



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a restful and happy holiday, enjoyed spending time with your families and friends. We are delighted to welcome you all back for our final Summer Term 5 and 6 and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Summer Term is a busy term as always, with lots of events taking place: The Coronation Celebration, WSL Talent Show, Class/ Whole School Trips, Sports Day, Transition Week, Village Festival, KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia', Open Evenings for Parents and our Leavers Assembly as well as PTA organised fun events etc. Please see Page 3 of this term's dates and events for your diary. You might want to spend a few moments transferring these to your diary so that you do not miss something important. There will be more information about some of the events in future newsletters / letters.

We continue to be committed to 'Outstanding' standards in all areas and promote confidence, independence, resilience and hard work. Through our embedded Growth Mindset approach, the children understand that in order to learn they must be brave and not afraid of making mistakes, and this allows them to tackle challenges they would not have attempted before. As Teachers and Teaching Assistants, we never stop learning and the school provides opportunities for all staff to have Continuous Professional Development (CPD) linked to the school priorities and national initiatives. This term we carry on further developing our learner's Metacognitive Skills and Self-Regulated Learning Approach, teaching children to apply the strategy of 'Plan, Monitor and Evaluate' as part the learning process. This will empower the children to become effective and independent learners. We value your great support and partnership in all that we do.

As we enter the final terms of this academic year, we would expect **ALL of the children, including children from Reception to come to school independently**. Please use our Stop and Drop Zone and let your child/ren walk into the school by themselves. This will encourage children to **develop self-help skills and independence** and settle in quickly to the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

What have we been learning in school?

As the first lesson in their '**Sensational Safari**' topic, children in Robins Class learnt some geographical facts about Kenya. After a recap of the continents and oceans of the world, they used atlases to locate Kenya and many of its geographical features and marked them onto their maps.



In **Science**, the children were using what they have learnt about materials and structures to build a paper bridge strong enough to support a toy car. Teamwork was a major part of the exercise, as they all had to put their ideas forward and discuss them, in order to come up with a design they all agreed on and then build it together. They had some good ideas and a lot of fun building but they also learnt a lot along the way, when things didn't go quite according to plan!



Children in KS2 had a wonderful '**Adventure with Pandas**' online session on Tuesday this week organised by Oxford Brooks University. They enjoyed a virtual visit to the Panda Park in Chengdu, China, took part enthusiastically in Quizzes, games and live discussions with panda experts and had fun making a 3-D paper panda. This links really well to the Science topic children are learning on **habitats**. Here are some comments from children:

It was so good. I liked learning how Pandas got their black and white fur. The best bit was when I got to make the Panda – Zak
I really enjoyed it. It was calming to make the Panda because it wasn't hard – James

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

I found it interesting how we got to learn different things about Pandas. They are not just black and white they can be brown and white – Ellie

I found it interesting and I found it fun and I have learned a lot about pandas. – Caitlin

I found it a big fiddly to make the Panda but it was interesting and I liked it – Ollie



- What do you know about giant pandas?
- Do giant panda hibernate?
- Are giant pandas only black and white?
- How many fingers does a giant panda have on its front paw?
- Where are the giant pandas distributed in China?
- Which body parts can we use to identify pandas?
- How many years do pandas live in the wild?
- How long does a giant panda's pregnancy last?



For our Relationship and Health Education Curriculum this term via **The Big Think**, we will be focusing on the Core Value of **Community** and its related values of **Non-violence, Kindness to Animals and Celebrating difference**. We will spend two weeks on each related value this term. At the assembly on Monday we introduced the first related value of **Non-Violence**. Next week we will continue with **Non-Violence**. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'Can you control your anger? Or Can you stay in control when provoked?' Children are encouraged to stay calm and peaceful when resolving conflicts. You may want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote '*In a gentle way, you can shake the world.*' – Mahatma Gandhi (Indian Activist 1869-1948) What might he mean?



Reminder - PTA Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 7.30pm, Shurlock Inn.

I hope by now you have read the Ofsted Report. We are so thrilled that our school has been judged as Outstanding for the second time by Ofsted. This tremendous achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our talented staff team and most importantly our exceptional children who have consistently displayed a strong desire to learn and excel.

The staff, governors and I look forward to working with you and achieving our goals in what should be an exciting Summer Term!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

Sunshine Book

Congratulations to all the children for demonstrating the School Values, following the School Golden Rules and going above and beyond with their learning throughout this week.

Owls	William Johnson	Mia Anderson-Mayo
Nightingales	Wilfred Pitt	Cooper Gray
Robins	Toby Lavers	Jamie Harris
Skylarks	Alanna Tarn	Oliver Roylance
Red Kites	Alex Souto-Long	Ellie Tate
Kestrels	Amelia Atkinson	Chester Clark

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	173	173
Galileo (Green)	146	146
Redgrave (Red)	173	173
Yeats (Yellow)	196	196

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

Attendance for the Week

Excellent attendance and punctuality maximise potential! *Every day and every lesson counts!*

Class Attendance: 17-04-23 to 21-04-23

Owls 96.4% Skylarks 95.0%

Nightingales 96.4% Red Kites 96.4%

Robins 97.8% Kestrels 94.6%

Whole School 96.1%



Termly Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview for each Year group gives you a broad overview of what your child will be studying at school in Term 5 and 6 and how you might support in their learning. The Overviews will be uploaded on to our school website - any questions? Please see your child's Class Teacher.

