



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW - What an amazing week we have had at WSL! First of all, thank you to parents in **Nightingales Class** for attending **Year 1 Maths Workshop** last Friday. We appreciate your positive feedback and hope you have learned more about how Maths is taught in Year 1 and you will be able to use the same strategies to support your child's learning at home.



Excellent workshop, really good examples, essential in terms of new terminology used and workings. Thank you.
An insightful Maths session, lots of ideas to take home. Thanks.
A fab Maths Workshop, thank you.

Thank you to many Year 6 Parents who attended the **KS2 SATs Information Meeting** on Tuesday this week. We hope you found the session useful and have learned more about what the SATs are, what they contain and how to best prepare the children for them. We have some useful handouts available for those who were unable to attend. Please do come and speak with Mr Errington.



A huge WELL DONE and THANK YOU to all the children in **Kestrels Class** for an AMAZING Class Assembly on Wednesday this week. It was an absolute pleasure to observe the joy every single child had in sharing their learning across a variety of subjects in Term 3 and 4. We were all impressed with their ability of using powerful figurative language to skilfully create the appropriate atmosphere in their writing. All the children spoke with confidence and clarity. They sang songs beautifully in both English and Mandarin. Their energetic dances through the decades were most impressive. The children have truly showcased their skills, knowledge and talents. Thank you to parents and friends for coming and we hope you all enjoyed watching this captivating assembly as much as children enjoyed performing it.

The highlight of the week, without a doubt, has to be the presence of our special visitors from China! It has been an exciting and enriching two days at our school as we welcomed a delegation of pupils and teachers led by Executive Principal Zhang from our Sister School, Wenzhou Dalton Elementary School. The visiting children seamlessly immersed themselves in each class, eagerly participating in a variety of engaging learning activities, from delightful Reading, Writing, creative art, exciting PE games, energetic dance to collaborative mathematical problem solving etc.. Beyond the classroom, break times were filled with more laughter and fun play, and shared lunch hour became opportunities for more cultural exchange and fostering lasting friendships. Here are just a few snapshots to capture these wonderful times our children and pupils from China have spent so far...



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



As we will bid farewell to our Sister School friends on Monday next week, we are gearing up for memorable send-off with our Dragon Dance Workshop, a vibrant celebration of **The Chinese New Year of the Dragon**. This cultural exchange event promises to be a fitting conclusion to their visit. You are all invited to see the performance at the end of the day at 3.00pm on Monday. We would love to see you then. More to share in next week's Newsletter.



Next week, we will focus on the related values of **Caring for Others**. Children will be thinking about questions such as 'When caring for others can you decide when to ask for help?' Perhaps you can have a chat with your child/ren about how they might feel when they are caring for others. *'Caring for others is an expression of what it means to be fully human.'* -Hilary Clinton, American politician (1947 – present) What might this quote mean to you?



Reminder:

- Please click the link here and complete the **[Survey for Parents and Carers about Wraparound Childcare Provision](#)**
- The **PTA Meeting will be on Thursday 8th February, 7:30pm** at the Shurlock Inn. Everyone is welcome to join in the meeting or just come along for a social after the meeting at 8:30pm.

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	Rose Bream
Nightingales	Keenan Kalomar	Mia Anderson-Mayo
Robins	Samuel Waller	Isabella Thomson-Hall
Skylarks	Darcy Edwards	William Edwards
Red Kites	Aaron Harris	Satori-Eve Watson
Kestrels	All children for an outstanding assembly	

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	297	
Galileo (Green)	326	
Redgrave (Red)	301	
Yeats (Yellow)	342	

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: 29-01-24 to 02-02-24

Owls 94.9% Skylarks 96.7%

Nightingales 94.4% Red Kites 97.4%

Robins 96.6% **Kestrels 99.5%**

Whole School 96.8%



Habit of the Month

In **February**, children will continue to focus on **Only My Best Will Do - Showing respect for school property!** 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.

Maths Workshop for Parents in Owls

Maths Workshop for Parents in Owls Class will be held on **Thursday 8th February at 2.30pm** in **Owls Classroom**. This workshop will focus on **'Number Sense / Subitising**. You will be provided with some strategies on how you can best support your child/ren at home, in line with our approach used in school. hope you can all make it.

Maidenhead Big Read

The Maidenhead Big Read will take place between 23rd February and 8th March 2024. We will be taking part in this event as part of the celebration of World Book Day this year. More details to follow.

