



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a day to remember! We were so thrilled that the Prime Minister, Theresa May paid us a visit last Friday following our Outstanding Ofsted Rating last January. The Prime Minister visited each class to see children learning in action. The children shared a variety of subjects with the PM during her short visit:

In Kestrels Amy and Isabella read aloud their adventure story about friendship, Year 3 & 4 children in Skylarks read out their class poem 'What Values Mean to Me' based on our School Values; Red Kites Class shared their Maths work on decimals and explained how they cope with challenging tasks by using Growth Mindset approach; Robins enjoyed their PSHE lesson on Rights and Responsibilities and shared their mature responses and solutions on how we can do our part to look after the environment etc.; William in Owls Class read a story called Bingo and the Bird and the children discussed how they can show KINDNESS to others and put values into action each and every day. We are so proud of our children who also asked some superb and very interesting questions to the Prime Minister. Here are just some of them:

What does it feel like to be the Prime Minister?

As you are PM and MP for Maidenhead and how do you manage to do both jobs at the same time?

How has becoming Prime Minister affected your daily life?

You are always on the news and in the newspaper. Does it ever worry you or make you anxious when people say things about you?

Do you spend all your time working, or do you still have time for yourself?

Did you ever think you were no good at Maths at school?

Can you tell us what you discussed with President Macron yesterday?

What pet do you have?

Do you get driven around in a bullet-proof limo?

The Prime Minister was impressed with children's high quality work and commented that what a lovely and fantastic school WSL is and how much she has enjoyed her visit. Both children and staff enjoyed meeting and talking to her. We are very grateful and thanked the Prime Minister for taking the time out of her very busy schedule to visit us.

I am sure you have enjoyed reading the article in yesterday's Maidenhead Advertiser about the PM visit to our school yesterday. Here are some more photos...



Just a reminder:

KS1 Reading Information Meeting for Year 1 and 2 parents will take place on **Tuesday 30th January at 2.40pm in Robins Class**

KS1 SATs Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents will take place on **Thursday 1st February at 2.30pm in Robins Class.**

KS2 SATs Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents will take place on **Thursday 1st February at 6.30pm in Kestrels Class.**

This is an opportunity for you:

- To get some more ideas on how you can support your child with phonics/reading at home.
- To learn more about all the new changes to the KS1 & KS2 SATs this year and how you can prepare the children for these tests in May,

Please come along to this important meeting. We will look forward to seeing you then.

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:	Harwin Benawra	Sofia D'Orazio
Robins:	Teddy Whitehead Amber Ripley	Ava Koldashi
Skylarks:	Alex Woodman	Eoin Murphy
Red Kites:	Sarah Creffield	Tom de Glanville
Kestrels:	Matthew Taylor	Eleanor Bye

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	379	1087
Galileo (Green)	328	1029
Redgrave (Red)	372	1201
Yeats (Yellow)	324	931

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 22-01-18 to 26-01-18

Owls	93.5%	Red Kites	95.8%
Robins	97.0%	Kestrels	93.6%
Skylarks	94.6%	Whole School	95.0%



Sports for School Events

The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**. We are very excited to be welcoming GB 400m Sprinter Luke Lennon-Ford to our school on **Wednesday 31st January 2018** next week.

Luke will be leading a **Sponsored Fitness Circuit with all pupils** and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session at the whole school.

Please make sure your child/ren have their PE kit in school every day.

A Vacancy for a Parent Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on the School's Governing Board. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please return the completed application/nomination form in a **sealed envelope clearly marked for the attention of the Returning Officer by next Friday Noon 2nd February**. Please refer to the letter sent home last week for details.

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.

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.

Owls and Kestrels Class Open English Session for Parents

Parents of **Owls Class** are welcome to the Open English Session on **Tuesday 30th January from 9.00-9.50am**.

Parents of **Kestrels Class** are welcome to the Open English Session on **Wednesday 31st January from 9.00-9.50am**

Skylarks Class Assembly

Skylarks Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 14.30 in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Red Kites are welcome to join us.



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 Dining Hall. Please save the date!!

School Trips

To update you on our school trips, those planned and confirmed so far for the rest of the year in Term 3 and Summer Terms are as follows:

Term 3: Year 1 & 2 visit Braywick Nature centre on Friday 9th March all day

Term 6: Residential Trip for Year 5/6 from 4th to 8th June
Please look out for letters about details for each school trip in due course.

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.

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	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 23 rd	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
	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
	Fri 9 th	KS1 trip to Braywick Nature Centre – details to follow	All day
	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 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:

- School Entry Health Screening Letter to Reception
- Dance Festival DVD Order Form – Y1, Y2 and Red Kites
- Change 4 Life leaflet to all
- PTA Family Rock & Roll Bingo Night to all