



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another eventful and successful week - On Tuesday **Safer Internet Day**, the children worked together in their class groups focusing on this year's theme: **"Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you."** All the children enjoyed making Internet Safety Posters using iPads provided by Discovery With 3. We wish there would be more parents who could join the Safer Internet Workshops but we were pleased with those who came and have found the workshops very useful and had the opportunity to explore the responsibility we all have to help keep our children safe. It is so important that you take the time to have a conversation with your children about what they are doing and stay engaged with your children's digital lives. It is our duty and care to keep reminding our pupils about the importance of staying safe online. Please read the Pupil Internet Safety Charter with your child/ren sent home last week and E-Safety websites. We hope you will find them informative and useful. Here are some photos and comments from children and parents about the day:



I enjoyed making posters and looking at everybody's posters. I enjoyed learning about being safe online
- Oliver S

I enjoyed making a poster on the iPad and I learnt that the internet can be dangerous. - Luke C

I learnt how to keep safe on the internet and enjoyed the assembly. -Bali

Excellent workshops, Very informative, Very useful & interesting Information about setting restrictions and YouTube for Kids is very useful - Parents

Primary Dance Festival 2018 - A HUGE THANK YOU & WELL DONE to all the staff involved and children in Year 1 & 2 and Red Kites whose performances were brilliant - What a great show! Throughout the day the children demonstrated excellent behaviour. They have done our school and parents proud! Thank you to Mrs Cubbage, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Macaulay-Brown, Mrs Sarney, Mrs Kemp, Mrs Wood and Mrs James supervising them all day and anyone involved who have in their different roles, organised, supported & prepared the dance, in particular, Mrs Macaulay-Brown who taught the dance movements, made props and costumes with Mrs Sarney and Miss Grimmett who helped with all of the logistics & ticketing arrangements. Thank you to parents for your great support and transporting your child/ren to and from the event. It has been a great achievement and memorable experience for our children and all involved!

Here are some of children's thoughts on Dance Festival...

It was really fun because we got to see the other dances - Georgia

My favourite bit was when I went up and talked in the microphone. - Abbigail M.

My favourite bit was the finale. - Florence

I think I was such a lucky child to have been in the Dance Festival because not many schools get to be in it. - Christa

Year 3 and 4 children have been learning about **Rocks and Soil in their Science lessons**. They have learned how to identify different rocks and carried out fair tests in groups to see whether they are permeable or impermeable. It was extremely fun and everyone was engaged and enjoyed the interactive learning activities with enthusiasm.



Paired Reading – Recently our Year 6 and Year 2 have had a couple of Paired Reading sessions where every child is learning and reading a book together. It has helped the children to practise their reading skills and improve their fluency and comprehension. Everyone involved has enjoyed the sessions and benefitted from the experience.



We can't emphasise how important it is for the children to **read EVERY DAY!** Remember: - You can't write a story unless you can tell a story. You can't tell a story unless you have heard a story. Let's all work together and encourage our children to **'Read as a writer'** (spot good bits and techniques used and be a Magpie!) and **'Write as a reader'** (applying the ideas to their own writing)! Together we will help our children to achieve their potential and **raise the attainment in writing across the school**, one of the targets in this year's School Improvement Plan.

The Chinese New Year of the Dog will start on Friday 16th February and will last for 15 days finishing off on the Fifteenth day with Lantern Festival on 2nd March. The children will have opportunities to learn about different aspects of the Chinese culture when they return to school for Term 4. I am sure there will be many exciting celebrations of the Chinese New Year during the February Holiday, which you may want to take your children to experience and enjoy.

I wish you all **新年好! Xīnnián hǎo** Happy New Year of the Dog and a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **MONDAY 19th February** 2018 for the start of Term 4.

Have an enjoyable holiday.

L-J Ellerton
Head Teacher



Star Pupils of Term 3

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been a good role model demonstrating and promoting our School values: having positive attitude to learning, doing their best, working hard, being respectful and showing good manners. Their photographs are displayed on the Star Pupils Board in the School Hall.

EYFS: Romain Ferreria

Year 1: Sofia D’Orazio

Year 2: Abbigail Mason

Year 3: Connie Stevens

Year 4: Ethan Collinson

Year 5: Callum Presmail

Year 6: Tristan Sell

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	201	1622
Galileo (Green)	240	1576
Redgrave (Red)	242	1716
Yeats (Yellow)	264	1558

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 05-02-18 to 09-02-18

Owls	94.8%	Red Kites	94.2%
Robins	87.8%	Kestrels	95.6%
Skylarks	94.8%	Whole School	93.1%



Thank You...