Expectation for Morning Drop-Off

As we enter the final terms of this academic year, **we would expect ALL of the children from Reception to Year 6 to come to school independently**. Please say good bye to your child at the entrance gate or use Stop and Drop Zone and let your child/ren walk into the school by themselves. This will encourage children to **develop self-help skills and independence** and settle in quickly to the day ahead. Thank you for your support.

EYFS Writing Expectations Workshop

This Writing Expectations Workshop will be run twice on **Wednesday 3rd May and Friday 5th May** (repeat) at **2.30pm in Owls classroom**. It will be an interactive session with Miss Painter and Mrs Whyte demonstrating how to develop children's handwriting, sentence writing and writing for a purpose. Parents in Owls Class, please can you let the Office know which day you would like to attend. thank you.

Year 5/6 Residential Trip Information Meeting

This final PGL Residential Trip Information Meeting for parents and children will take place on **Thursday 11th May after school from 3.10pm to 4.00pm in Kestrels Class**.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates 2023

The dates for this year's Year 6 SATs Exams have changed due to the additional Bank Holiday in honour of the coronation of King Charles III. **New KS2 SATs dates are Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May 2023**. If your child is in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school that week.

Primary Assessments Dates

KS1 Year 2 SATs will take place throughout **May 2023**
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will take place in **w/c 12^h June 2023**.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check will start in **w/c 6th June 2023**.

It is vital that the children are in school during these very important periods.

WSL Coronation Parade and Party

We will be planning some activities in school to celebrate this historic moment and will also be part of the Parish organised Coronation Party, which will take place on Sunday 7th May, 12.00-4.00pm. You can book tickets via the website (and see info) for the Coronation event <https://www.wslsrevents.com>

Bag2School Collection

Please go through wardrobes and hold on to any **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** etc. as these can be brought into school **at 9.00am on Friday 19th May 2023**. This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We thank you for your generous support.

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5

May Holiday Grow a Pound Challenge (3 Week Window)
Saturday 20th May, 2.00-4.00pm - Family Colour Run in School Playing Field, tickets are available now on www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/

Friday 30th June 2023 - Sports Day Family Picnic - (not a fundraiser)

Sunday 7th May 2023 - WSL Village Coronation

Saturday 17th June 2023 - WSL Village Festival, tickets are available now on www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

Summer School Uniform

As we are now in Summer Terms, Summer uniform can be worn:

Girls: pale blue gingham dress or grey skirts with School's logo polo shirt, white socks;

Boys: School's logo polo shirt with trousers (long or short), grey socks.

Black, hard wearing shoes must be worn, trainers, plimsolls open-toe sandals, and shoes with inappropriate heels may not worn. **No make-up or nail vanish are allowed**.

All the children are expected to have their PE kit in school every day. Please make sure that **ALL ITEMS must be clearly labelled**. Children with shoulder length hair or longer should have it tied back using plain hair-ties, hair bands or clips please. Not only will this contribute to their smartness but will also keep tackle the ongoing head lice problems.

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

School Values: Truth Love Peace Responsibility Community

British Values: Democracy Rule of Law Respect Tolerance Individual Liberty

Staff and Governors of Waltham St Lawrence Primary School are committed to the safeguarding of children

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Li-Juan Ellerton (Head Teacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Head Teacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mr David Hooper (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 5 (29 days)

April	Mon 17 th	Start of Pupil Term	
May	Mon 1 st	May Day Bank Holiday	
	Thurs 4 th	3 Year 4 Pupils attending Mathematical Competition at Cookham Dean	4.00-5.30pm
	Sun 7 th	Coronation Party in Neville Hall and The Pond	12.00-4.00pm
	Mon 8 th	Additional Bank Holiday in Honour of the Coronation of King Charles III	
	9 th -12 th	KS2 SATs Week	
	Wed 17 th	Coronation of King Charles III Performance for all children	9.00am-3.00pm
	Thurs 18 th	Year 2 Mighty Maths Competition at WSL (Host)	4.00-5.30pm
	Fri 19 th	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
	Fri 19 th	WSL Talent Show in School for children only	1.15pm
	Sat 20 th	PTA Colour Run in School Playing Field	2.00-4.00pm
	22 nd - 26 th	Year 5 & 6 PGL Osmington Bay Residential Trip	
	Fri 26 th	End of Pupil Term	

May Holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Term 6 (35 days)

June	Mon 5 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 6 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Mon 12 th	Class Group and Whole School Photography	9.00am
	Tues 13 th	Peter Pan Drama Performance Workshop for EYFS and KS1	10.30-12.00pm
	12 th – 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
	Sat 17 th	Village Summer Festival	4.00-11.00pm
	Wed 14 th	Nightingales Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day
	Fri 16 th	Robins Class Trip to Waltham Place – detail to follow	All day
	Thurs 29 th	Whole School Trip	All day
	Fri 30 th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic	
July	Fri 7 th	Annual Report to parents	
	Fri 7 th	PTA Camp Out	5.00pm
	Mon 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Dress Rehearsal	1.15pm
	w/c 10 th	Transition Week	
	Tues 11 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	1.15pm
	Wed 12 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
	Thurs 13 th	KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' Performance for parents	6.00pm
	Mon 17 th	Open Evening for parents to view children's work – detail to follow	3.00-5.00pm
	w/c Mon 17 th	Culture Diversity Week – details to follow	
	Fri 21 st	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm

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:

Ofsted Report Letter to all

Luckley House School Open Day Letter to Year 5

Clubs Reminder to all

Coronation Parade and Party Leaflet to all

Summer Festival Leaflet to all