



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What wonderfully busy Christmas weeks we have had! Everyone has fully embraced Christmas. Last week the children sang beautifully at our Christingle Service and the glow of the Christingle candles created such a special atmosphere!



KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday this week went really well. It was so gratifying to see so many of you. Thank you to all the parents who have made the effort to attend this special service and of course, the children for showing dedication and commitment to singing and reading with confidence. What a wonderful way to tell the story of Christmas through singing traditional Carols and reading from representatives of our school community: governor, parent, pupil and staff. In particular, well done to our brilliant Choir for their fabulous singing and performance and Amy's wonderful violin solo, they have made us all very proud!



Possibly the highlight of our week was EYFS and KS1 Nativity 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings' which was such a great success with all the children singing and acting so brilliantly. We were very **proud** of all our confident children, the musical, artistic talents and energy and enthusiasm throughout. Congratulations to all EYFS and KS1 staff team who coached and encouraged the children to this high level of delivery – Well done! A big 'thank you' to all your continued support! We hope you have all enjoyed it! We had a lot of positive feedback from parents and friends. Thank you for the donations, which will be used to cover the cost of licence, music, costumes and props. We have a photo display of children's performances, you are welcome to come in and have a look.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”



The whole school enjoyed the theatre experience of watching the Pantomime Aladdin yesterday. Here are some comments from children:

'I loved yesterday and it was the best day ever. I wish we had more good school trips,' – Samuel

'I loved the trip to see Aladdin, especially Mr Errington in a pink tutu. I loved it!' – Megan

'I enjoyed it so much and it was very funny... I laughed very hard...' Alice P

'I had a lot of fun and appreciate all the hard work you put into it. I particularly enjoyed it when Mr Errington went up on the stage and wore a tutu. I also enjoyed the ice cream at the interval.' – Isabella E

'I really enjoyed the pantomime... I enjoyed when Aladdin got out of the cave and the 12 days of Christmas...' Luke

'... It was amazing! The ice cream was nice. I also really enjoyed the show... My favourite character was Aladdin.' – Joshan

'I enjoyed watching the show and going on the coach through Maidenhead. This was one of the best trips that the whole school has been too. Thank you.' - Bali

'Thank you for this beautiful experience! It was my first time going to the pantomime.' – Gabriele

This indeed WAS a magical theatre experience and memorable time for all of our children. Thanks go to all the teachers, Teaching Assistants, volunteer helpers who have made it such a success! Thank you to all parents for your support and picking up your child/ren on time.

All the children are looking forward to the Christmas lunch in the Dining Hall today.

As we reach the end of our Autumn Terms, I just want to thank you all, the children, Governors and parents, for the support that you have given to the school. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking our very strong staff team for their hard work and effort for a successful term since September. This time of year brings everyone together and that is never more evident than in the events we have had in December. It underlines the spirit of Christmas since all of these events focus on giving to others and welcoming everyone in.

Finally, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at WSL!

The children return to school for the start of Term 3 on **Thursday 4th January 2018**.

As a school family, we look forward to all that 2018 will bring.

Have a fantastic holiday!

L-J Ellerton
Head Teacher



Star Pupils for Term 2

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: James Roylance

Year 1: Aoife O'Hara

Year 2: Teddy Whitehead

Year 3: Alex Woodman

Year 4: Gabriele D'Orazio

Year 5: Lois Bulla

Year 6: Matthew Taylor

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	398	3974
Galileo (Green)	378	4206
Redgrave (Red)	390	3535
Yeats (Yellow)	370	3553

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 11-12-17 to 15-12-17

Owls 98.3% Red Kites 96.3%

Robins 97.3% Kestrels 92.1%

Skylarks 93.2% Whole School 95.7%



The Winner for the Best Class Attendance of Autumn

Terms is Robins Class - 98.6% – WELL DONE 😊

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair and allowing your child to purchase more books, as this not only will encourage their love of reading but will entitle us free books for the School Library. Please come to visit the Book Fair **taking place in Dining Hall**. This will be extended till Monday 18th December.

Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post Box can be found in the Reception area. The Christmas Elves have been busy delivering children's cards this week and onwards. The last delivery day is Friday 15th December. If your child would like to make use of the WSL Christmas Postal Service, please ensure that children write first names and surnames and the name of the Class on the envelopes.

Christmas Tree

We would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to **Ladds Garden Centre** for donating and delivering a Christmas Tree to our School, which has now been put in the School Hall with decorations on, adding that extra festive atmosphere for the children! We thank them for their generosity and wish them all at Ladds Garden Centre a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Clubs for Term 3 & 4

Please look out for the Clubs letter and booking forms for all Clubs for Term 3 and 4 which will be sent home on Monday next week. Please return all reply slips to the School Office by Thursday 5th January 2018.

There will be no clubs in the first week of Term 3. Most Clubs will start in the week beginning 15th January 2018.

After School Care Club and Breakfast Club will start on Thursday 4th January 2018, please complete and submit the Booking Form for After School Care Club directly to Progressive Sports. Please plan your childcare accordingly. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Extravaganza

This fundraising event will be held TODAY Friday 15th December in school starting at 15.00 onwards. Please come and support the school and enjoy the fun!

Outstanding Payment

Well done and thank you for all your support for our enrichment activities and events for Term 1 and 2. Children have benefitted hugely from such wonderful enriching experiences. If you have not got round to clear the payments, can we remind you to **send in any outstanding payments to the School Office ASAP**. The school has **NO money to subsidise for such enrichment events**. Your support / timely payments would be greatly appreciated.

Winter Weather Planning

As the cold weather period has come, this seems a good time to remind everyone of the procedures in the event that weather conditions affect our school in the weeks and months ahead. Any decision to close, whether fully or partly will not be taken lightly and we will always try to give as much notice as possible, taking into account staffing, site safety and access.

In the event of an emergency closure of the school, there will be an alert headline on the school website. You should also receive a text/email and you should listen to the local radio stations for updates. Wherever possible we will give notice in advance. **Please always ensure that we have your most up to date contact details, both email address and telephone numbers. This should enable us to make contact with you whenever necessary.**

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)

December	Fri 15th	Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumper Day (bring £1 each for the charity) 12.00pm	
		PTA Christmas Extravaganza	3.00-5.30pm
	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 3rd	Inset Day School Closed	
	Thurs 4 th	Pupil Term starts	
	Tues 9 th	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30am
	Wed 10 th	Kestrels Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Fri 12 th	Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Workshop	1.30pm
	Thurs 18 th	Image Theatre visit – details to follow	1.00-3.00pm
	Wed 24 th	Red Kites Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Wed 31 st	Sports for School Event	1.00-3.00pm
February	Tues 6 th	Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents – Details to follow	2.00-3.00pm
		Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents	Repeat 3.00-4.00pm
	Fri 9 th	End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up	3.00pm

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

February	Wed 2 nd	Skylarks Class Assembly	2.30pm Fri 9 th
		End of Term 3	

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)

Term 5 (29 days)

April	Mon 16 th	Pupil Term starts	
May	Mon 21st	Inset Day School Closed	
	Fri 25 th	End of Term 5	

May Holiday: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 2018

Term 6 (37 days)

June	Mon 4 th	Pupil Term starts	
	Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip	
July	Tues 24 th	End of Term 6	

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:

- Aladdin Final Arrangements Letter to all
- Dance Festival Ticket Letter to Year 1, 2 and Red Kites
- Cricket Letter to Year 2