A Vacancy for a Community Governor

A vacancy has arisen for a Community Governor on the School's Governing Board. This role requires someone who has no connection with the school. If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a Community Governor, please contact the School Office.

Class Assembly

Robins Class Assembly will take place on Wednesday **28th February at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Family and friends of children in Robins Class are welcome to join us.



Safer Internet Day 2024

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. **Safer Internet Day 2024** will take place on **6th February 2024**, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **"Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online."**



We will take part in this important event and plan activities based on the theme for children to explore and discuss.

Online Safety & Bullying Presentation by Police to Year 6

As part of Internet Safety Day and Transition for Year 6, PC Lorraine Holmes will come in and give a presentation to Year 6 children on **Friday 9th February at 2.00pm**. *Parents/carers are welcome to see the police and ask any questions you may have regarding online safety, bullying, crimes and consequences, following the talk to Year 6 children at the end of day, 3.10pm.*

Football Match

Our School Football Team will play a match on Wednesday 7th Feb next week. Let's wish them all good luck.

KS1 End of Year Assessment Information Meeting

KS1 End of Year Assessment Information Meeting will take place on **Friday 23rd February at 2.25pm** in Robins Classroom.

Junior Touch Rugby Camp for Boys and Girls

All juniors are invited to join Rugby Club for the February Half Term Touch Rugby Camp at Maidenhead RFC on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Booking form below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduy2fU1qku72ZQ80V_EaFTLJsaE6MzmUwIUviexmf6qNSIQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Camps are non-contact so children of all ages/genders can play together and experience the fun of playing with a rugby ball! Players will learn key movement skills such as passing, catching, running agility and kicking, as well as key personal skills such as teamwork, leadership, creative problem solving and resilience! Any questions, email sammie@in2touch.com Please refer to the leaflet for more details.

Girls Cricket

White Waltham Cricket Club are looking to encourage more girls to come and play cricket and are offering 3 FREE intro to cricket sessions to local girls. They are running on **18th and 25th February and 4th March 1-2pm at St.Pirans School**. All ages welcome - no experience needed - all kit provided. To sign up please email WWCCjuniors@outlook.com Please refer to the Leaflet sent home for more details.

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 (Headteacher)

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr David Errington (Deputy Headteacher)

Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Harmit Kaur Thiara (Parent Governor)

Dates for Your Diary

The Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 3 (28 days)

February	1 st 2 nd 5 th	Sister School from China Visiting WSL	
	Mon 5 th	The Dragon Dance Workshop to Year 1-6 / Show to EYFS	1.00-3.10pm
	Tues 6 th	Safer internet Day	
	Wed 7 th	Dance Festival (Red Kites Taking Part) – Details to follow	All day
	Thurs 8 th	Maths Workshop for Owls Parents	2.30pm
	Fri 9 th	Police Presentation to Year 6 - Internet Safety, Bullying etc.	2.00pm
		End of Pupil Term	3.10pm
	Sat 10 th	Chinese New Year of the Dragon	

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

Term 4 (29 days)

February	Mon 19 th	Start of Pupil Term	
	Fri 23 rd	KS1 End of Year Assessment Information Meeting for Year 2 Parents	2.25pm
	Wed 28 th	Robins Class Assembly	2.30pm
March	23/02 to 8/03	Maidenhead Big Read Events – detail to follow	
	Thurs 7 th	World Book Day	
	Fri 8 th	Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting for Parents in Nightingales	2.30pm
	Wed 13 th	Nightingales Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Wed 13 th	Road Safety Show for Year 3/4	13.15
	Tues 19 th	Parents Evening for KS2 Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	Wed 20 th	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
	Wed 20 th	Parents Evening for All Classes	5.00-7.00pm
	Thurs 21 st	Parents Evenings for All Classes	3.30-5.30pm
	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	
	13 th -16 th	KS2 SATs	
	Fri 24 th	End of Pupil Term	

May Holiday: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st 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 26th July 2024 – Friday 30th 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:

Dance Festival final Arrangements Letter to Red Kites

Safer Internet Day Webinars for Parents Email to all

Keep the Zig-Zags Clear Parking Leaflet to all

Child Health Questionnaire to Owls

Wraparound Care Provision Survey for Parents to all

Junior Touch Rugby Camp for Boys and Girls Leaflet to KS2