



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to parents who attended the **KS2 Reading / Homework Workshop** on Wednesday this week. We hope you have found the workshop informative and helpful. You now have better understanding of the National Curriculum End of the Year Reading Expectations for each year group in KS2. You have also learned some strategies which you can use at home to best support your child's reading, which can then help develop your child's writing. For those who were not able to attend, we have some handouts available for your reference. If you need further information, please come to speak with Mrs Cubage, Mrs Ablewhite or Mr Errington at a mutually convenient time.



At the meeting, we emphasised how important it is for the children to **read EVERY DAY!** Reading really is an essential life skill and reading at home every day will support our children in developing the fluency they need to understand/comprehend what they have read. Research clearly shows a direct correlation between children who read and have access to a wide range of vocabulary and their future success in their chosen careers. **Reading will also help with children's writing, one of the key focuses for our School Improvement Plan this year.**

Remember: - You can't write a story unless you can **tell** a story. You can't tell a story unless you have heard a story. Let's all work together and encourage our children to read daily and **'Read as a writer'** (spot good bits and techniques used and be a Magpie!) and **'Write as a reader'** (applying the ideas to their own writing)! Together we can help our children to achieve their potential. Thank you for your support.



On Wednesday this week, the whole school took part in the **National Fitness Day 10@10** Live Stream Broadcast, this event was run by Leisure Focus in partnership with Maidenhead and Ascot Schools Sports Partners and Windsor Schools Sports Partnership. We were one of the 21 Schools and over 4,156 pupils from Maidenhead and Windsor signing up to take part in this event. The 10@10 is a perfect way to help achieve the children's 60 minutes of activity a day. It was fantastic, all the children thoroughly enjoyed doing the exercises in the School Hall or in their classrooms.



Mr Newby, Grandad of Wilfred and Matilda, proud owner of a **1923 Alvis 12/40**, drove his magnificent antique vehicle right onto our school ground on Friday last week. The reason? To share a piece of **automotive history** with our children! He was on his way to do the Kop Hill Climb on Saturday in celebration of the car being 100 years old. The 1923 Alvis 12/40, with its elegant curves and timeless design, was like a living museum piece, you could see the awe and excitement in the children's eyes and staff, too! The children discussed when the first motor car was invented, back in 1880's, and the differences between the Alvis and modern cars today. Mrs Pitt graciously shared stories about the car's history, its mechanical intricacies, and the countless adventures her family has had with it over the years. Mrs Pitt even let the children sit in the driver's seat (with her supervision, of course),

“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”

giving them a taste of what it was like to be behind the wheel of such a classic automobile. This allowed our children to step back in time and experience the charm of a bygone era. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Newbury and Mrs Pitt for taking the time to share this amazing incredible Alvis 12/40 with us. It was a memorable day of learning, inspiration, and sheer joy for our children and staff! We are grateful for his generosity. Thank you, Mrs Pitt for organising this!



What have we been learning in school?

In **Robins'** second lesson of their '**Superheroes**' topic in **Art**, the children were thinking about emotions. They began by making faces in their pairs, that they felt represented different emotions. Then they drew and coloured their own page of emojis, labelling them with the emotion they were representing.



In **Geography** Topic this week, the children in **Robins Class** were thinking about the continents of the world. They were introduced to an atlas and spent some time looking at all the maps with 2 challenges in mind: finding other countries in Europe and finding the countries closest to the continent of Antarctica. the main focus of their '**Cold, Cold, Cold**' weather topic.



This week in **Maths** lessons, the children in **Nightingales Class** have been learning how to count forward and backward from any given number up to 10. The children have also practised recognising numbers as words by playing fun games. They are now ready to move on to consolidate the correct number formation and begin to write numbers as word. Please continue to support your child, focusing on these basic skills at home.



PEACE- Next week we will focus on the related value of **Play**. The children in their classes will discuss and reflect on “How do you feel when you make time to play? What about when you haven’t had a chance to play?” Perhaps you can have further discussions with your child/ren at home and ask your child/ren – ‘What is your favourite game to play? Why? How does playing it make you feel?? You may also want to explore the meaning of this quote *“It’s the things we play with and the people who help us play that make a great difference in our lives.”* - Fred Rogers, American TV personality (1928 – 2003).



Upcoming Events Reminder:



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.



RWI Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 2.30pm in Nightingales Classroom. Please come along and learn about how we teach reading at WSL and some strategies as to how you can best support your child's reading at home. We hope to see as many of you as possible.



School Christmas Cards - All the children have now completed their unique artwork for their Christmas Cards. they are ready for you to view **after school in your child's classroom as from now until Monday 2nd October 2023**. Please take a note of ***PARENTS ORDER CODE*** in a box on the form. **This will contain the School Code and Unique Code which you will need when ordering online**. Please refer to the letter sent home this week for details.



