



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



Thank you to all the children in Nightingales Class for a fabulous Class Assembly on Wednesday this week. They took on the centre stage, showcasing their learning on a range of subjects through captivating storytelling and role plays. From the adventures of the Three Little Pigs, integrated with their Science exploration of material properties, to measurement using mass in Maths and a historical recount of The Great Fire of London brought to life with period costumes, singing and dancing. It is very impressive how the children have learned so many facts and historical information by heart. Each child spoke with confidence, delivering their lines clearly, leaving us all with a sense of pride and admiration. Thank you to Mrs Brancato and Mrs Taylor for their hard work and great support. We hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as we did, witnessing the incredible growth and achievements of our young learners.



What have we been learning in school?

In **Science** this week, children in **Robins Class** were investigating 'What is the stretchiest fabric?'. After feeling the different fabrics, they discussed how they could find this out, knowing that their investigation had to be a fair test. In their groups, they then tested each piece of fabric by pulling it firmly from the corners and measuring how long it stretched out to. They learnt what makes materials stretchy is their 'elasticity'. This linked well to their current Maths unit on measurement.



The children in **Robins Class** were very proud when they were invited by Mr Errington to go to **Kestrels Class** and read their dragon stories. Each Robin was seated with a Kestrel and read their story to them. After this, the Kestrels read their latest piece of writing to the Robins. All the children from both classes enjoyed this opportunity and had lots of positive things to say about each other's work.



“TOGETHER WE INSPIRE AND ACHIEVE”



Next week we will be focusing on **Helping Yourself**. This links really well with the Habit of the Month: Being an active learner and go extra mile with your own learning. We will discuss with the children and encourage them to reflect 'Have you ever been self-sufficient at something? What did you manage to do on your own? How did it make you feel? We want all of the children to *achieve small things on their own. Feel self-sufficient, proud and happy.* Perhaps you can spend some time discussing this quote with your child/ren: *'Happiness belongs to the self-sufficient.'* -- Aristotle (Ancient Greek philosopher and scientist 384 BC-322 BC). What might this quote mean?

Reminder:



The Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents will be held on **Friday 15th March at 2.30pm in Nightingales Classroom**. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible as it is an important meeting. Thank you for your support.



There will be a **Chocolate Bar Sale**, with wrappers designed by the children straight after school today Friday 15th March 2024. There will be **10 Lucky Golden Tickets** inside, for wonderful prizes such as a *Dr. Chocs Workshop, Roald Dahl Museum Entry, Roald Dahl Books and SUPERSIZED Chocolate Bars!* Please come along and support this amazing event organised by our hard working PTA.

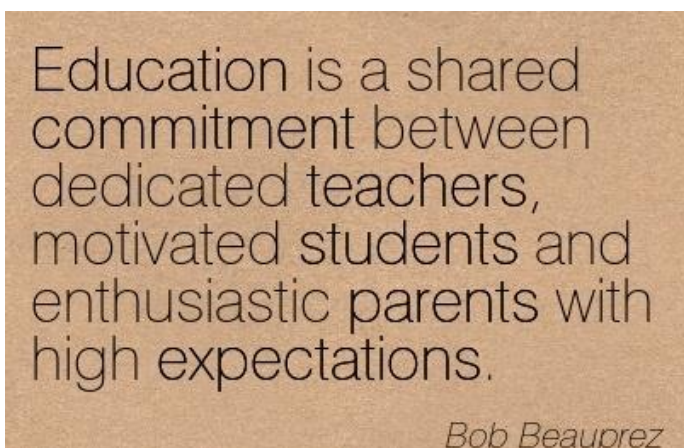
Upcoming Events:

I can't quite believe we have only got two weeks left of Term 4. **Parents Evenings** will take place next week on **Tuesday 19th March from 3.30pm-5.30pm for Skylarks and Kestrels only, Wednesday 20th March from 5.00pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 21st March from 3.30pm to 5.30pm for all classes except for Red Kites Class**. Please note that **Parents Evening for Red Kites Class will be postponed and rescheduled to take place in the first week of Term 5**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you to everyone who has completed the Online Booking. If you still need to book a slot, or change the time you originally chose, please do so or let the School Office know. Children are expected to join you at the Parent Evenings. Please make sure that they are not wandering, unaccompanied around the school. Your child's books will be available for you to look at before and after the consultations.

We look forward to meeting you all next week.

