



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday all the children enjoyed the interactive **'Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop'** where actors used boxes, colours, and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the Power of One, the power to report and TELL a teacher when they see it but NOT being 'bystanders'. The workshop also explained the different roles in bullying: Bully, Target, and Bystander and showed examples of different types of bullying: Physical, Verbal, Exclusion, and Cyber bullying. The children were enthralled by the show which included an anti-bullying superhero character who, it turns out, is inside every one of us. Children were introduced to the "Power of One" Pledge which is:-

- I will not bully others
- I will not stand by while others are bullied
- I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it

Because I have... **THE POWER OF ONE!**

Here are some photos and children's comments:



*I found out what to do if I see bullying so now I can help other people.* - Oscar R  
*I am powerful because I can help stop bullying by telling a teacher.* - Thomas Q  
*I saw that it's not nice to be a bully.* - Caleb T  
*I can help my friends if they are being bullied.* - Abigail M  
*I really liked watching them pretend to be bullies because I saw how I can make it better.* - Georgia H  
*The show really gave us good advice on what to do if anyone was being bullied –*  
 Alexia R  
*It was nice that they asked the children to take part in the show –* Amelia R



## What have we been learning in school?

**Science** - Year 3/4 children have been learning about Electricity. They learned that electricity can be dangerous and understood how to keep safe! They also worked together and designed their own electricity safety posters.

Here are some safety rules:

- Never stick your fingers into a plug socket.
- Never touch a socket with wet hands.
- Never overload a plug socket.
- Never use electrical appliances with broken plugs.
- Always make sure an adult fixes broken electrical appliances.



Year 5/6 children carried out an experiment by comparing different types of paper and recorded their findings on which paper is most suitable for wrapping sandwiches based on their properties.



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

## Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for their actions in demonstrating and promoting the school values throughout this week.

<b>Owls:</b>	Alfie Ray Marshall Pullin	Demi Benhnam
<b>Robins:</b>	Harry Ablewhite	Oscar Ripley Georgia Hamer
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Joshua Creffield	Jonny Sparkes
<b>Red Kites:</b>	Andrea Mastroianni	Hannah Freudenberg
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Samuel Balan	Alice Philp

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	409	3225
Galileo (Green)	341	3490
Redgrave (Red)	263	2836
Yeats (Yellow)	374	2915

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 20-11-17 to 24-11-17**

Owls	95.0%	Red Kites	98.8%
<b>Robins</b>	<b>99.6%</b>	Kestrels	90.5%
Skylarks	97.6%	Whole School	96.5%



## Thank you to Thompson & Morgan

We are grateful that recently **Thompson & Morgan** has sent a selection of flower and vegetable seeds for our After School Gardening Club as per a donation request from John Birkett, Club Leader. They fully support and encourage our children into gardening and send their best wishes to our pupils in Gardening Club and Mr Birkett every success with the club.



## Bag2School Fundraising

We collected 271kg of clothing items and raised **£108.40**, much needed money for the School! Well done and thank you for your continued support.



## Practical Phonics Sessions for Parents in Owls

Thank you to those parents who attended the interactive Read Write Inc Phonics session with your children on Tuesday morning in Owls. We were pleased with the positive comments and glad that you found the session very useful and have now got more ideas to support your child at home.



## Outstanding Payment

Recently we have organised a couple of wonderful enrichment activities such as KS2 school trip to **Reading Museum** and **Power of One Anti-Bullying Workshop** for the whole school as well as the forthcoming theatre visit for the whole school to watch '**Aladdin**'.

All payments are now overdue. Thank you to many parents who have already paid for all 3 events. We still have some outstanding payments. Perhaps, some parents have just forgotten or not got round to it, can we remind you to **send in any outstanding payments to the School Office ASAP so that we can clear the outstanding dues as requested by all providers/organisations. The school has NO money to subsidise for such enrichment events. Your support / timely payments would be greatly appreciated.**

## Governors AGM & PTA AGM

Governors AGM for parents and PTA AGM will be held in school on **Tuesday 28<sup>nd</sup> November at 18.30** followed by **PTA meeting**. Please refer to the AGM Agenda sent home today. All are welcome to attend.

## Practical Maths Session for Parents in Owls

Please come along to join your children in the interactive **Maths** session, this will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00-9.45am.

## Open Morning for Governors

Open Morning for Governors will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 to 12.00. Governors can come anytime during the open hours.

## PTA Christmas Fair



Please **SAVE the DATE 15<sup>th</sup> December (15.30-17.30)** for PTA Christmas Fair at the school - **Once Upon a Bus** will present '**A Christmas Carol**' featuring Jane Deane, from CBeebies.

Children will also be actively participating in this fantastic Christmas Show.

All ages are welcome! Please refer to the letter sent home today for more details.

## Class Representatives and PTA Social Page

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.**

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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)**

<b>November</b>	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccination for Year R – Year 4	
	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Governors /PTA AGM followed by PTA Meeting	6.30pm
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Session for Parents in Owls	9.00-9.30am
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning to Governors	9:30-12:00pm
<b>December</b>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> -Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Book Fair	3.00-3.45pm
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Christingle Service in WSL Church	2.00pm
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal	1.30pm
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play to Parents	1.30pm
		KS2 Christmas Carol in WSL Church – detail to follow	7.00pm
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Play to Parents in School Hall	9.30pm
		<b>Whole School Theatre Visit Aladdin</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
		PTA Christmas Fair	3.00-5.00pm
	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	
	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30am
	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Image Theatre visit – details to follow	1.00-3.00pm
<b>February</b>	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day	
	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	
	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2	1.00-3.00pm
<b>March</b>	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day	
	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:**

- Football Match Letter to Football Team
- Governors and PTA AGM Meeting Agenda to all
- PTA Christmas Carol Letter to all
- Football Christmas Camp Leaflet to all
- Cauliflower Christmas Cards to parents who purchased them