



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Friday, we hosted an exciting **School Meals Tasting Session** that brought together our wonderful school community for a delicious and informative experience. CaterLink chefs prepared a menu featuring a variety of dishes from nutritious main courses to tasty sides and desserts, there was something to suit every palate. Feedback stations were set up, allowing parents and children to share their thoughts on each dish. It was also a fantastic opportunity for the CaterLink staff to speak to parents and children about the food served, answer questions and listen to feedback from parents and children. We were thrilled to see so many parents and children joining in to sample the school meals and share their valuable feedback. Caterlink staff were pleased to have received a lot of positive feedback. Your thoughtful comments and suggestions will help CaterLink understand what worked well and areas where further improvements could be made. Thank you to Caterlink staff for preparing this fantastic tasting session and thank you to all parents and children who took the time to attend the School Meals Tasting Session.



Every lunchtime we have a group of volunteers spending their time litter picking and tidying/cleaning the Owls Woodland Area. Well done and thank you to Tilly P, Keira E, Harlow L, Jorgie G, Phoebe C and Florentina H for looking after our school learning environment. We are very proud of them.



What have we been learning in school?



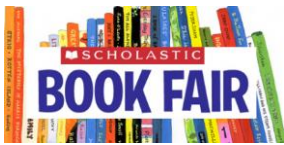
Since Term 2 children in **Owls Class** started their **Balanceability** lessons! At first, they worked on their core strength, wearing their helmets properly and learning how to handle the balance bikes correctly. They had great fun learning to manoeuvre the bikes. All the children have already showed some pleasing progress and are looking forward to their next lesson already!



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



In **Maths** the children in **Nightingales Class** have been learning the concept of subtractions by using different methods: Taking away and crossing out. These sessions were facilitated by using different types of manipulatives such as Numicons and Ten Frames to cater for the pupil's different learning styles. The children used reasoning and previous learnt skills to solve words problems including missing numbers. It would be great if you could help consolidate children's understanding of this concept at home with real life problems.



This week our school was buzzing with excitement as the children embarked on a literary adventure at the **Scholastic Book Fair**. The event brought joy and enthusiasm as children eagerly explored the world of books at the Book Fair. From captivating tales of adventure to whimsical picture books, the Book Fair offered a treasure trove of literary delights for our young readers. The joyous laughter and animated discussions between friends reflected the genuine thrill of discovering new stories and expanding imaginations. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who supported this endeavour by purchasing books for your children. Your generosity not only brings the magic of reading into your homes but also contributes to the new addition of books to our School Library as every book purchased goes a long way in helping our school get money towards purchasing new books for the Library, thus enriching the reading experience for all children and foster a lifelong love for learning.

Once again, thank you for making the Scholastic Book Fair a success. **The last day for our Book Fair is next Monday 27th November after school in the Dining Hall.** If you are unable to come to the Book Fair, you can pay on the website using the QR Code provided. Please refer to the letter sent home last Friday for details.



Next week we will focus on the value of **Aspiration**. Children will be exploring what aspiration means and discuss which global goals they would like to work towards or tackle. Perhaps you can have a discussion at home and spend some time with your child exploring the meaning of the quote: *'A little less conversation, a little more action'*. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway (1961— present). Who said it? What might this quote mean?

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	Fergus Ganson	Harper Robinson
Nightingales	Henry Mills	Olivia Moore
Robins	Jenson Graham	Forest Dawe
Skylarks	Alanna Tarn	Oscar Butler-Cook
Red Kites	Elina Thakrar	Cody Rapley
Kestrels	Jenson Edwards	Alexandra Gleave

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	556	2412
Galileo (Green)	544	2935
Redgrave (Red)	502	2783
Yeats (Yellow)	574	3226

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: 20-11-23 to 24-11-23

Owls 99.1% Skylarks 98%
Nightingales 97% **Red Kites 99.3%**
Robins 97.1% Kestrels 97.4%
Whole School 98.1%



Habit of the Month

In November, children will be focusing on **Only My Best Will Do – Responding to Instructions**, which means that children should listen actively to the whole message, use positive body language and ask questions if needed to clarify any points that they don't understand. We expect children to follow instructions straightaway. 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.

Football News



On Monday 4th December after school our School Football Team will play a match at Holy Trinity Primary School in Cookham. The Children have worked extremely hard and are all looking forward to this event. Let's wish them good luck. Thanks to Mr Errington for coordinating this event and thank you to parents for providing transport.