School Dinner Tasting Session for Parents will take place on Friday 29th September 2023 at 2.30pm till 4.30pm 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.



Upcoming PTA Events:

- Thursday 28th September at 7:30pm – **PTA Meeting** at the Shurlock Inn. Please come along and share ideas for events this year.
- Thursday 19th October, 5:00pm-7:00pm – **Halloween Disco** (tickets will be available shortly on PTA-events) at school.
- Tuesday 14th November, 6:00pm-7:00pm – **PTA AGM** with Governors attending at school.
- Friday 1st December 4:30pm and Saturday 2nd December 7:30pm – **Aladdin Pantomime** at Theatre Royal Windsor (tickets on PTA-events now. **Purchase deadline 28th September**).
Thursday 14th December 3:30pm - Christmas **Fair** at school.

Perfect Punctuality: We would like to say a huge **Thank You and Well Done** for your support, making sure your children **arrive on time every day** and are being **punctual**, getting on with their learning in class. It has made a noticeable difference and has had some positive impact! Keep it up!

Please continue to reinforce the message – 'Only Our Best will do' and support us to help your child develop good habits: the Habit of the Month - Presentation of their written work.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Li-Juan Ellerton
Headteacher

"Your work is a reflection of who you are. Take pride in always doing your best." - Unknown

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	Hunter Holdaway	Betsy Marshall-Pillin
Nightingales	Raya Thakrar	William Johnson
Robins	Eshal Jadoon	Samual Waller
Skylarks	William Dziedzic	Carter Thompson -Springer
Red Kites	Phoebe Clark	Aaron Harris
Kestrels	Isobel Dziedzic	Scarlette Whittle-Pullin

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	207	374
Galileo (Green)	257	496
Redgrave (Red)	197	453
Yeats (Yellow)	254	542

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 18-09-23 to 22-09-23

Owls 94.1% Skylarks 98.7%

Nightingales 100% Red Kites 97.6%

Robins 94.8% Kestrels 98.5%

Whole School 97.4%



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.

RWI Phonics Workshop for Parents in Nightingales

RWI Phonics Workshop will take place in Nightingales Class on **Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 2.30pm**. This workshop is to support parents with their children's reading and to show how we teach reading at WSL using Read Write Inc Phonics Programme, including practical ideas etc. We hope you can make it.

My First Class Photo

For parents in Reception Owls Class - My First Class photo will be taken by professional photographer from Maidenhead Advertiser on Wednesday 27th September at 9.30am. No names will be mentioned. Please inform us if you do not want your child to be photographed. The photo will then be published in the Maidenhead Advertiser Newspaper in October, date to be confirmed. Please make sure your child looks smart for the photo.

Year 4 Bikeability Training

Year 4 Bikeability Training will take place on Thursday 28th September in school. Please refer to the letter sent home for details last week and make the payment via sQuid if you have not done so. Thank you.

Bag2School Collection

Bags of old clothes etc. will be collected at 9.00am on **Wednesday 11th October 2023** – more details to follow.

School Dinner Tasting Session for Parents

caterlink feeding the imagination
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. 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.

School Lunches

Please remember - **Lunches for the following day must be ordered and paid for IN ADVANCE by 12.00 midnight every day**. You can order lunches for your children for the whole week or term via ScoPay www.scopay.com **LATE ORDERS AND PAYMENTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**. The school kitchen needs to know how many children will be having lunch before they place the weekly food order on Fridays. If you have any problem please do come and discuss with us. Many thanks.

PTA Notice



The first **PTA Meeting** will take place on **Thursday 28th 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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations for All Year Groups

This vaccination will take place on Wednesday **28th October** in school. Please remember to return your e-consent as soon as you can. Thank you.

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 will 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>

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

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	W/C 18 th	Baseline Assessment for children in Owls Class	
	Wed 20 th	KS2 Reading Workshop for KS2 parents	3.20pm & 6.00pm
	Fri 22 nd	The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team Coffee Morning for parents	8.30am
	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
	Wed 27 th	RWI Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents	2.30pm
	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	
	Wed 11 th	Bags2School Collection	9.00am
	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	
	Tues 11 th	PTA AGM with Governors attending	6.00pm
	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
	December	Mon 4 th	Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal to Whole School
Wed 6 th		Nativity Play to Parents	2.00pm
Thurs 7 th		Last Swimming Lesson for Robins Class	
Fri 8 th		Nativity Play to Parents	2.00pm
Fri 15 th		End of Term 2	1.00pm

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:

CaterLink School Dinner Tasting Day Poster to all

Cauliflower Christmas Cards Letter to all

RBWM Height and Weight Checks for children in Year 6 Letter to Year 6

Year 4 Bikeability Information to Year 4 Reminder

KS2 Reading Club Open to Year 5 Information to Year 5