



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. Please refer to our Anti-Bullying Charter sent home this week. Please also take a look at the Anti-Bullying Alliance website for some great resources and activities that you can do with your child at home <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

We all look forward to this interactive 'Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop' this afternoon and please do ask your child/ren to share their learning with you at home.

What have we been learning in school?

For the last few weeks Robins Class have been learning about lots of different sea creatures. They have been reading a mixture of non-fiction and fiction texts to try and find out as many different facts as possible. Mrs Wood even came in and let the children try on her scuba diving kit! Over the week they made an aquarium diorama about their chosen fish and then they wrote their own information texts. They tried their best to include questions and wow facts. They even had an opportunity to share their dioramas and facts with Kestrels class! Perhaps you could ask your child to share what they have learned.



Skylarks Class have been learning addition and subtraction with 3-digit numbers using different strategies. They see subtraction as both take away and finding the difference, and learned to find a small difference by counting up, some children used the method of decomposition. They also applied the skills in solving word problems using RUCSAC method. Perhaps you could ask your child to explain these methods to you.



The theme this year is 'Do your thing'. It was wonderful to see children dressed in the uniform or clothes that they wear for an interest or a hobby outside the school, e.g. Beavers, Guides, Scouts, Horse Riding, chef, artist, dance and walking etc. We have raised **£100.75** today towards the Children in Need Charity appeal. Thank you for your effort and great support. All contributions will be sent off and used to help change young lives across the UK.

Bag2School - Please support our fundraising event by bringing as many bags to school as you can on **Tuesday 21st November at 9.00am** when they will be collected. Thank you.

Finally, a reminder that for health and safety reasons dogs are NOT allowed on the playground and should not be tied up outside the school gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

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:	Harvey Mills	Scarlette Whittle-Pullin	
Robins:	Scarlett Roye	Laetitia Mumford	Lucie Teague
Skylarks:	Gabriele D'Orazio	Spyridon Tsitsouras	
Red Kites:	Alexia Richardson	Lois Bulla	Angelos Gordon
Kestrels:	Dominic Sell	Matthew Taylor	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	421	2816
Galileo (Green)	326	3149
Redgrave (Red)	325	2573
Yeats (Yellow)	312	2541

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 13-11-17 to 17-11-17

Owls	95.8%	Red Kites	98.8%
Robins	97.6%	Kestrels	91.6%
Skylarks	95.7%	Whole School	96.1%



Thank you ...

Thank you to Miss Painter, PGCE student, who has successfully completed her School Placement at Owls this term. Children have enjoyed her help and teaching. We wish her all the best.

Remembrance Day Memorial Service



On Sunday 12th November 4 children from WSL School, Alice M and Aiden represented the school with Alice P and Monty P represented the Junior Choir, attended the service and remembered the sacrifice made by service men and women in WW1 and WW2. The children helped laying poppies on the official village war graves at WSL Church. They all carried themselves with grace and dignity, for which an event like that requires. We received many compliments on their excellent behaviour and they have made us all very proud. Well done, children and thank you, parents, for your support.

PTA News



Please **SAVE the DATE 15th December (15.00 - 17.00)** for PTA Christmas Fair at the school with a special Christmas Show featuring the children - All ages are welcome! More details to follow.

Class Reps - We are still looking for Class Reps for RED KITES. It is not an onerous task - to act as a link between the PTA and the class, and to help organise one class fundraiser over the school year (e.g. Cake Sale).

If you use Facebook, **please join the Waltham St Lawrence School Mums Social Page** - it's a great way to keep in touch and ask any questions about school life. Dads / grandparents / all carers welcome!

The older PTA Facebook pages are to be closed.

Governors AGM & PTA AGM

Governors AGM for parents and PTA AGM will be held in school on **Tuesday 28nd November at 18.30** followed by **PTA meeting**. All are welcome to attend.

Flu Immunisation Consent Forms Years Reception-4

Please remember to return the completed Immunisation Consent Forms (YR-4 children) as soon as possible as the nurse will be in School on Tuesday 28th November. Thank you to those of you who have already sent them in to the School Office.

Practical Phonics and Maths Sessions for Parents in Owls

Please come along to join your children in the interactive sessions:

The **Phonics** session will take place on Tuesday 21st November from 9.0-9.45am in Owls.

The **Maths** session will be on Wednesday 29th November from 9.00-9.45am.

Year 5&6 Residential Trip – Osmington Bay

Just a reminder that the first instalment of £100.00 is due on Tuesday 28th November, you can pay by cash or cheque to the School Office, please make cheques payable to RBWM.

Forgotten Lunch Boxes and Water Bottles

From time to time children do forget to take their lunch boxes home at the end of day. From Monday 20th November the Lunch Box Trolleys will be left outside the Dining Hall where parents can claim forgotten items such as lunch boxes and water bottles. Please ensure all items are **clearly labelled with your child's name and class**.

Winter Uniform

A reminder that as we are now entering the colder months that children are now expected to be in winter uniform. Thank you for your support.

Healthy Snacks

As a Healthy School, please can we remind parents that snacks for break times should be **a piece of fruit or vegetable only**. We request that no crisps, cereal or chocolate bars or sweets (including Smarties, chocolate buttons etc.) are allowed during break time. Thank you.

Use of Phones/Mobile Devices on Site

Parents are politely reminded not to use mobile phones/devices on the school site either before or after school. This also includes the school playground. This is to ensure the safety of all pupils. We understand that on occasions there will be exceptions to this, including taking photos of assemblies/sports days/performances and on these occasions we ask that you remember that these photos/videos should be of your own children and for your own personal use. We ask that you do not share on social networking sites, in line with our safeguarding policy.

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	Mon 13 th –Fri 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week
	Fri 17 th	Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshops	1.00-3.00pm
	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 21 st	Phonics Read Write Inc Session for Parents in Owls	9.00-9.45am
	Tues 28 th	Flu Vaccination for Year R – Year 4	
	Tues 28 th	Governors /PTA AGM followed by PTA Meeting	6.30pm
	Wed 29 th	Maths Session for Parents in Owls	9.00-9.30am
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 Theatre Visit Aladdin	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	
	Tues 9 th	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30am
	Thurs 18 th	Image Theatre visit – details to follow	1.00-3.00pm
February	Tues 6 th	Safer Internet Day	
	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	
	Thurs 22 nd	Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2	1.00-3.00pm
March	Thurs 1 st	World Book Day	
	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:

Anti-Bullying Charter to all

Aladdin Letter to all

CaterLink Allergy Form to relevant parents

Primary Times to all