Reminder - After School Clubs

Please make a note of the date of final sessions for After School Extracurricular Clubs for this term.

Reading Club ends on Monday 4th December.

Singing Club end on Monday 4th December.

Yoga Club ends on Monday 11th December.

Forest Fun Club ends on Tuesday 12th December.

Football Club (Yr1-4) ends on Tuesday 12th December.

LEGO Club ends on Wednesday 6th December.

Dance Club ends on Wednesday 13th December.

Chinese Club ends on Thursday 7th December.

Football Club (Yr5-6) ends on Thursday 7th December.

Multi-Sports Club ends on Thursday 7th December.

KS1 Nativity Play

The Key Stage 1 Nativity Play 'Little Angel Gets her Wings' will be staged at the following times:

- **Wednesday 6th December 2:00pm**
- **Friday 8th December 2:00pm**

As space is limited for each performance, we would be very grateful if you would kindly book your seats via sQuid which has been set up for you. We are setting a limit of two seats per child over two performances. Small children should sit on knees where possible thus freeing up more seats for adults. Parents with very small children are welcome to join us on Monday 4th December to watch Dress Rehearsal. Please let the School Office know.

Christmas Raffle Donations Request



The PTA is looking for prize donations for this year's Christmas Raffle. Items must be new and still in use by date. If your employer or business can support in any way, e.g. offer a prize/voucher, please contact Laura on 07903 274711. Thank you for your support. Please look out for raffle tickets in your child's book bags next week.

Toy and Bottle Tombola Collection



PTA members will be collecting donations for **Toy and Bottle Tombola for Christmas Fair** in the w/c 4th December. They will be at the Stop and Drop Zone to collect them. Please bring in new or pre-loved toys (in very good condition), and a bottle of an alcoholic / non-alcoholic beverage on the day. Thank you.

Christingle Service

Christingle Service will take place in Waltham St Lawrence Church on Wednesday 13th December at



2:00pm. After lunch at 1.10pm, children in Year 1-6 will walk to the Church for the service. We would be grateful to any **parents in Owls who are able to take your child/ren to the Church by car in the afternoon at 1.30pm.** Please make

sure your child's hair is tied back for safety reasons. More details to follow nearer the time. **No School Bags on the day please.**

Christmas Jumpers Day on Thursday 14th December

Children are invited to wear **Christmas Jumpers with their School Uniform on Thursday 14th December** as part of our celebration of Christmas; in return, we would like children to bring in **£1 donation** to school or more in support of the local **Daisy's Dream** charity. Thank you.

PTA Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair will be taking place on Thursday 14th December, 3:30-6pm at school. Tickets to see Santa are now live on PTA-Events: www.pta-events.co.uk/wslpta/ Come and enjoy a visit to Santa, stalls, games, music, hot snacks, s'mores and mulled wine around the fire pits. £1 entry on the day.

We are in need of **helpers** - even just an hour on the day would be a huge help.....please get in touch with Phillippa if you can help (07484 766059).

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 2 (35 days)

November	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	12.00pm
		PTA Christmas Fair	3.30-6.00pm
	Fri 15 th	End of Term 2	1.00pm

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

Term 3 (28 days)

January 2024	Wed 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Thurs 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
February	Fri 9 th	End of Pupil Term

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

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 th	Start of Pupil Term	
March	Thurs 7 th	World Book Day	
	Wed 13 th	Road Safety Show for Year 3/4	13.15
	Wed 27 th	PTA Easter Fundraiser and School Easter Egg Hunt	
	Thurs 28 th	End of Pupil Term	

Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 Spring Holiday
(Good Friday is 29th March 2024 and Easter Monday is 1st April 2024)

Term 5 (29 days)

April	Mon 15 th	Start of Pupil Term
May	Mon 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday
	9 th -12 th	KS2 SATS
	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term
May Holiday: Monday 27 th May 2024 to Friday 31 st May 2024		

Term 6 (39 days)

June	Mon 3 rd	Staff Inset Day
	Tues 4 th	Start of Pupil Term
July	Thurs 25 th	End of Pupil Term
Summer Holiday: Friday 26 th July 2024 – Friday 30 th August 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:

Stay in Control of Your Child's Health NHS Poster to all

Football Match Letter to Football Team

Nativity Letter to KS1

Family Magazine to all