



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending the Welcome and Meet the Teacher Information Meetings for Parents on Wednesday. We hope you have found these meetings useful and informative. Here are some key points from the meeting:

- The importance of developing good habits in children through our daily routines and our **Habit of the Month**
- Focus on developing children's **metacognitive learning strategies** e.g. learn to learn by activating their prior knowledge, building long term memories and acquire positive learning behavior's e.g. independence, reflection, application etc.
- Home Learning in support of the above, focusing on: Reading and practice of key age-appropriate skills, basic facts e.g. number bonds, times table etc. in order to increase the **fluency** of learners' **application** of these skills in their learning; Aid rapid retrieval to support learners' **automaticity** when applying key, age appropriate skills and knowledge; **Preparation** for learning in class by ensuring all children have a solid understanding of key knowledge and skills.
- Supporting your child's daily reading and checking their understanding. Reading at KS2 - there is a **key text** or **class book** which children will be studying in depth to develop their literacy skills, reading strategies and comprehension etc. which will help them with their writing skills.
- In our school we promote **Growth Mindset** and embrace failure/mistakes and see this as essential for learning. Learning is a journey of discovery and the progression of skills and knowledge and developing mastery in these. Good learning is hard work and mistakes or failure are part of learning. Ensuring our children have the resilience and tenacity to learn from these mistakes and be successful is vital. We encourage risk taking, celebrating mistakes, praise effort and inspire our all children to always Do their Best and Be the Best.

We would appreciate your full support of our school procedures, policies and your partnership. Without that partnership it will not be possible for our learners to fulfil their potential. Quite simply, we want the best for your child in exactly the same way you do. Together we can achieve that goal!



Thank you to those parents who attended the **Tea/Coffee Morning** yesterday and thank you for the PTA Committee for organising it. It was good for everyone to meet and get to know one another and also understand the roles of PTA – what little things you can do to help raise extra fund for the children. The PTA are continuing to raise money towards the school for the benefit of all children. Please support whenever and however you can. Once you have confirmed the **Class Representatives for each class**. Please let the School Office know.



I am delighted to report that in walking around the school, popping into classes and spending time with the children on the playground, it is lovely to see them settling so well into the new school year and I am impressed with the positive attitude and learning behaviour displayed by the children. Well done to all the children who come into school punctually and independently. Thank you, parents, for your encouragement and support!

It is also a pleasure to see all our new EYFS children, who have successfully completed their first full week with us, in their uniforms looking so smart and keen to come into school. They have settled into the huge change in routines and they are clearly enjoying the chance to make new friendships and explore their new surroundings. All the children are fully engaged with a range of carefully planned learning activities, Thank you to our new parents for helping to make their first few days very successful! Here are just a few photos of children enjoying their learning...



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

What have we been learning in school?

In **Science**, Year 5 and 6 have been investigating materials and their properties. They used magnets to test which objects were magnetic and used pipettes full of water to test for absorbency and permeability. They had to decide what would be a suitable use for the material based on its properties.



PEACE- Next week we will focus on the related value of **Solitude**. The children in their classes will discuss and reflect on "What do you like about Solitude? How does it help you?" Perhaps you can have further discussions with your child/ren at home and ask your child/ren – 'Are you able to find pleasure in Solitude? You may also want to explore the meaning of this quote 'All alone! Whether you like it or not, alone is something you'll be quite a lot.' – Dr. Seuss, American children's author (1904 - 1991).

Upcoming Events Reminder:

KS2 Reading / Homework Workshop for Parents will take place on **Wednesday 20th September at 3.20pm and repeated at 6.00pm in the School Hall**. The aim of the workshop is to share some strategies for quality reading and how reading can support your child's writing, We will also share some tips as to how you can best support your child's reading and writing at home. Please save the date and attend this important workshop.



School Dinner Tasting Session for Parents will take place on **Friday 29th September 2023 at 2.30pm in the Dining Hall**, where you will be able to taste some of the food from the menu. There will also be an opportunity to see how the food is presented to children at lunch time, giving you a good overview of portion size, salad and fruit availability. This may also help you order the right school lunch for your child. CaterLink staff will be there to answer any questions you may have.



The first **PTA Meeting** will take place on **Thursday 29th September at 7.30pm at the Shurlock Inn**, focusing on sharing ideas for fundraising events for this year and discussing the forthcoming event - Halloween Disco Night. Looking forward to seeing you then.

PANTOMIME TICKETS 🎫

PTA have secured discounted tickets to see the **Aladdin at Theatre Royal Windsor** this Christmas. Tickets are £20 each and retail for over £33! PTA have a block of 50 tickets to each of the following performances: **Friday 1st December 4:30 pm and Saturday 2nd December 7:30pm**. Tickets are in the circle section of the theatre, in the first few rows. Tickets are available on PTA events. **Tickets must be purchased by 28th September**, at which point unsold tickets will be given back to the theatre.

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	All children for a wonderful start to school	
Nightingales	All children for working hard on learning	
Robins	Emily Creffield	Hector Gray-Jones
Skylarks	Grace O'Hara	Florentina Harrison
Red Kites	Tilly Maddox	Oliver Hearne
Kestrels	Caitlin Chang	Leo Howard

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	167	
Galileo (Green)	239	
Redgrave (Red)	256	
Yeats (Yellow)	288	

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: 11-09-22 to 15-09-22

Owls 99.4%	Skylarks 97.5%
Nightingales 97.8%	Red Kites 97.4%
Robins 98.8%	Kestrels 82.1%
Whole School 95.3%	



Habit of the Month

In **September**, children will be focusing on **Presentation of Their Work - Only My Best Will Do!** This is part of daily routines, please continue to support us by having high expectations for your child/ren and helping them all form good habits. Thank you.

