all share with those who are not so fortunate. There is nothing more joyful than hearing the children singing beautifully, speaking with confidence and clarity. A very big thank you goes to our Year 6 children who led our Harvest Service and your generosity for all the donations! The food has been delivered to the Local Foodbank.



Thank you to all the parents who attended **Read Write Inc Phonics Workshop on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. We hope you found the workshop helpful and appreciate your support with helping your children to learn their sounds at home. Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. If you didn't manage to attend, please come and speak with Mrs Brancato. Learning phonics is a very important part of English Curriculum. **Helping your child to learn to read is the most important gift you can give them.**

*Very helpful workshop, particularly the letter sounds of letters! Thanks.*

*Really useful workshop, Mrs Bancato explained very well and made sure we as parents understood the names / sounds, Fred Talk and blending.*

*Very useful as always, thanks for the support and guidance.*

*Great workshop! Really informative and helpful. Thanks.*

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October a team of Year 5/6 girls had the fantastic opportunity to represent WSL in the 'This Girl Can' Touch Rugby Festival. All the players had the chance to play matches against three other schools from RBWM. Their enthusiasm, team work and spirit were infectious and led to the fantastic result of a win and a draw. Well done for all your hard work! A special 'thank you' also goes to parents for your support and Miss Gregory for coordinating this event.



On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October there will be a **Maths Workshop for EYFS Parents** starting at 9.00am in Owls Classroom. Please come along and join in this fun and practical Maths session. It will give you a lot of ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

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.

<b>Owls:</b>	Oscar Stagg
<b>Robins:</b>	Stavroula Tsitoura Jaramiah Richardson Ava Koldashi
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Marcus Edwards Spyros Tsitoura
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Azaan Chapman Sarah Creffield Abigail Pope
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Aiden Tarn Noah Edwards

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	327	1182
Galileo (Green)	347	1525
Redgrave (Red)	293	1164
Yeats (Yellow)	201	1038

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 02-10-17 to 06-10-17**

Owls	96.3%	Red Kites	98.7%
Robins	99.2%	Kestrels	88.9%
Skylarks	96.2%	Whole School	96.2%



## Thank You

Staff and children in Red Kites have been enjoying their new Teaching Wall which was installed during the summer holiday. This was funded by the PTA as one of our School Improvement Projects.

Thank you once again for supporting our PTA organised fundraising activities which make a huge difference to the quality of provision on offer at WSL for your child.



## School Photos

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

## KS2 Trip to Reading Museum

The visit will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The coach has been booked to leave at 9.00am and return by the end of the school day at the usual time of 3.00pm.

## 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 Fancy Dress Halloween Disco

Please come along to the first PTA fund raising event this year – **Fancy Dress Halloween Disco on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** in the School Hall from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. There will be food, drinks, fun games and craft activities for children and grown-up bar. Please return Ticket Order Form via PTA Post Box or the School Office ASAP. All the money raised will be spent on our children!

If you can spare any time to help out on the day, please indicate on the form or let the PTA Committee Members know. Thank you for your support!

## Growth Mindset

At WSL Primary School, we know that pupils who have a positive attitude towards their learning and work hard will make good progress and be successful. Therefore, instilling all our pupils with '**Growth Mindset**', the theories of Dr Carol Dweck, has become an ongoing key priority for the school. We are determined to ensure **Growth Mindset** ideas are embedded within our school ethos and will organise a **Growth Mindset Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am and at 2.15pm (repeat)**

## Parents' Evenings Online Booking

Parents' Evenings will take place on: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 6.30pm Booking can be done online as from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October next week.

## New Parent Governor Election

Mrs McIntosh's term as Parent Governor will end in November 2017. We would like to thank her for her great contribution and service to WSL over the last four years. The Governing Board has started the election process for a new Parent Governor. The Governors have identified the need for a new Parent Governor with experience in business or Marketing to help strengthen the team, the role is largely strategic and not a 'doing' role. Being a Parent Governor is highly rewarding and plays an important role in ensuring that the parent viewpoint is represented in decision making and to help contribute towards the school's success. Please refer to the letter sent home this week.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> September

**Deadline for applications 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Dan Collinson (Parent Governor)

**Dates for your Diary**

**Academic Year 2017-2018**

**Term 1 (35 days)**

<b>October</b>	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 Skylarks	9.30am
	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Fancy Dress Halloween Disco	5.30-7.30pm
	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>	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Growth Mindset Workshop for All Parents</b>	<b>9:00am &amp; 2:15pm</b>
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Flu Vaccination for Year R – Year 4</b>	
	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

**February Holiday: Monday 12 February 2018 to Friday 16 February 2018**

**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:**

- Parent Governor Vacancy Notification Letter to all
- Time to Read Pack from Book Trust to Reception
- Headlice Letter to Owls and Robins
- Residential Trip Payment Letter to Year 5/6
- Progressive Sports Half Term Holiday Camp leaflet to all
- Lunchtime Controller Advertisement to all