



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week packed with fun learning and memorable moments!

Whole School Trip to Hampton Court Palace on Thursday 29th June

What an incredible journey we embarked on yesterday to the majestic Hampton Court Palace. Our entire school from EYFS to Year 6 came together for a day filled with historical wonders, aligning perfectly with the topics we have covered throughout the year. Hampton Court Palace, a place of immense historical significance, proved to be the perfect setting for our school trip. Here are some highlights of our remarkable day!

Children in their class groups had the extraordinary opportunity to step into Henry VIII's State Apartments, The Great Hall and Great Watching Chamber, walk in the footsteps of Henry VIII and his six wives. They are adorned with rich tapestries and artwork. The children uncovered the secrets of the Tudor Kitchens. They witnessed the bustling activity of the Tudor kitchens, where royal feasts were prepared. They gained insight into the cooking techniques, ingredients and table manners of the Tudor court. It was wonderful to see our children enthusiastically absorbing the historical significance of Hampton Court Palace. They embraced the opportunity to bring their learning to life and truly made the most of this educational trip.



EYFS children in Owls Class went on their first ever school trip! The excitement of a coach journey was overwhelming, some young children thoroughly enjoyed the 'coach ride'. It was great to take learning out of the classroom and give the whole school an experience they can share. It was a day full of facts and fun. The children had a fantastic time and left wanting to visit again!

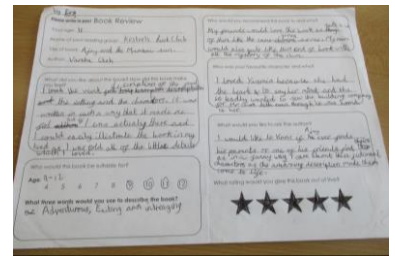
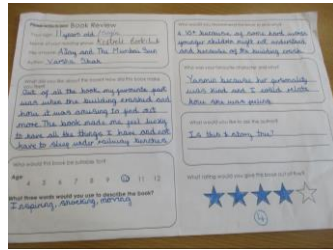
I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Volunteers who contributed to the success of this trip and helped us to bring the children's learning to life. Children's excellent behaviour made us very proud! We hope this experience will leave a lasting impact on our children's knowledge and love for history.

What have we been learning in school?

After Mrs Tucker, Supply Teacher won a competition, we were lucky to receive 10 free copies of **Ajay and the Mumbai Sun** from The Reading Agency. In return, they asked that children read and review the book in order to give feedback to the publishers. The children in Kestrels Class enjoyed reading the book, **Ajay and the Mumbai Sun**; loving the vivid descriptions of the Indian food; the intrigue and suspense to find out who was responsible for the collapse of the clothing factory and destruction of the slum homes. Some children said it wasn't a book they would initially choose but were so glad they read it as they loved it.

The children are now looking at an author study of Emma Carroll to celebrate 10 years of her writing historical fiction. This time the children will be gifted bookmarks from The Reading Agency to thank them for their interest. Here are some reviews they wrote after reading the book, **Ajay and the Mumbai Sun**.

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”



The busy weeks continue as we are approaching the end of term / year. There are a variety of performances and events to which you are warmly invited. Please refer to the calendar on the last page of this newsletter. Here are a couple of reminders and detailed information will follow next week:

Monday 10 th	KS2 End of Year Production Dress Rehearsal to the Whole School	1.15pm
Tuesday 11 th	KS2 End of Year Production –Olivia to parents	1.15pm
Wednesday 12 th	KS2 End of Year Production – Olivia to parents	6.00pm
Thursday 12 th	KS2 End of Year Production – Olivia to parents	6.00pm
Friday 14 th	Year 6 Leavers' Party in the Playing Filed	4.30pm-7.00pm
Monday 17 th	Open Evening for Parents – viewing children's work/ learning	3.00ppm-5.00pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony to Year 6 Parents only	9.30am
Friday 21 st	End of Term 6 – School finishes	1.10pm

The Sports Day went really well, we hope you have enjoyed it. Thank you for coming to support us! A massive THANK YOU to our wonderful PTA for their amazing efforts! We will feature our Sports Day event and share some the photos with you next week.

