



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see everyone back at school looking refreshed. We have had a very busy first full week back at school and children are full of enthusiasm and making such a positive start to the year. In the class and assembly children have taken the opportunity of the New Year to think about the new beginnings and make resolutions and fulfil commitments; we hope you also had a chat with your child/ren about their hopes and dreams or targets and goals.

This week we have had a number of visitors in school including prospective parents who came to our Open Morning on Tuesday, they all commented on how engaged our children are with their learning and the exceptional way that the children conduct themselves around the school building and how clean and tidy our school is - so lovely to hear!

We are also very pleased with how well the children have embraced the new change to the morning routine. They arrive on time and settle quickly into their class and get on with their learning – very impressive! Thank you for your support in helping them develop independence and confidence.

Spring Terms are usually short and there is a lot to fit in! We have fun, very busy and exciting terms ahead including Class Assemblies, Open English and Maths Sessions for Parents, Celebrating World Book Day Activities, Parents Evenings and other occasions when you will be invited into school. A list of dates for this term can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter; further dates will be notified as and when they are known.

It is **Kestrels' Class Assembly** next week. Family and friends of children in Kestrels Class are invited to their child's Class Assembly on Wednesday 17th January at 2.30pm in the School Hall.

We are always aiming to develop and enhance elements of our curriculum. We have one exciting enrichment activity planned - **The Image Theatre** will visit us on Thursday 18th January next week. Please send in the contribution of **£3.00 per child** to the School Office **by Tuesday 16th January**. Thank you for your continued support! We cannot do all the things we do without you and your great support, so please accept a very big thank you for all you do in helping us to give the children so many different learning opportunities both during the school day and outside too. As I have said many times, we can do so much more together for our children – indeed **'Together We Inspire and Achieve'**.

The focus of **Human Values Education** for this term is **Truth** and the related Values of **Honesty, Curiosity, Hope and Optimism**. During the next couple of weeks children will be learning that Honesty and fair play are important to good behaviour and human relationships. Perhaps you could discuss with your child/ren why it is important to always do the right thing and have the courage to tell the truth or why it is sometimes difficult to tell the truth and explore ways to make it easier for you to be honest; or share the famous Aesop's Fable 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf Once Too Often' and discuss the *moral of the story: One lie leads to another. When we lie or exaggerate no-one believes us.*

We will continue with our **Values Nominations** and encourage children to put our values into action in everything they do and say in daily life. Those children who get most nominations will be our **Values Gems**. Last term our **Values Gems are Hannah Freudenberg and Monty Philp – Well Done and Many Congratulations!**

School Census Day on Thursday 18th January 2018 next week – please refer to the letter and leaflet sent home today.

I would like to remind you that we also operate an **Open Door Policy**. If you have any questions to ask, concerns to raise or need to inform the school of a situation, please feel free to let us know. You can meet with me or the staff member in person or speak on the phone. If an appointment needs to be made with a particular member of staff, this can be done at a mutually convenient time. We are always looking for ways to improve on everything we do here at WSL and your comments, suggestions are always so valuable.

The staff, Governors and I value and thank you for your support for our school in all kinds of ways and look forward to working with you all throughout this term.

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.

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| Owls: | Jak Busby Mollie-Mai Hawkins | |
| Robins: | Gloria Mastroianni | Freddie Scrimshaw Jude Collin |
| Skylarks: | Bali Sharma-Grey | Joshan Wilson |
| Red Kites: | Angelos Gordon | Freya Ablewhite |
| Kestrels: | Alice McEvet | Archie Buekers |

House Points

| | Weekly Total | Rolling Total |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Brunel (Blue) | 358 | 358 |
| Galileo (Green) | 375 | 375 |
| Redgrave (Red) | 440 | 440 |
| Yeats (Yellow) | 283 | 283 |

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

Attendance

Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.

Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!

Class Attendance for 08-01-18 to 12-01-18

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Owls | 97.5% | Red Kites | 97.5% |
| Robins | 98.5% | Kestrels | 86.3% |
| Skylarks | 94.5% | Whole School | 95.3% |



Christmas 'Thank You'

On behalf of all the staff, may I say a big thank you to you and your children for the many generous and thoughtful gifts and kind words. They are very much appreciated.

PTA Christmas Extravaganza

We have raised an amazing **£1,300!** Thank you everyone for all your support and help.

Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview has been uploaded on the school website under 'Our Class – Curriculum' Section. They give you a broad overview of the learning that takes place in Term 3 & 4 for your children.

Reading

Practice Reading! **T**WI – read **T**o, read **W**ith and have your child read **I**ndependently every evening. Daily practice is a key factor for fluency and comprehension. Daily practice also gives children exposure to new vocabulary and more complex sentence structure that help with their speaking and writing skills. Thank you.