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	Sienna Chapman Hunter Holdaway
Nightingales	All children for a brilliant class assembly
Robins	Wilfred Pitt Bailey Holdaway
Skylarks	William Dzedzic Mason Whittle-Pullin
Red Kites	Toby Hassell Monty Whitehead
Kestrels	James Roylance Alexandra Gleave

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	338	2570
Galileo (Green)	323	2721
Redgrave (Red)	341	2601
Yeats (Yellow)	364	2873

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: 11-03-24 to 15-03-24

Owls 98.9%	Skylarks 94.2%
Nightingales 89.5%	Red Kites 87.5%
Robins 86.9%	Kestrels 95.8%
Whole School 92.2%	



Habit of the Month

In **March** children will focus on **Only My Best Will Do - Being an active learner and going extra mile with their own learning.** Children are expected to be always actively involved in their learning in class as well as at home, giving their all and staying focused at all times. Please continue to support us and help all of our children form good habits. Thank you.

Amazon Wish List

We regularly update our **Amazon Wish List** and would appreciate your continued support. If you would like to purchase something for the school, please click the link https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ZK98E8KNOSZQ?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your continued assistance and generosity.

After School Clubs

Please remember that there will be **NO teacher led After School Clubs next week due to Parents Evenings**, all teacher led clubs are finished for this term.

Chinese Club, last session, is next Thursday 21st March.

Other clubs led by uSports and Forest Fun will continue till the end of Term 4. If you require any child care, please use the After School CARE CLUB. Thank you.

PTA Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 27th March 2024** Easter Hat Parade
- **Friday 14th May 2024** Father's Day Craft Activity
- **Saturday 15th June 2024** Village Summer Festival
- **Friday 19th July 2024** Class of 2024 Camp Out

Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 19th March** for KS2 classes, **Wednesday 20th March and Thursday 21st March** for all classes, except for Red Kites Class. Please refer to the letter sent home to Red Kites parents today for details.

Parking and Speed

Please remember to be more considerate and courteous when parking on the road before and after school and also not to park across our neighbours' driveways to avoid any inconvenience to our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation. Please can you drive within the speed limit for the safety of all road users. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Wednesday 27th March.** The hunt will start at **2:40pm** on the playground. The prizes will be presented to all winners at the end of day soon after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please come along and enjoy the fun celebration of Easter.



Alexander Devine's Big Chick Knit Campaign

Please support our children's hospice service and make a huge difference to local children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions this Spring. Knitted chicks and bunnies, each with a chocolate egg inside are available to buy online. Please click the link here:

[The Big Chick Knit | Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service](#)

Consultation on SEND Provision in RBWM

RBWM consultation on new SEND provision in the Royal Borough is now live, please click the link below:

[Consultation on new SEN provision in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead](#)

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is consulting local pupils, parents and community groups on proposals to add new provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). You can find out more about the proposals and give your views [here](#). **The consultation will be open until midday on Friday 26th April 2024.**

Owls Class Assembly



Owls Class Assembly will take place on **Wednesday 24th April at 2.30pm** in the School Hall. Children will be sharing what they have been learning in school. Family and friends of children in Robins Class are welcome to join us.

STIKINS School Uniform Name Labels

Stikins® is a school fundraising scheme, our School will receive 30% commission every time parents **order name labels directly from Stikins®, quoting our School Fundraising Number 24482**, the company link is <https://www.stikins.co.uk> or you can follow the link directly from our School Website under Parents, School Uniform <http://wslprimary.com/parents/school-uniform/> Labels are despatched first class directly to your home address, on the same working day if ordered by 3:00pm.

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 4 (29 days)

March	Wed 13 th	Road Safety Show for Year 3/4	1.15pm
	Fri 15 th	Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting for Parents in Nightingales	2.30pm
	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
	Sat 23 rd	PTA Inter Netball Tournament	1.30-6.00pm
	Wed 27 th	PTA Easter Fundraiser and School Easter Egg Hunt	
	Thurs 28 th	Owls Fundraiser	1.00pm

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	
	Wed 24 th	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
May	Fri 3 rd	Writing Workshop /Open Session for Parents in Owls	2.30pm
	Fri 3 rd	Skylarks Cake Sale	3.10pm
	Mon 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday	
	Wed 8 th	Bag2School Collection	9.00am
	Wed 8 th	Health Check for EYFS in School	9.15am
	13 th -16 th	KS2 SATs	
	Thurs 16 th	Summer Census Day	
	Thurs 16 th	Road Safety Show for Year 5	2.00pm
Wed 22 nd	It's Your Move for Year 6 – Transition Talk in school	1.15pm	
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	
	3 rd – 21 st	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Period	
	w/c 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week	
	Fri 14 th	PTA Father's Day Craft Activity in School – Details to follow	
	Sat 15 th	Village Summer Festival	
July	Fri 28 th	Sports Day – Details to follow	1.00-3.10pm
	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:

Class Cover Letter to Red Kites

KS2 SATs Book Payment Reminder to Year 6

Primary Times to all