Thank you to **Gina Macgregor**, Abi Pope’s nanny, for donating netballs to school. They will be used by the Netball Club and children during the day.

We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to parents who have returned the money for Sports for School event. We will let you know the final total. THANK YOU!!

Parent Governor Appointed

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Liga, mum of Gloria in Year 2 and Andrea in Year 4, will be joining the WSL Governing Board as Parent Governor. Many congratulations, Mrs Liga. We look forward to working with Mrs Liga.

Sponsored Spelling Bee Competition

Please refer to the letter about Spelling Bee Competition sent home yesterday.

To make it fun and creative, children are asked to take a photo of where and how they learn their spellings and then email it to school. The photos will then be displayed in school - let your child/ren imagination run wild! Thank you in advance for your continued support.



KS1 Reading Information Meeting for Parents

KS1 Reading Information Meeting will take place on **Monday 19th 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.

Open Maths Session for Parents

Parents of **Red Kites Class** are welcome to the Open Maths Session on **Monday 26th February, 9.00-9.50am**.

PTA News



The PTA organised 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 support the school and join us and have great fun!

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.



World Book Day



To mark the World Book Day 1st March, we will have a **Non-Uniform day on Friday 2nd March 2018** when children are invited to come to school in their onesies or pyjamas as a way to encourage Bedtime Reading.

Lunchtime Controller

We are seeking a permanent Lunchtime Controller to join our lunchtime team to supervise and ensure the welfare of the children during the lunchtime period. Hours of work are 12.00pm to 1.00pm during term time only. Appointment starts in Term 4, as soon as satisfactory recruitment checks are completed. If you are interested or you know anyone who would be interested in taking up this role please contact the School Office for more information and an application form.

Chess Club – Succession Planning

Chess Club run by Mr Bond continues to be successful and very popular. As part of the succession planning we would require an adult to help run Chess Club in the future. This will ensure our children can enjoy the club. Please let the School Office know if you can spare an hour on Wednesdays to assist this club for now and will help run the club in the future.

E-Safety

E-safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe on-line. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please log on to

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.digizen.org/downloads/cyberbullying

www.connectsafely.org/guides

Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. www.ceop.police.uk

www.internetmatters.org

This is a new online portal for parents to access advice about online safety for their children. It provides tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.

<http://parentinfo.org/>

Please use this new URL. It helps parents/carers reinforce our education of keeping their children safe online.

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: Mrs Becky Bond (Associate Member of Governing Board)

Dates for your Diary

Academic Year 2017-2018

Term 3 (28 days)

February Fri 9th 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 19th Pupil Term starts
 Thurs 22nd 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 26th Red Kites Open Maths Session for Parents 9.00-9.50am
 Wed 28th Skylarks Class Assembly 2.30pm Fri 9th
 March Thurs 1st World Book Day
 Fri 2nd Non-Uniform Day to celebrate World Book Day
 Mon 5th – Wed 7th Year 6 Bikeability Training All day
 Tues 6th Owls Open Maths Session for Parents 9.00-9.40am
 Wed 7th Robins Class Assembly 2.30-3.00pm
 Thurs 8th Skylarks Open Maths Session for Parents 9.00-9.50am
 Fri 9th KS1 trip to Braywick Nature Centre – details to follow All day
 Wed 14th Kestrels Open Maths Session for Parents 9.00-9.50am
 Owls Class Assembly 2.30-3.00pm
 Thurs 15th Robins Open Maths Session for Parents 9.00-9.50am
 Wed 21st Parents Evening 5.30-8.00pm
 Thurs 22nd Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
 Tues 27th Rocksteady Concert - parents are invited 2.30pm
 Wed 28th Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Egg Decoration Competition Result 2.30pm
 Thurs 29th 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 16th Pupil Term starts
 May Thurs 10th Residential Trip Information Meeting for Year 5/6 Parents 3.15pm-4.00pm
 14th – 17th KS2 SATs Week
 Mon 21st Inset Day School Closed
 Fri 25th Non-Uniform Day in support of Village Fete
 Fri 25th 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

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

Dance Festival final arrangement Letter to KS1 and Red Kites

Sponsored Spelling Bee Competition Letter to all

Sponsor Form to all

Girls' Football Competition Letter to Year 5/6

Anxiety Group Workshop Flyer to all

Half Term Family Fun at Maidenhead Heritage Centre to all