Termly Curriculum Overview

Termly Curriculum Overview for each Year group have been uploaded on the School Website and can be accessed via <http://wslprimary.com/curriculum/>

These give you a broad overview of the learning that takes place in Term 1 & 2 for your children. It is a useful start point for you to do some research, support homework or just have a conversation with your child about what they are learning at school.

The Piggott School Open Evenings and Mornings

For the attention of year 6 Parents :

Open Evening (no booking required) -
Thursday 28th September 2023

Open Mornings (booking required) –
Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and
Tuesday 10th October 2023

After School Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs led by teachers will start next week. Please note Chinese Club will start on Thursday 5th October. Children are expected to commit to a whole course, except for illness or other valid reasons and follow the School Golden Rules at all times. Please notify the teacher or School Office as soon as possible if your child cannot attend a session.

Voluntary One Way System and Parking

For those new to our school, we would like to inform and remind you that there is a voluntary one-way system in operation at the beginning and end of the school day to avoid congestion during the rush hour. Please approach the school from the direction of Sill Bridge, and **leave by turning left into Brook Lane as Plough Lane is currently closed due to some water pipe work being done.**

Please do not park on the Double Yellow Lines at all times.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for Year 2 will be on Thursday every week, started yesterday on 14th September. The last session will be on 7th December 2023 in Term 2. Children will be back on time for school hot meal, there is no need for packed lunch unless your child choose to have packed lunch for that day.

School Photograph



The photographer will be visiting the school to take **individual and siblings photographs** including pre-school children on **Monday 25th**

September from 8.30am. Sibling photos will be taken first followed by individual ones. You may wish to ensure your child/ren are looking particularly smart for the occasion.

Nut /Dairy/Food Allergy

Please could we remind all parents to keep us informed about any food allergies or food intolerances that your children may have. We do have children and adults in school who have nut allergies, so please could we remind you that we are a nut free school and ask all parents to continue to be vigilant and not bring any nuts or nut products on to the school site. **Children are not allowed to share food with each other to avoid any incidents.**
Thank you for your support.

Autism in Girls Talk

This workshop will take place on Tuesday 10th October 7pm, Furze Platt Senior School, led by RBWM SHINE and joined by Cathy Wassell, who runs the Autism in Girls Network, to talk about how girls are often diagnosed much later than boys due to misconceptions about how it presents itself.

Cathy is the mother of a girl with autism, who was only diagnosed aged 13 after a mental health crisis. She can talk both personally and professionally and personally about the challenges of getting a diagnosis, and gives practical tips and tools for those who care for children and teenagers. Tickets are £5.00 each and are available via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/furzeplatttheatre>

Secondary School Application

Secondary applications for September 2024 open today. Applications must be submitted no later than the deadline 31st October 2023. Please refer to the letter sent home last Friday.

Raring2go!

Maidenhead and Windsor Autumn magazine is out now and is available for all families. It covers events and activities throughout September, Oct and early November.
[Click here to view the magazine and share](#)

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

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 2023-2024

Term 1 (35 days)

September	Mon 11 th	After School Extra Curricula Clubs start this week	
	Wed 13 th	Welcome and Meet the Teacher Information Meeting	3.20pm & 4.05pm
	Thurs 14 th	Swimming Lessons start for Robins Class	
	Thus 14 th	Welcome NEW Parents Coffee/Tea Morning with Head Teacher & PTA	
	W/C 18 th	Baseline Assessment for children in Owls Class	
	Wed 20 th	KS2 Reading Workshop for KS2 parents	3.20pm & 6.00pm
	Mon 25 th	School Photograph – Individual and Siblings	8.30am
	Tues 26 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	Wed 27 th	My First Class Photo by Maidenhead Advertiser	9.30am
	Thurs 28 th	Year 4 Bikeability Training Level 1	All day
		PTA Meeting at Shurlock Inn	7.30pm
	Fri 29 th	School Dinner Tasting Session for Parents	2.30pm
October	Thurs 5 th	Autumn Schol Census Day	
	Fri 6 th	Harvest Service in WSL Church – detail to follow	2.00pm
		School Census Day & National Poetry Day	
	Thurs 12 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	Mon 16 th	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes ONLY	3.30-5.30pm
	Tues 17 th	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Wed 18 th	Parents Evening – for ALL Classes	3.30-5.30pm
		Flu Immunisation Vaccination for all children in school	8.30 – 10.30am
	Thurs 19 th	PTA Halloween Disco / Movie	5.00-7.00pm
	Fri 20 th	End of Term 1	3.10pm

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

Term 2 (35 days)

October	Mon 30 th	Staff Inset Day	
	Tues 31 st	Start of Pupil Term	
November	1 st – 3 rd	Year 6 Bikeability Training - detail to follow	
	Tues 8 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	10 th -14 th	Diwali Festival	
	Sat 11 th	Armistice Day	
	Sun 12 th	Remembrance Sunday	
	13 th -17 th	Anti-Bullying Week – Theme ‘Make A Noise About Bullying’	
	21 st -27 th	Scholastic Book Fair Week in School	3.10-4.00pm
	Mon 27 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am

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

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:

Reception Baseline Assessment Letter to Owls

Reception Baseline Assessment Information Leaflet for Parents to Owls

Year 4 Bikeability Training Parents Information and Consent Form to Year 4

Flu Consent Letter to all

It's not easy being Wheezy NHS Nursing Team Coffee Morning Leaflet to all

NHS Protecting Your Child Against Flu Information For Parents to all