



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

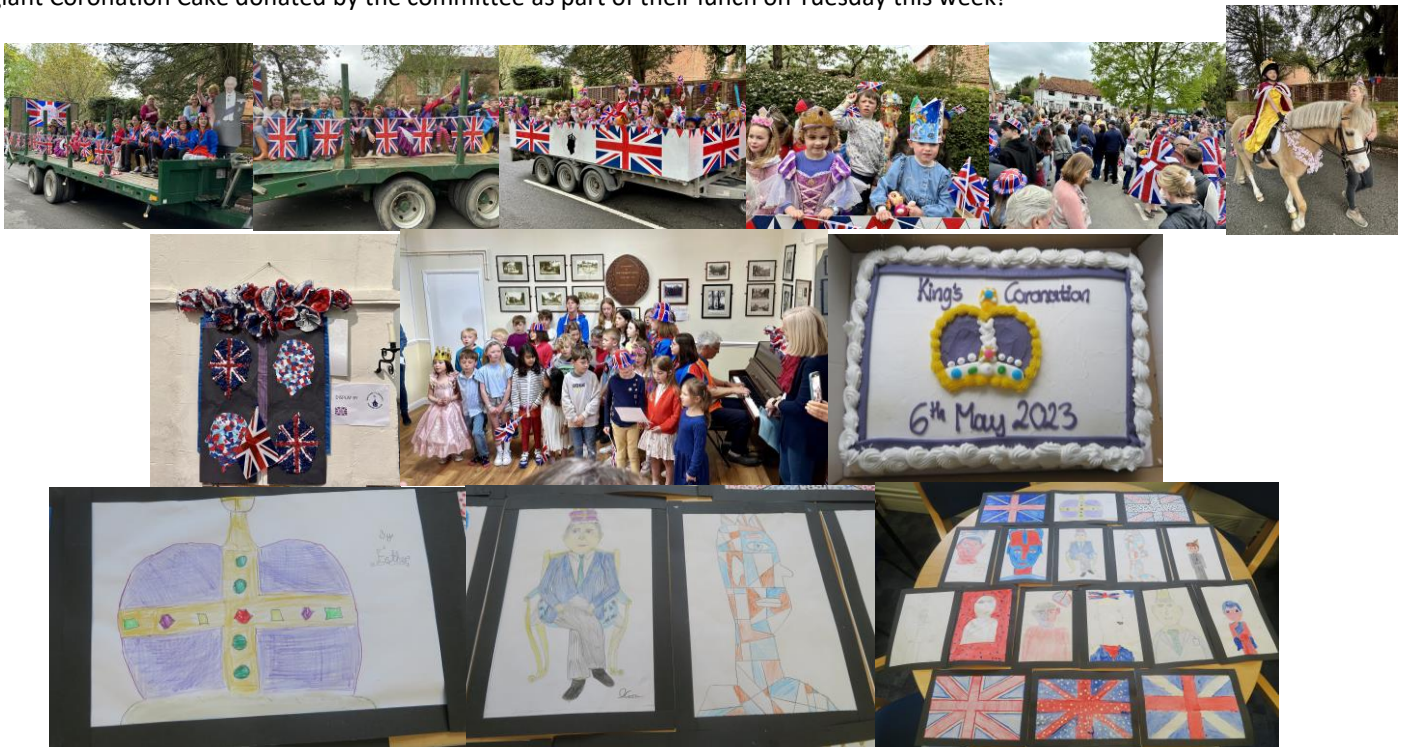
The EYFS Writing Expectations Workshop went really well with many parents taking part over the two sessions held on Wednesday and Friday last week. During the sessions, Miss Painter and Mrs Whyte demonstrated how to develop children's handwriting, sentence writing and writing for a purpose. Thank you to all the parents for making the time to attend this important workshop. It was wonderful to witness the children's enthusiasm to complete the writing challenges and for you to see the amazing progress they have made so far this year. We hope you found this practical, interactive workshop informative and will be able to use some of the strategies when you support your child's learning at home. Thank you to the EYFS Team.

For those who were unable to attend, please refer to the summary information sheet sent home today, which covers some aspects of writing shared in the workshops as well as some additional ideas for activities that you can try at home.



Coronation Celebrations

What fantastic Coronation celebrations we have had as a community on Sunday 7th May. It was heart-warming to see many children and families coming together in celebration, being part of this grand event. Children had fun joining the Coronation Parade of floats in their fancy dress and costumes and riding on their ponies. Children's tissue flowers were used as table decorations and also displayed in the church as part of the Flower Festival. Our School children sang beautifully in the Neville Hall, entertained and delighted the community. They made us all so proud. Children also had a treat and thoroughly enjoyed the giant Coronation Cake donated by the committee as part of their lunch on Tuesday this week!



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

Our School Values are well embedded across our school life and I am so pleased to hear and see these values being applied all across the school and beyond – not just learning. This week, we remain incredibly proud of all the hard work and effort the **Year 6 learners** have put into their **SATs** over this **exam week**. The children were resilient, they persevered and coped extremely well and impressed us all. A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils! They thoroughly enjoyed having breakfast together with their friends, feeling relaxed and ready for the day! Thanks to the staff team for their amazing support, in particular to Mrs Wakeling for catering for extra children at Breakfast Club this week.



To further embed our School Values and also explicitly link children's actions in their behaviour and learning to our values, we continue to give out Values Gem Tokens to pupils when they demonstrate the values in their learning or actions. Since the beginning of Term 5, we have also started using the new **House Tokens** to replace the traditional way of collecting House Points. In the same way, House Tokens are also being awarded for any kind of positive behaviour, their efforts and achievements, giving children continued incentives and motivation to do well in all aspects of school life. Each class has mini House Token Tubes for children to put their tokens in. Children are all working very hard to earn tokens for their House Teams. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to the PTA for funding this new system.

