



# WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**Weekly Newsletter Number 18**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of Sports for School fundraising event, Luke Lennon-Ford, Great Britain Sprinter and his colleague, Omar Hutchinson visited WSL School on Wednesday afternoon to run a Fitness Circuit with all children from EYFS to Year 6. The Fitness Circuit consisted of a continuous minute each of Spotted Dogs, Leg Drives, Press-ups and Star Jumps. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Fitness Circuit with Omar and Luke, even if they were shattered afterwards!

Luke then hosted an assembly where he talked about his running career and his achievements so far including 4x400m Silver Medal at the European Indoors and Silver at the European Championships. This was very inspiring for the children. He highlighted that you can become anything you want to be if you work hard enough towards it. To be a successful athlete you need have perseverance. His top tip for life is **'Stay ready so you don't have to get ready.'**

Luke also demonstrated some of his training exercises to the children who were also invited to have a go. Luke also gave the children an opportunity to ask some questions.

Luke is now keen to focus his efforts on training towards 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

We would like to thank all of the children and their families for being a part of this amazing event and raising money for the GB athletes and the school. We will let you know the final total raised. We would appreciate it if you could **bring in all the raised money to school by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February next week.** Thank you for your continued support.



Year 5 and 6 children have been learning about materials and their properties in their Science lessons. They have learned how to separate mixed materials such as cube salt, sugar and sand etc. It was extremely fun and everyone enjoyed the lesson and completed the set task with enthusiasm.



**Safer Internet Day** will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** next week. We have organised two **Internet Safety Workshops for Parents on that day starting from 2.00pm-3.00pm and from 3.00pm-4.00pm (repeat).** Please refer to the letter sent home this week for details and please return the reply slip by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. We hope you can all make it!

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.

<b>Owls:</b>	Jake Swift	Mollie-Mai Hawkins
<b>Robins:</b>	Maizie Stracey Jenna Williams	Stavroula Tsitoura
<b>Skylarks:</b>	Jonny Sparkes	Oliver Sell
<b>Red Kites:</b>	George Grech	Abigail Pope
<b>Kestrels:</b>	Amy Bond	Tristan Sell

## House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	334	1421
Galileo (Green)	307	1336
Redgrave (Red)	273	1474
Yeats (Yellow)	363	1294

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

## Attendance

**Good attendance is crucial to children making progress.**

**Every day, every half day and every lesson counts!**

**Class Attendance for 29-01-18 to 02-02-18**

Owls	93.6%	Red Kites	96.0%
<b>Robins</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	Kestrels	93.4%
Skylarks	94.6%	Whole School	95.0%



## KS1 & KS2 SATs Information Meeting

Thank you to those who attended KS1 and KS2 SATs Information Meetings for parents. Please refer to the PPT slides on our school website or handouts given at the meeting. If you need any help or advice please contact us.

## Lateness

Please can you ensure your child arrives in school by 8.40 am, ready for the start of lessons at 8.50am. Please plan to leave earlier so if bad weather or roadworks cause delays, the impact will not affect your child's learning. Thank you for your continued efforts.

## Robins Fundraising Event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear everyone,

Please come to our stall because we are selling art and crafts to raise money for KS1. We are selling stress balls, bookmarks and even cupcakes!

We have been learning about people who have changed the world and we want to make a difference, too.

From Oscar, Laetitia, Thomas in Robins

This event is initiated and organised by Robins Class and will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February after school on the School Playground outside the Curiosity Room. Please bring in some small change. The money raised will be used to buy some desirable art materials for the children such as stencils or playdough etc. Thank you for your support in advance.

## KS1 Reading Information Meeting for Parents

KS1 Reading Information Meeting will take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm in Robins Class**. All parents in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to this important meeting. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## Primary Dance Festival 2018

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February Year 1/2 and Red Kites Class will take part in the annual Primary Dance Festival 2018 at the Magnet Leisure Centre. We hope parents in these year groups can join us and celebrate the wonderful high quality dances our children and staff have created!

## Open English Session for Parents

Parents of **Skylarks Class** are welcome to the Open English Session on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00-9.50am**.

## Skylarks Class Assembly

Skylarks Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> March all day

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

## Breakfast Club and After School CARE Club

If you do require child care, we are offering an extended service at WSL running the above two clubs - Breakfast Club from 8.00am to 8.40am daily and Afterschool Care Club from 3.00-6.00pm (can be picked up any time) daily, run by Progressive Sports. The children will be registered and given a healthy snack and a drink. There are multiple activities your children can choose to do throughout their stay. There is also a dedicated time for them to do their Homework.

## Sponsored Spelling Bee Competition

This annual event will take place during the second week in Term 4 starting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please encourage your child to learn the words for their year group. We will send a letter with the spelling list for each year group next week.



**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)**

<b>February</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Open English Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents	2.00-3.00pm
		Safer Internet Day Workshop for Parents	Repeat 3.00-4.00pm
	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Dance Festival –Year 1 & 2 and Red Kites	9.00-3.00pm
	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	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)**

<b>February</b>	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Drama Workshops for Reception and Year 1-2	1.00-3.00pm
	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>PTA Family Rock and Roll Bingo – details to follow</b>	<b>6.30-8.00pm</b>
	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Red Kites Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Class Assembly	2.30pm Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>March</b>	Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day	
	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> –Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability Training	All day
	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.40am
	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robins Class Assembly	2.30-3.00pm
	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Skylarks Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
	<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS1 trip to Braywick Nature Centre – details to follow</b>	<b>All day</b>
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
		Owls Class Assembly	2.30-3.00pm
	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Robins Open Maths Session for Parents	9.00-9.50am
	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening	5.30-8.00pm
	Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30pm
	<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rocksteady Concert - parents are invited</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
	<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Easter Egg Decoration Competition Result</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	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)**

<b>April</b>	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pupil Term starts	
<b>May</b>	<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Residential Trip Information Meeting for Year 5/6 Parents</b>	<b>3.15pm-4.00pm</b>
	<b>14<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS2 SATs Week</b>	
	<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day School Closed</b>	
	<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day in support of Village Fete</b>	
	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 5	3.00pm

**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.wsprimary.org](http://www.wsprimary.org)**

**Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:**

- Bikeability Cycle Training Letter to Year 6
- Bike Helmet Check Form
- KS2 SATs Information Meeting Letter to Year 6
- Safer Internet Workshops Letter to all
- Pupil Internet Safety Charter to all
- Support Young People Online Document to all
- Anxiety Group Flyer to all
- Explore Learning Leaflet to all
- Primary Times to all