



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to those parents who attended the **RWI Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents** on Wednesday this week. We appreciate your positive feedback. We hope you have learned about how we teach reading at WSL and will adopt some strategies when you support your child's reading at home. If you need further information, please speak to Mrs Brancato.

Very useful and informative. I now have more of an understanding about phonics and what is expected.

Very informative, good insight into how to help with phonics and reading at home.

What have we been learning in school?

Bikeability Training - Children in Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability Cycle Training at Level 1 this week. They all followed instructions carefully and practised some basic skills and learned more about how to ride their bikes safely by keeping some distance. They have become more confident and are reminded to remember to keep their fingers on the brakes and the instructors were very impressed with the children's energy and enthusiasm and how attentive, polite and sensible all children are! Well done, children, keep practising! Thank you for giving permission for the children to come on the course.



PEEACE - Next week we will focus on the related value of **Growth**. The children in their classes will discuss and reflect on "Can you flow through your changing emotions? Are you able to go with the flow?" Perhaps you can have further discussions with your child/ren at home and ask your child/ren - 'How do you feel when you are stuck with an uncomfortable feeling? How do you feel when your emotions start flowing again? You may also want to explore the meaning of this quote "Let's not forget that the little emotions are the great captains of our lives and we obey them without realizing it." Vincent van Gogh, Dutch painter (1853 - 1890).

Class Representatives 2023-24

Many of you are aware that each class has two parent Class Representatives. Their role is to be a contact between parents and staff and they also act as the link to the PTA, helping to coordinate fundraising events. The role is a voluntary one and as such can be adapted to suit individuals.

OWLS Class	Jess Marshall-Pullin & Sheena Egby
NIGHTINGALES Class	Sarah Anderson & Vicky Lomas
ROBINS Class	Amy Leonard & Cat Wilder
SKYLARKS Class	Ginny Lavers & Debbie Dziedzic
RED KITES Class	Vicki Newman & Sarah Hemmings
KESTRELS Class	Jess Marshall-Pullin & Jo Turnbull

PTA Upcoming Events:

- **Friday 13th October 2023 Pre-Loved Halloween Costume Sale**– Please drop any Halloween outfits that are no longer wanted at morning stop and drop between now and Wednesday 11th October. They will be resold for a small profit to support our school.
- **Thursday 19th October 2023 5.00-7.00pm Halloween Disco** at school for children currently attending WSL. Please drop children at 5.00pm and collect at 7.00pm. Hot dogs/not dogs, popcorn and a treat will be provided. Please bring school water bottles. There will be prizes for the best dressed in each class. (tickets on PTA-events now)
- **Tuesday 14th November, 6.00-7.00pm PTA AGM** at school – covers PTA, School and Governors Annual Update. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday 1st December 4:30pm and Saturday 2nd December 7:30pm – **Aladdin Pantomime** at Theatre Royal Windsor (tickets on PTA-events now. **Purchase deadline extended to 5.00pm 2nd October** .
- **Thursday 14th December 3:30pm - Christmas Fair** at school.



If you would like to get involved and help organise any events at school please contact Phillippa on 07484 766059

Upcoming Events:

WSL Church Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 1st October at 10.00am. The children have been practising singing in school and they are all welcome to join the Junior Choir and sing at the Service. We would be delighted to see many of our school children there. Thank you for your support.



RWI Phonics / Reading Workshop for Owls Parents will take place on Friday 13th October at 2.30pm in Owls 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.

Red Kites Doughnut Sale will take place on Friday 13th October after school at 3.10pm



After the success of last year's event, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are organising another Halloween Swap Shop to be held on **Friday 20th October 2023**. The premise of the event is to encourage people to bring in and donate their children's old Halloween costumes, and in return they can take another costume that has been donated away with them for free. This should reduce the amount of costumes going to landfill and allow families to enjoy Halloween, without the financial burden of buying new costumes during the current cost of living crisis. Please refer to the poster for details sent home today. - RBWM Sustainability and Climate Change Team

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 – Look After My Belongings.

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	Mia Martin	Jushua Howe
Nightingales	Mia Paul	Oliver Barry
Robins	Wilfred Pitt	Blake Robinson
Skylarks	William Edwards	Beatrice Kennedy
Red Kites	Indie Hooper	Zak Hemmings
Kestrels	Cara McIntosh	Kimble Robets

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	159	533
Galileo (Green)	259	755
Redgrave (Red)	237	690
Yeats (Yellow)	263	805

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

Attendance for the Week

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

Class Attendance: 25-09-23 to 29-09-23

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 **October**, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do - Looking after my belongings** - 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 Owls

RWI /Reading Workshop will take place in Owls Classroom on **Friday 13th October 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 elements e.g. FRED Talk etc. We hope you can make it.

School Dinner Tasting Session

School Dinner Tasting Session for Parents was cancelled on Friday today due to unforeseen circumstances. This session will be rescheduled, date to be confirmed.



Volunteer Readers Required

We would welcome parents / carers and grandparents to sign up to be Volunteer Readers. If you have some time to spare and would like to come into school to hear children read, please let the School Office know. Thank you.

Bag2School Collection

Bags of old clothes etc. will be collected at 9.00am on **Wednesday 11th October 2023**. Your child has taken home a bag. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers. **Please DO NOT bring bags to School before the date as we have no places in School to store them. Thank you.**

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. To avoid disappointment, please do so by 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.

School Census Day

The **School Census Day is Thursday 5th October** next week. We will swap the menu for Thursday and Friday and have Fish and Chips on Thursday 5th October instead to increase the take up rate. **Please consider supporting the school by ordering the FREE School Meal for Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 and any KS2 children who are entitled to FSM on this day**, thereby ensuring there will be no shortfall. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on:

Monday 16th October 3.30pm-5.30pm for

Skylarks & Red Kites & Kestrels

Tuesday 17th October 5.00pm – 7.00pm for all classes

Wednesday 18th October 3.30pm – 5.30pm for all classes

Booking can be done online as from Monday 9th October. Please look out for the email from the School Office.

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 Upcoming Events

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.

Thursday 14th December 3:30pm - **Christmas Fair** at school.

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.

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)

October	Sun 1 st	WSL Church Harvest Service	10.00am
	Thurs 5 th	Autumn Schol Census Day	
	Fri 6 th	Harvest Service in WSL Church – detail to follow School Census Day & National Poetry Day	2.00pm
	Wed 11 th	Bags2School Collection	9.00am
	Thurs 12 th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.45-10.45am
	Fri 13 th	Pre-Loved Halloween Costume Sale	3.10pm
	Fri 13 th	RWI Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents	2.30pm
	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 Flu Immunisation Vaccination for all children in school	3.30-5.30pm 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	
	Tues 14 th	PTA AGM	6.00-7.00pm
	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	2.00pm
	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
	Tues 12 th	All children are dropped off at WSL Church for Christingle Rehearsal	8.30am
	Wed 13 th	Whole School Christingle Service in WSL Church – detail to follow	2.00pm
	Thurs 14 th	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Fair	12.00pm 3.30pm
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:

Harvest Service Choir Rehearsal Reminder to all

Internet connection failure Information to all

Christmas Cards Viewing Reminder to all

Bikeability Certificates to Year 4

PTA Halloween Party Poster to all

Children’s Halloween Swap Shop Poster to all

Bag2School Bags to all

The Acting Studio Leaflet to all