Year 2 children will have their **SATs** during the next two weeks. For Year 2 parents, can you please avoid booking holidays or appointments (if necessary, please try to make doctor or dentist appointments out of school time as much as possible) during this on-going assessment period, as it is vital for your children to be in school EVERYDAY so that they will not miss out any important lessons and assessments or tests. Thank you for your support.

What have we been learning in school?

As part of their '**Ready, Steady, Grow**' topic, in **Science**, the children in Robins Class were learning about **hydroponics** this week. They each prepared their bag by putting in a paper towel and some water. Next, they put in their bean, which was stopped from falling to the bottom by a row of staples. This was so that they can watch the bean develop both downwards and upwards with its roots and its shoot. The children will be keeping a close eye on the beans and drawing their progress over the next few weeks. As ever, it is bound to become more than a little competitive!



In **Maths** this week, the Robins have been looking at the topic of Data Handling. As a class, the children created a block graph to show which cookies were their favourite. Each child had one vote and it turned out that peanut butter was such a popular flavour that the blocks did not all fit on the graph. This was good, as it provided a problem for the children to solve. Having discussed a few of their ideas, they realised that they could reduce the number of blocks by making each one representing 2 children.



For the next two weeks, we will be focusing on the Value of **Celebrating Difference**. Children will be discussing the similarities and differences they have, how they celebrate diversity or how do they feel when celebrating diversity. Perhaps you can spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote: '*I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character.*' — Martin Luther King Jr. American Civil Rights Leader (1929 - 1968) What might he mean?

Reminder

- **Coronation Drama Workshops** will take place on Wednesday 17th May for all children. Please can you make the payment via sQuid if you have not done so. Thank you.
- **'WSL's Got Talent' Show** will take place on Friday 19th May in school. Please help your child prepare for their performance if they wish to take part. You can refer to the letter sent home yesterday for more details.

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	Victoria Zambezi	Theo Paesano
Nightingales	Samuel Waller	Dixie Bingle
Robins	Ethan Chang	William Edwards
Skylarks	Benjamin Tilley	Harry Mills
Red Kites	Margot Tancorre	Aaron Harris
Kestrels	All Year 6 for demonstrating the WSL Values	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	259	966
Galileo (Green)	242	883
Redgrave (Red)	225	905
Yeats (Yellow)	318	1114

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: 09-05-23 to 12-05-23

Owls 97.6% Skylarks 95.6%

Nightingales 97.6% Red Kites 95.2%

Robins 100% Kestrels 99.3%

Whole School 97.4%



Habit of the Month

In **May** children will be focusing on **being well organised and looking after their own belongings** e.g. their book bags, their PE kit and school uniform etc. These are all part of daily routines, please continue to support us and help all of our children form good habits. Thank you.

Amazon Wish List

We regularly update our **Amazon Wish List** and would appreciate your continued support. If you would like to purchase something for the school, please click the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your continued assistance and generosity.

Primary Assessments Dates

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

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. Children have taken Bag2School bag each this week. We thank you for your generous support.

Parking – WARNING

Please follow the Highway Code:

NO PARKING on the Double Yellow Lines at the junctions of Brook Lane and Baileys Lane

NO PARKING on 'Keep Clear' markings

NO PARKING on Zigzag markings during the restricted hours

The entrance must be kept clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

If there is no parking space on the road, can we suggest that you drive around the block again, following the voluntary one-way system, as by then there might be a parking place for you. Let's all try to be more considerate and park safely and legally for the safety of all children and all road users. Thank you for your co-operation.



Junior Touch Rugby Maidenhead Rugby Club

6 Week Junior Touch Rugby Programme taking place on Tuesdays from 5.00-6.00pm has just started on 9th May for children aged 5-13. If your child is interested, please join them for an hour of touch rugby activity, including fun warm up games, skills development including catching, passing, evasive running, teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making. Booking link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5BmxThLVs6ZwlaTnj1_9y_HWLpzUy0Uw_DyhKrgT_KVWUJw/viewform?usp=sf_link

May Half Term Camp – Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st May from 9.30am to 3.00pm for children and young people aged 5 to 17! You can sign up for your children for coached development across a variety of technical skills and tactical game elements for touch rugby. Sessions also include lots of creative and problem-solving games to keep the children engaged and having fun throughout the day. Booking link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfH2pSB4_GOyJo6fIcASxHybCXZHPsvWsvSGtglsuZRAb9kVQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions please get in touch with Sammie Phillips via www.in2touch.com or 07766 525 938

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 5 & 6

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)

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

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

The Lych Gate Magazine

As we have many families who live outside the village, to keep you up to date and possibly involved in any village events, The Lych Gate magazine provides an ideal source of information, **in addition, our children's work is regularly published in the magazine**. Copies are available at **£1.00** each. They are located on the window sill opposite the School Office with an 'Honesty Box' for the £1.00 charge per magazine or 50p for any old issues. All money will be used to cover the cost of printing.

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)

May	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 to Hampton Court Palace	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 11 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.wslprimary.org

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

Talent Show Letter to all

Parking Letter to all

EYFS Writing Expectations - Supporting Your Child at Home Information Sheet to Owls

Bag2School Bags to all

Junior Touch Rugby Leaflet to all

Performance in the Park Leaflet to all

Family Magazine to all