Voluntary One Way System and Parking

To avoid congestion during the rush hour, there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and leave either by turning left into Brook Lane, or right into Baileys Lane. Brook Lane is a single track Lane, please be more considerate and not to park across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours. **Please remember to follow the Highway Code and NOT park on the Double Yellow Lines at all times.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs for Term 3 & 4

All Clubs will start next week, **except Football and Netball due to prior arrangements.** There will be no teacher led clubs during the week when we have Parents Evenings in Term 4.

All clubs finish at 4.00pm or otherwise indicated. Please refer to the Clubs Timetable sent home this week. Please ensure that you have firm collection arrangements in place for your child/ren as it can become very unsettling, if they are not collected on time.

After School Care Club and Breakfast Club will run as usual throughout the term, please do take advantage of this wonderful extended school service we offer at WSL and plan your childcare and book sessions accordingly by submitting the Booking Form for After School Care Club directly to Progressive Sports. Thank you.

Healthier Lunchboxes

You may have seen news recently about children eating too many sugary snacks. We are a Healthy School and in school we encourage healthy lunches, and many of our children enjoy the freshly cooked lunches provided by Caterlink. However, some children also bring packed lunches and we notice sometimes these include a range of snacks that might fill children up but provide little nutrition and contain a great deal of sugar. The following link from the BBC gives plenty of information about how to make packed lunches healthier- I hope you find it useful.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-42546066/how-to-make-your-lunchboxes-healthier>

This is also a good opportunity to remind parents that our mid-morning snacks must be fruit or vegetables only.

Emergency Contact Details & Wintry Weather Planning

Although we are due to have some more wintry weather, If for any reason, we need to close the school, whether fully or partly, we will always try to give as much notice as possible, taking into account staffing, site safety and access. A message will be put on our school website and a text message will be sent home to all those that are registered for them.

Please remember to keep the school up to date with any new contact details. If you have recently changed your phone number, email address, or if you need to change your emergency contact please inform the School Office.

At this time of year there are a lot of bugs about and it may be necessary to send children home if they are unwell. Therefore it is extremely important that you inform us of any changes.

Could you also make sure that children are wearing appropriate jackets/coats and shoes for the cold, adverse and rainy weather.

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 3 (28 days)

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| 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 |
| | Fri 12 th | Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Workshop | 1.30pm |
| | Wed 17 th | Kestrels Class Assembly | 2.30pm |
| | | Cricket Festival for Year 2 | 9.00-11.00am |
| | Thurs 18 th | School Census Day | |
| | | Red Kites Open English Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | | Image Theatre visit – details to follow | 1.00-3.00pm |
| | Wed 24 th | Red Kites Class Assembly | 2.30pm |
| | Thurs 25 th | Robins Open English Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | Tues 30 th | Owls Open English Session for Parents | 9.00-9.40am |
| | Wed 31 st | Kestrels Open English Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | | Sports for School Event | 1.00-3.00pm |
| February | Thurs 1 st | KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents | 2.30-3.00pm |
| | | KS 2 SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents | 6.30-7.15pm |
| | Mon 5 th | Skylarks Open English Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | Tues 6 th | Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents – Details to follow | 2.00-3.00pm |
| | Wed 7 th | Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents | Repeat 3.00-4.00pm |
| | Dance Festival –Year 1 & 2 and Red Kites | 9.00-3.00pm | |
| | Fri 9 th | End of Pupil Term 3 and Break up | 3.00pm |

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

Term 4 (29 days)

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| February | Mon 19 th | Pupil Term starts | |
| | Thurs 22 nd | Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2 | 1.00-3.00pm |
| | Mon 26 th | Red Kites Open Maths Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | Wed 28 th | Skylarks Class Assembly | 2.30pm Fri 9 th |
| March | Thurs 1 st | World Book Day | |
| | Mon 5 th –Wed 7 th | Year 6 Bikeability Training | All day |
| | Tues 6 th | Owls Open Maths Session for Parents | 9.00-9.40am |
| | Wed 7 th | Robins Class Assembly | 2.30-3.00pm |
| | Thurs 8 th | Skylarks Open Maths Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | Wed 14 th | Kestrels Open Maths Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | | Owls Class Assembly | 2.30-3.00pm |
| | Thurs 15 th | Robins Open Maths Session for Parents | 9.00-9.50am |
| | Wed 21 st | Parents Evening | 5.30-8.00pm |
| | Thurs 22 nd | Parents Evening | 3.30-6.30pm |
| | Thurs 29 th | End of Term 4 | 1.15pm |

**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)

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

May Holiday: Monday 28 May 2018 to Friday 1 June 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 last & this week:

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| New Year New Initiatives Letter | Expectations Letter | Cricket Festival Letter to Year 2 |
| Image Theatre Letter | School Census Day Letter & Pupil Premium and Free School Leaflet | |
| Curriculum Overview | Clubs Timetable for Term 3 and 4 | |
| Active Gamerz leaflet | Families Magazine | |