



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 1st December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! It was gratifying to see so many parents take the opportunity to join the **Open Maths Session** in Owls on Wednesday and enjoy the interactive learning activities with your children. Thank you to EYFS Team for making learning fun and meaningful. We hope you have now learned a few more new ideas to support your child's Maths at home. Maths is everywhere!



Open Morning for Governors – In the governors' update letter sent home yesterday, Richard Pelly, Chair of Governors highlighted the strategic roles Governors play. They have a statutory responsibility to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the school, governors need to know what progress is being made towards targets set out in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Visiting the classroom can help to support this process. On Wednesday this week we were all pleased to welcome our School Governors in school to see learning and teaching in action. They had the opportunities to talk with the children and staff. Here are some of their comments:

'The children are generally well engaged. Teaching is done in an imaginative way. The children are set challenging tasks, which stretch them. Teachers know their pupils well.'

'Good to see the children engaged and learning in a calm environment.'

'A reminder of the range of ability within classes and the challenge therefore faced by the teachers'

'How well the school is organised and the children were very well behaved.'

Overall our governors were very impressed by what they saw and heard.

What have we been learning in school?

Year 1/2 children have been learning about 2-D & 3-D shapes and using shapes to create a repeated pattern.



With Christmas fast approaching please can I urge you to check dates and times of events so that you are able to join us whenever possible? The details can be found on the reverse of this newsletter or separate letters sent home by the PTA and school.

Our whole School Christingle Service will take place in Waltham St Lawrence Church on **Friday 8th December at 2:00pm**. We will light Christingle candles as part of the Christingle Service, so we will be making Christingle on Wednesday next week. Please make sure your child could **bring in a medium or large sized orange on Wednesday 6th December**. We will provide candles for all the children. Thank you. Please refer to the letter sent home today for details. We look forward to you joining us on Friday at the Service.

The High Street has had or will be all festive over the weekends with music and the switching on of Christmas lights.... time to get in the Yuletide mood!

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:	Robyn Wynn	Harvey Mills	
Robins:	Amber Ripley Caleb Tarn	Freddie Scrimshaw	
Skylarks:	Eoin Murphy	Isaac Hamer	
Red Kites:	Monty Philp	Jack Baylis	Callum Presnail
Kestrels:	Harriet Butler-Walker	Vinnie Smith	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	351	3576
Galileo (Green)	338	3828
Redgrave (Red)	309	3145
Yeats (Yellow)	268	3183

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 27-11-17 to 01-12-17

Owls	90.0%	Red Kites	96.1%
Robins	96.8%	Kestrels	93.7%
Skylarks	95.2%	Whole School	94.4%



Governors' and PTA AGM

Thank you to parents who came to the Governors' and PTA AGM for Parents on Tuesday this week. Information was shared about the School Performance 2016-17 and School Improvement Plan (SIP) with priorities for this academic year. Richard Pelly, Chair of Governors highlighted governors' key role and responsibilities etc. Sam Teague, Co-Chair of PTA presented the finance report on how much money was raised by the PTA last year and also shared the PTA's future plan. As a school we were extremely grateful for all the hard work the PTA put into organising so many fun events enjoyed by all the children and all the wonderful extra resources the PTA provided and how they benefit the school and our children. We want to say a huge Thank YOU for all your support!

Christmas Post Box



Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to dust the cobwebs off the Post Box. The Christmas Post Box will be in operation next week and can be found in the Reception area. The Christmas Elves will be ready to deliver children's cards from next week 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. Unfortunately the Postal Elves can only deliver to pupils and staff at WSL Primary School and are unable to deliver to 'Mummy', 'Daddy' and 'Nanny'!

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair with books for sale from Monday 4th till Monday 11th December after school between 3.00 and 4.00pm. **Please note that the sales will take place in Dining Hall.** The more books we sell, the more free books we can choose for school!

Outstanding Payment

Well done and thank you - we are getting there... Those who have not paid YET can we remind you to **send in any outstanding payments to the School Office ASAP so that we can clear the outstanding dues TODAY.** The school has **NO money to subsidise for such enrichment events.** Your support / timely payments would be greatly appreciated.

Reminder - After School Clubs

Please make a note of the date of final sessions for out-of-school-hours Clubs for this term.

Craft Club ends on Monday 4th December.

Golf Club ends on Tuesday 5th December.

Homework Club ends on Tuesday 5th December.

Chess Club ends on Wednesday 6th December.

Gardening Club ends on Thursday 7th December.

Football Club ends on Thursday 7th December.

Sewing Club TBC

Active Gamerz TBC

PTA News



Please **SAVE the DATE 15th December** for PTA Christmas Fair at the school from 15.30-15.30 -

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 last week for more details.

Once again PTA are holding a Christmas Raffle, please refer to the letter sent home this week. The money raised from the raffle will go towards equipment and resources including the Adventure Playground for the children. WE DO HOPE THAT YOU WILL HELP PROMOTE THE SALE OF THESE TICKETS BY SELLING TO EXTENDED FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS & WORK COLLEAGUES.

At the PTA meeting on Tuesday this week it was agreed that ALL the money raised will go towards the Adventure Playground. We plan to have the New Adventure Playground replaced in Spring Term. Please come along to this Christmas Event. **We need and value your support for this fundraiser.** More updates on Adventure Playground and funding will follow.

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	Mon 4 th -Mon 11 th	Scholastic 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 14th	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 9th	Open Morning to Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30am
	Thurs 18th	Image Theatre visit – details to follow	1.00-3.00pm
February	Tues 6th	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 22nd	Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2	1.00-3.00pm
March	Thurs 1st	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:

Governors Updates Letter to all

Christingle Service Letter to all

PTA Christmas Show and Fair Posters and Raffle Tickets and Colouring Competition to all

Berkshire Maestro's Christmas Carol Concert Flyer to all