



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in 'National Testing' season – assessment of our Year 2 children is on-going during the month of May and formal tests of Reading, SPaG and Maths will be in the week commencing, 12th and 19th May, while our Year 6 children have a week of tests, from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May inclusive. The children (and staff) are all working very hard. Good luck to all of our learners – we are sure that they will do their best and that their hard work will be reflected in the results. Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive along the way.

It is a tradition here at WSL, all Year 6 children are invited to **FREE Breakfast** during SATs week where they can spend time together, enjoying some breakfast and getting ready for the SATs. If you would like to take up the offer, please confirm your child/ren's attendance via emails to the School Office so that we can make necessary arrangements. The Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am.

Here are a few key reminders and they do make a huge difference:

- Make sure your child has early nights and has plenty of sleep
- Ensure your child has a good breakfast and has plenty to drink
- Ensure your child is in school every day on time and has calm thoughts – the day will start with the usual registration routines
- If your child is unwell, contact the school in plenty of time from 8.00am onwards and we will make arrangements for your child to take the test away from others and also arrange a collection time.

For Year 2 parents, can you please also 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.

Yesterday a team of three Year 4 children took part in the **Maths Challenge Event 'Mathemagician Madness'** held at Cookham Dean Primary School. This event is sponsored by Maidenhead Thames Rotary Club for RBWM schools. Our children worked brilliantly as a team and communicated very well. After two exciting and fast paced rounds, the scores were totalled. Although our team did not win, they have enjoyed the experience and applied their mathematical skills in a competitive context. Well done, Alexandra, Monty and Tejas. Thank you to parents for your support.



Coronation Celebration Activities

This week in school children have been busy with making tissue flowers and painting class jars as table decorations for the Coronation Party being held on Sunday 7th May, 12.00-4.00pm at The Neville Hall and The Pond. Children in Owls have made bunting as part of the decorations. We are all looking forward to the Coronation Party held at our community over the weekend or celebrations wherever you are.



“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”

What have we been learning in school?

As part of their Local Study topic in **Geography**, children in Nightingales Class went on a local walk from West End to Waltham St Lawrence on Wednesday this week. This practical study was to help children understand what a linear village is. The children looked at the landscapes and houses as well as talked about history of the village. They have learned how our rural village has changed over time. They also discussed and compared their likes and dislikes and identified advantages and disadvantages of living in a village. Children will be doing some follow-up activities such as making a composition of our school or the Parish Church. They will also write about their local walk. The children were all inquisitive and their behaviour was exemplary. They have made us proud. Thank you to the Year 1 Team for their support.



PTA Update:

The PTA have recently funded House Tubes and Tokens, a Loose Part Obstacle Course for EYFS and three outdoor clocks. THANK YOU for your support and contributions! The PTA are continuing to raise money towards the school. Please support whenever and however you can.

Next event: Grow £1 Entrepreneurs' Challenge

Following the first successful challenge last year with so many children inspired, coming up with some fantastic ideas and resulting in raising an amazing amount of money for the PTA, this year the PTA is excited to see what innovative ideas the children will come up with! **Grow £1 Entrepreneurs' Challenge** will take place during May over 4 week window. Today each child will be taking home an envelope with £1 given by the PTA. Children are encouraged to turn £1 into a profit. There are no rules. It's just a bit of fun! **Please return all profits (minimum of £1) to school on Tuesday 6th June 2023** in an envelope clearly marked 'Grow £1 Challenge' plus your child's name and class. please refer to the information enclosed in the envelope sent home today by the PTA for more details including prizes.



THANK YOU!

to Mrs Pitt and the PTA for such an unexpected, pleasant surprise at the end of the day last Friday – Congratulating our Outstanding Ofsted outcome. Thank you for the drinks and doughnuts for staff and children. Thank you for such heart-warming Thank You messages from parents and children to the staff team. We are very touched by your generosity and kindness. On behalf of all staff, I would like to say a massive 'THANK YOU' for the part you played in the process and your continued support.

Together We Inspire and Achieve!



Reminder – EYFS Writing Expectations Workshop for parents will take place at 2.30pm in Owls Class. We hope as many of you can come as possible.

Monday 8th May is an additional Bank Holiday in honour of the coronation of King Charles III and the school will be closed. We will see everyone back safely on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

Have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and enjoy the celebrations!

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	Jemima Kennedy	Ridley Jahanshahi
Nightingales	Penelope Wilson	Bailey Holdaway
Robins	Imogen Howe	Preston Marshall
Skylarks	William Creffield	Ajooni Thiara
Red Kites	Kimble Roberts	Ethan Barry
Kestrels	Khloe Watts	Ava Koldashi

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	207	707
Galileo (Green)	206	641
Redgrave (Red)	187	680
Yeats (Yellow)	266	796

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: 02-05-23 to 05-05-23

Owls 96.8%	Skylarks 92.8%
Nightingales 93.7%	Red Kites 97.6%
Robins 100%	Kestrels 99.3%
Whole School 96.6%	



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.

The Big Think - Community

Next week we will continue with the value of **Kindness to Animals**. Children in their class will have a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'How do you show kindness to animals? How might you support the welfare of animals? You may want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote *'The question is not, 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?' but 'Can they suffer?'* — Jeremy Bentham, English philosopher (1748-1832) What might he mean?

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.

Residential Trip Final Arrangement Information Meeting

This final PGL Residential Trip Information Meeting will take place on **Thursday 11th May after school from 3.10pm to 4.00pm in Kestrels Class**. This session is for all parents and children who are going on this year's PGL residential trip to Osmington Day. This will provide a chance for you to ask any questions you may have.

KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates 2023

KS2 Year 6 SATs will take place next week from **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 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.

WSL Coronation Parade and Party

This celebration event will take place on Sunday 7th May, 12.00-4.00pm. If you would like your child to join in the Parade at 12.00pm and singing as part of the Parish organised Coronation Party, please come to assemble at the Memorial before 12.00pm, the Parade will start from there. The School Singing will take place in The Neville Hall at 1.00pm. See you there. Please refer to the letter sent home yesterday.

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 & 6

Sunday 7th May 2023 - WSL Village Coronation

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)

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.

Dangerous Driving

We continue to have parents and members of the community raise concerns regarding **dangerous driving and parking** during drop off and pick up time. This morning, I received another complaint regarding speeding at drop off time. For the safety of our school community, please drive sensibly within the speed limit of 20/30 mph around the school area. Thank you for your support with this.

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	Thurs 4 th	3 Year 4 Pupils attending Mathemagician 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 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	

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:

Coronation Celebration Events Letter to all

WSL Coronation Party Tickets Information to all

EYFS Writing Workshop Reminder to Owls

Food Treat Information to Year 1

PTA Grow £1 Challenge Envelope to all