



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a fabulous break. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to the final term of this academic year and what a term we have in store for everyone! It was lovely to see the children back on Tuesday, refreshed and full of energy. The children have all settled back very well into Term 6.

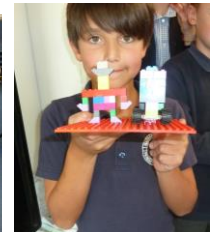
The final Term 6 of this academic year promises to be just as busy and eventful - We are excited to be able to host many of the traditional end-of-year events. There will be Transition Week, when we welcome new Reception children and their parents for visits and children meet their new Class Teachers, Class and Whole School Trips, Sports Day, Year 6 Leavers' Party and Assembly, Award Ceremony etc. We are also very much looking forward to the KS2 End of Year Production 'Olivia' on 11th 12th and 13th July 2023. All the children in KS2 will be taking part in this wonderful performance. A letter with more information about this will be sent home soon.

There are many other occasions when you will be invited into school. A list of new dates has been added for this term which can be found on the Dates for Your Diary section of this Newsletter. Please make a note of them so that you will not miss out.

Children in **After School Chinese Club** have been learning **Chinese Fan Dance** since last term. This week they had the opportunity to perform in front of the whole school and to their parents. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Well done to the children who performed gracefully. A huge Thank You goes to Miss Jia for running the club and having taught children the dance and other fun enriching activities. Miss Jia will finish her contract at the end of June and will return to China in early July. We thank her for everything she has done for us at WSL and wish her all the best for her future.



Children in **Lego Club** have thoroughly enjoyed building various models using Lego with a focus on the theme of America. Children have had great fun building some exciting models ranging from fast food to Statue of Liberty! So far, they have enjoyed being creative and have built models of American Burgers, American Footballer, Empire State Building, Golden Gate Bridge and Yellow Taxi etc. Here are some photos for you to enjoy...




What have we been learning in school?

This week, as the finale to their topic on Kenya, the children in Robins Class had a special visitor. Hermione's grandma spent 10 years living in Kenya and she was kind enough to come in and tell the children all about it. First, the children told her all the things they had learned throughout the topic (the amount they had remembered was quite impressive!), then she gave the class a wonderful insight as to what it was like to actually have lived there. It was a fantastic end to their topic as it really did bring everything to life for the children. Thank you once again to Hermione's grandma for giving up her time and for giving us such an interesting talk.

“ TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE ”



 This term we will continue with our Core Value of **Community**. This week we have introduced the related value of **Inclusion**. Children have listened to stories and discussed how they can include everyone in their play and daily activities etc. Perhaps you can spend some time at home with your child/ren exploring the meaning of this quote: *“You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.”* - Plato, Greek Philosopher (424/423 BC - 348/347 BC) What might he mean?

Reminder



The photographer will be in school on **Monday 12th June** to take the **Whole School and Class Group photographs**. Please make sure your children look smart in their School uniforms.

Next week all the Year 1 children will complete **Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**. **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** will also be taking place next week. **It is vital that your children are in school every day during this very important period.**

Childhood Anxiety Workshop for Parents will be led by Mrs Tarn, taking place on **Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm in the School Hall**. Strategies for helping your child/ren manage their worry and anxiety will be shared. Please confirm your attendance by sending emails to the School Office by Monday 12th June 2023.

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	Oakley Taylor	Eduardo Harrison
Nightingales	Samuel Waller	Isabella Thomason-Hall
Robins	Grace O'Hara	Toby Lavers
Skylarks	Maya Bakshi	Calyn Lau
Red Kites	Cara McIntosh	Monty Whitehead
Kestrels	Gethen Miller	Ava Koldashi

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	204	1612
Galileo (Green)	190	1462
Redgrave (Red)	190	1498
Yeats (Yellow)	196	1743

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 06-06-23 to 09-06-23

Owls 96.8% Skylarks 94.4%
Nightingales 97.6% Red Kites 97.0%
Robins 98.6% Kestrels 94.2%
Whole School 96.3%



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.

Overcoming Childhood Anxiety Workshop for Parents

This workshop will be led by Mrs Tarn, taking place on **Wednesday 14th June at 7.00pm in the School Hall**. Strategies for helping your child/ren manage their worry and anxiety will be shared. Please confirm your attendance via emails to the School Office by Monday 12th June for seating / refreshments purposes. Thank you.

PGL Assembly

PGL Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 2.15pm**. Children in Year 5 and 6 will be sharing their experience at Osmington Bay. We hope parents are able to attend this event.

Open Morning for Year 5

Furze Platt Senior School will have an Open Morning for Year 5 pupils on Monday 26th June 2023. More details will follow next week.

Summer School Uniform

Please support us in ensuring that all our children maintain the highest standards of personal appearance in line with our high expectations. This includes no hooped earrings, trainers (even if they are black) and pinafores or gingham shorts. Plimsolls open-toe sandals, and shoes with inappropriate heels are not acceptable. No nail vanish are allowed.

Summer Uniform are as below:

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 school shoes must be worn.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child/ren's PE kits are in school every day (Monday to Friday) and that **ALL ITEMS must be clearly labelled**. It is a legal requirement for children to attend PE lessons each week and they need to be able to change into the appropriate kit for the sessions. As the weather is now getting better, PE lessons will most likely be outdoors and there may be additional learning activities in which PE kits are required.

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.

As health and safety is very important when taking part in physical activities; watches or jewellery should be removed; long hair must be tied back and ear studs need to be covered or removed, so it is more convenient if children don't wear them at all.

Be Prepared for Summer Weather

With good weather hopefully on the horizon, it is important that children come prepared for the hot weather ahead. 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.
- ✚ Ensuring that your child also comes to school with a hat (clearly labelled with their names) they can wear when they are outside.

Grow £1 Entrepreneurs Challenge!



We are very impressed with this PTA Entrepreneurs Challenge! Children have come up with some amazing ideas to turn £1 into a huge profit over the last three weeks. The PTA committee will be busy counting the money raised so far and will judge who will be the two winners per class for having the most innovative ideas and having made the most profit. The two winners per class will receive a prize. Winners will be announced at the Whole School Assembly next Friday 16th June 2023. A huge Thank You to all the families for your incredible support!

PTA Fundraising Events for Term 6

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

Saturday 17th June 2023 - WSL Village Summer Festival, 4.00-11.00pm. Tickets are available now on www.wslsrevents.com

Friday 7th July 2023 Class of 2023 Camp Out

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)

Month	Date	Event	Time
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	All day
	Fri 16 th	Robins Class Trip to Waltham Place	All day
	Wed 21 st	Year 5 and 6 PGL Assembly for parents	2.15pm
	Thurs 29 th	Whole School Trip to Hampton Court Palace	All day
July	Fri 30 th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic	
	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	

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			

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:

- New Starter Welcome Letter to new Reception parents
- Home Visit / Transition Letter to new parents
- Whole School Trip Letter to all
- Waltham Place Visit Final Arrangements Letter to Nightingales and Robins
- Payment for Class Visit to Waltham Place reminder
- Notification of Vacancy for Parent Governor Letter to all
- Governor Job Description to all
- PTA Tombola Donation Reminder to all
- Berkshire Maestros Parents Newsletter to all
- YELLOW Heat Health Alert for the South East information to all