



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those parents who made time and effort to attend the **Growth Mindset Workshop** on Tuesday this week. Thank you for your positive comments. If you have any other suggestions / feedback please let us know. We are determined to ensure Growth Mindset ideas are embedded within our school ethos and work hard to instil all our pupils with 'Growth Mindset'.



- We want all our pupils to **relish challenges, take risks, embrace their mistakes and 'the bumps'** as part of the learning process, setbacks along the way are not failures. They are simply hurdles that make the learning uniquely interesting and opportunity for them to thrive, grow and become more resilient!
- We encourage our children to **value effort, respond carefully to feedback** which provides a pathway to self-improvement and **take inspiration from others and learn from them.**
- **The language we use is very important; it tells the children what we believe and what we value. 'Yet'** is powerful!
- Praise **effort** and NOT ability or cleverness; reward the **process** and NOT the outcome.

This approach will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults. Please use the ideas provided to support the children at home— we can change the mindset of our learners. For those who were unable to attend, handouts are available from the School Office.

Morning Drop Off: We continue to want the best for our children especially in ensuring that they become independent and resilient both in their learning and wider activities. Now that our youngest children in Owls have got used to the routines, we would like to encourage parents /carers to say goodbye to the children at the main gate and allowing them to come into school independently (teaching staff will be on the playground to welcome all children). This will really help them with their self-help skills. We would expect you to use our wonderful service 'Stop and Drop Zone so that **ALL the KS2 children** come in independently! This way we can start the day and all lessons punctually. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

School Improvement Project: To speed up our internet connection and boost our Wi-Fi strength and connectivity, our Broadband Provider TIO installed extra wireless Wi-Fi access points in and around the school. We now have super-fast speeds guaranteed, which has a very positive impact on our teaching and learning. A huge thank you goes to our PTA for contributing towards the cost of this project.

Children in the **Gardening Club** were very enthusiastic and had a great start last Thursday. They did a lot of weeding and are getting ready for some planting soon in our Vegetable Garden. Thank you to John!



Next week from 13th to 17th November is National Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is '**All Different, All Equal**' with an aim to promote differences and equality in schools. Anti-Bullying Week is a great opportunity for us all to get involved and raise awareness of how our school protects children from bullying. As parents/carers, teachers and governors, we each have a unique and important role to play. It's important that we all work together to stop bullying by valuing the difference and create safe environments where children can thrive. We have organised an interactive '**Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop** for all children on Friday. **Please can you send the payment to the School Office ASAP.**



Friday 17th November is Non-Uniform Day in support of BBC Children in Need. This year, in exchange for a small **donation of £1** towards the Children in Need Charity appeal, children can come to school dressed in their uniform or clothes that they would wear for an interest or a hobby outside of school, e.g. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Scouts or Horse Riding, chef, artist, dance and walking etc. All the money raised will be gratefully received to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

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:	Sofia D'Orazio	Charlotte Owen
Robins:	Teddy Whitehead	Sid Stevens Thomas Quinn
Skylarks:	Bali Sharma-Grey	Danni Benham
Red Kites:	Jessica Dunning	Emily Stewart Tom de Glanville
Kestrels:	Vinnie Smith	Harriet Butler-Walker

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	305	2395
Galileo (Green)	349	2823
Redgrave (Red)	367	2248
Yeats (Yellow)	403	2229

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

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 06-11-17 to 10-11-17

Owls 96.7% Red Kites 98.3%

Robins 99.6% Kestrels 90.5%

Skylarks 98.1% Whole School 96.9%



Values Education

During the last two weeks children have been focusing on **Healthy Living**, learning that eating wisely and developing good healthy habits lead to wisdom. Perhaps you can discuss with your child/ren what we mean by 'We are what we eat.' Thank you.

PE Kit

Now the weather is getting colder, please could all children bring a warm PE sweatshirt and bottoms to school (all named please).

Parking / Dropping Off

It was reported on a number of occasions to the School Office that some parents are briefly parking their vehicles on the Double Yellow Lines in Brook Lane. We appreciate parking during drop off and collection is difficult, but ask that you follow the Highway Code and park legally and ensure your child/ren and other children are safe, bearing this in mind please park/drop off appropriately.

PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Disco

Thank you for your support we have made **£468**. Well done everyone! We had a lot of fantastic feedback about the evening – so make sure you look out for the next PTA event.

Friday 15th December – Save the Date!

Please save the DATE for PTA Christmas Fair with a special Christmas Show featuring the children. This will take place on **Friday 15th December from 3.00 -5.00pm in School**. More details to follow.

Governors AGM & PTA AGM

Governors AGM for parents and PTA AGM will be held in school on **Tuesday 28nd November at 6.30pm**. There will be refreshments. You are all welcome.

Help – We Need More New Laptops!

In school we use laptops regularly to teach the Computing Curriculum and use laptops to support other areas of learning. Recently we have strengthened our wireless Wi-Fi system in our School and have benefitted hugely from this super-fast internet connection.

Unfortunately some of our laptops are over five and six years old and, as your children have probably told you, it is increasingly frustrating to use as some laptops take so long to log-in – or crash half way through an activity. The PTA will help us raise some money to replace a few laptops as part of our IT upgrading rolling programme. However, if you are able to help in any other way - either through a single donation or by linking us with a business who would be willing to sponsor or donate some money, we would be very grateful. We welcome Tablets, iPads too. Please contact me / the School Office or email me at headteacher@wslprimary.org Thank you.

School Lunches

Please remember - **Lunches for the following week must be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00noon every Friday. LATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.** The School kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order.

Dinner money must be paid in advance online at www.scopay.com or by cash, cheque. All cash payments should be in a sealed CaterLink envelope with your child's name on. We encourage all parents to pay online and endeavour to become CASHLESS school to increase efficiency.

If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

Collection of Children at the End of School Day

We would like to remind you that the School is NOT a public place, your children should be picked up on time after school as staff have other commitments or sometime staff are off site for training purposes.

We have such a wonderful extended school provision **Breakfast Club** and **After School CARE Club**, you can always book a session for your child if you are going to be late or busy that day. This way your child is kept safe and looked after by the CARE Club staff.

Bag2School Collection

Please bring as many bags to school as you can on Tuesday morning of **21st November at 9.00am** when they will be collected. If you would like to know more about Bag2school, the website address is www.bag2school.com **Please DO NOT bring bags to School before the date as we have no places in School to store them. Thank you.**

Winter Gig on Saturday 9th December 2017

WSL Cricket Club will be putting on their first Winter Gig! The event will take place on Saturday 9th December 2017, with doors opening at 19.00, featuring 90s and Noughties hits. Tickets for this are limited with 120 seats indoors. Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible. Normal pricing at £12 per adult, please contact Rupe via rupendupatel@yahoo.co.uk or 07775 712546

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 2 (37 days)

November	Tues 7 th	Growth Mindset Workshop for All Parents	9:00am & 2:15pm	
		PTA Meeting in School	7.30pm	
	Mon 13 th –Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week	
	Fri 17 th	Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshops	1.00-3.00pm	
	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	Governors /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	
		KS2 Christmas Carol in WSL Church – detail to follow	7.00pm	
Thurs 14 th		EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	9.30pm	
		Whole School watch Aladdin – detail to follow	1.30pm	
Fri 15 th		Christmas Lunch	12.00pm	
	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:

Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshops Letter to all