



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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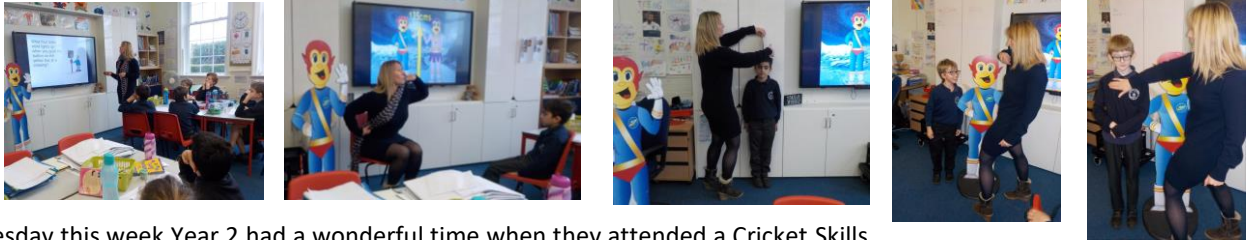
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Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant fun packed week we have had at WSL, a variety of opportunities were provided for learning in all aspects...

Last Friday Year 4 had a Road Safety Talk led by Mrs Leonard from RBWM Transport Team. Children discussed road safety and the importance of the Green Cross Code. They also learned about car safety and the reasons why children should use the right car seats and wear seat belts. Year 4 children were very engaged and have learned a lot from the stories shared.



On Tuesday this week Year 2 had a wonderful time when they attended a Cricket Skills Festival for schools in Windsor and Maidenhead. They had the opportunity to test and practice their skills and then compete against a variety of other schools. Using balancing, throwing, catching and dribbling the children took part in a range of different games to try to earn as many points as possible. Thank you to Miss Gregory, Mrs Wood and all parents for your help and support.



Kestrels Class shared their learning during their **Class Assembly** on Wednesday, covering a range of subjects such as English, Dance, Science and singing. The children spoke with confidence and expression and showed their musical talents! The assembly was enjoyed by all. Thank you, parents for joining us and your continued support.



This Thursday the whole school was treated to a fantastic production of "Wind in the Willows" by the Image Musical Theatre. The school hall was transformed into a stage for an amazing musical retelling of the classic story by Kenneth Grahame. Whilst 10 lucky children rehearsed their parts and changed into costumes, the rest of the school became the chorus, learning the words, actions and music for the songs. The three actors from Image Theatre took the lead roles, with our children joining them as the horse, two policemen, the stoats and the weasels. The children followed the lives of the loyal friends Mole, Ratty and Badger in their attempts to help the exuberant Mr Toad become a better creature. Only when Toad is threatened with the loss of Toad Hall does he realise the importance of their friendship. It was a fantastic afternoon of fun and adventure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. More photos will be uploaded onto our School Website.



The highlight of the week has to be the visit from our Prime Minister, Theresa May who paid a visit to us this morning! – We were all so excited! More news on this next week...

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:	Jenson Edwards	Lily Spooner
Robins:	Florence Tate Christa Gordon	Ava Koldashi
Skylarks:	Danni Benham	Spyridon Tsitouras
Red Kites:	Lucas Mumford	Amelie McIntosh
Kestrels:	Dominic Sell	Nellie Dabliz

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	350	708
Galileo (Green)	326	701
Redgrave (Red)	389	829
Yeats (Yellow)	324	607

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 15-01-18 to 19-01-18

Owls	89.2%	Red Kites	93.8%
Robins	98.9%	Kestrels	88.9%
Skylarks	97.1%	Whole School	93.9%



Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Baylis who provided new batteries for our class cameras purchased by the PTA. They are now being used regularly to record children's learning journey. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals and funding for your child's school through the Pupil Premium if you receive one of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance etc. (details from the School Office)

Pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered Free School Meals without the need to make an application. If you receive a qualifying benefit, it is important that you still apply for Free School Meals to get funding through the Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help raise the attainment of pupils. The funding can be used for a range of interventions including: help with costs of learning resources, Teaching Assistant Staff, after school programmes, equipment etc.

School Lunches

Please remember - **Lunches for the following week must be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00noon every Friday.** The School kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order.

Dinner money must be paid in advance by cash, cheque or online at www.scopay.com All cash payments should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name on.

If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

Reading

Practice Reading! **TWI** – read **To**, read **With** and have your child read **Independently** 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.

Red Kites Class Assembly

Red Kites Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday 24th January at 14.30 in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Red Kites are welcome to join us.



Robins Class Open English Session for Parents

Parents of Robins Class are welcome to the Open English Session on Thursday 25th January from 9.00-9.50am.

PTA News



Another Fundraising event, **Family Rock and Roll Bingo Night** will take place on **Friday 23 February from 18:30-20:00** in the School Ding Hall. Please save the date!! 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.

School Closure due to severe weather conditions

It is our intention that the school will stay open whenever possible. In the unlikely event of a school closure, we would send a message to parents' as soon as a decision has been made. Local radio stations will also be informed and can provide valuable information on the local traffic situation and any difficulties there may be.

Local Radio Stations:

BBC Radio Berkshire Frequency:

95.4 FM, 94.6 FM, 104.1 FM, 104.4FM

Heart Thames Valley Frequency: 97.0 FM, 102.9 FM

Jack FM

In the event of heavy snow or adverse weather, a message would also be put on the School Website (www.wslprimary.org) as soon as possible and we would ask all parents to check this before leaving home. If there is no message on the website you should assume the school is open. We would aim for the School Office to be manned from 8.00am, but would ask for your understanding if staff have been unable to get in to man the phones. We would always ask you to check the website rather than phoning the school.

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)

January	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
February		Sports for School Event	1.00-3.00pm
	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
		Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents	Repeat 3.00-4.00pm
	Wed 7 th	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)

February	Mon 19 th	Pupil Term starts	
	Thurs 22 nd	Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2	1.00-3.00pm
	Fri 23rd	PTA Family Rock and Roll Bingo – details to follow	6.30-8.00pm
	Mon 26 th	Red Kites Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
March	Wed 28 th	Skylarks Class Assembly	2.30pm Fri 9 th
	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)

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

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:

Sports for School Letter

Sports for School Sponsorship Form

Parent Governors Vacancy Notification Letter and Nomination Form

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