Have an enjoyable weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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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	All children for being fantastic on the school trip and Sports Day	
Nightingales	Monty Wilson	Penelope Wilson
Robins	Eva Stagg	Sophie Mason
Skylarks	Jorgie Gray	Benjamin Tilley
Red Kites	James Roylance	Isabelle Dziedzic
Kestrels	Harvey Mills	Hardaya Thiara

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	188	1997
Galileo (Green)	171	1811
Redgrave (Red)	232	1946
Yeats (Yellow)	215	2149

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 26-06-23 to 30-06-23

Owls 94.3% Skylarks 95.2%
Nightingales 93.5% Red Kites 95.9%
Robins 97.1% Kestrels 95.9%
Whole School 95.4%



Habit of the Month

In **June** children will be focusing on **being positive, thinking positively, using positive language and having positive relationships**. These are all part of daily routines, please help and encourage your children to think, say positive things and form these good habits. Thank you.

Core Value - Community



We will continue with the related value of **Conservation: Saving Water** next week. Children in their class have had a discussion on this topic and are encouraged to think about 'What actions would YOU take to help improve the quality of the air around you?' If we all make a small change, then we can have a big impact on our climate. Perhaps you can ask your child/ren to think of a few small things that they can do at home that might help to clean our air. You may also want to spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote **"There is no such thing as away. When you throw something away, it must go somewhere."** – Annie Leonard, Executive Director of Green Peace USA (1964 -) What might he mean?

After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs will finish in w/c 10th July. Clubs run by uSports will finish in w/c 17th July. Children then should be collected at 3.00pm. If you require child care after school, please use our **After School CARE Club**. You must book a slot in advance directly with Progressive Sports. Thank you.

Transition Week

During the week commencing Monday 10th July, the children will spend a couple of days in their new classrooms with their Class Teacher for the 2023-24 academic year. We hope to make it an exciting transition week and help them move as smoothly as possible. We are in the process of finalising staffing and the class organisation and we will keep you informed once all confirmed.

Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents

There will be Welcome Information Meeting for New Parents whose children will join us in EYFS Owls Class in September 2023. This meeting will take place on Thursday 13th July at 11.10am in the School Hall.

Parent Governor Election Update

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Harmit Thiara will be joining the WSL Governing Board as Parent Governor with immediate effect. We look forward to working with Mrs Thiara. Congratulations, Mrs Thiara!

Sun Protection



With the good weather hopefully set for the next few weeks, it is important that our children come prepared throughout Term 6.

Please can we ask that the children come to school prepared for the weather including:

- ✚ Wearing sun cream each day.
- ✚ Ensuring your child comes to school with a refillable water bottle, clearly labelled.
- ✚ Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat they can wear when they are outside. Please make sure hats are clearly labelled with their names.

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 6

Friday 30th June 2023 - Sports Day Family Picnic with the wonderful Dali the Balloon Man!

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

Please remember to buy tickets by Tuesday 4th July

Caterlink Parents Survey

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

We would like you to be part of this survey, please use the link below to complete the survey. The survey will close on 21st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59>

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 6 (35 days)

June	Thurs 22 nd	Maths Challenge for Primary Team at The Piggott	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	
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	w/c Mon 17 th	Culture Diversity Week – details to follow	
Fri 21 st	End of Pupil Term	1.00pm	

The Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1 (35 days)

September	Mon 4 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 5 th	Staff Inset Day
	Wed 6 th	Start of Pupil Term
October	Fri 20 th	End of Pupil Term

October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 1 (35 days)

October	Mon 30 th	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 31 st	Start of Pupil Term
December	Fri 15 th	End of Pupil Term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December 2023 to Monday 2nd January 2024

Term 3 (28 days)

January	Wed 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
February	Fri 9 th	End of Pupil Term

February Holiday: Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 th	Start of Pupil Term
March	Thurs 28 th	End of Pupil Term:

Spring Holiday: Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

(Good Friday is 29th March 2024 and Easter Monday is 1st April 2024)

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:

Whole School Trip Final Arrangements Letter to all

Sports Day and Family Picnic Reminder to all

School Packed Lunch Order Reminder to all

Outstanding Payment for Trips Reminder to parents

Parking Reminder for Coaches to all