



WALTHAM ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see many of you at **Parent Evenings** this week. Thank you very much for coming to see your child's Class Teacher and spending time discussing your child's progress. We hope you enjoyed viewing your children's work and found the information you received useful and know how you can support your child/ren. We believe that working in partnership with parents is an integral part of your child's success; your support is very much appreciated and will most certainly optimise your child's progress. If for any reason, you were not able to attend on either of the specified evenings, please do talk to your child's Class Teacher so that another appointment can be made. Please do not feel that these meetings are the only opportunity to speak with Class Teachers. Should at any time you have a query or further information, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Please go to the school website where you can find many online resources to support your child's learning at home.

Due to staff illness, we have rescheduled yesterday's Parents Evenings for a few parents in **Skylarks Class**, this will take place on **Tuesday 26th March from 3.30 to 5.50pm** next week. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. **Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class have been rescheduled to take place in the first week of Term 5.** We hope you will be able to attend. If you need to 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. Your child's books will be available for you to look at before and after the consultations.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thank you so much for attending the Phonics Screening Check Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents last Friday. We hope you have found the meeting helpful. This week we have sent home 'A Guide for Parents about Year 1 Phonics Screening Check' leaflet. Hope you find it useful. Thank you for your support.

It was very clear, lots of great tips and hints for how parents can help children. Thank you.

I found the phonics screening workshop very clear and helpful. Thanks.

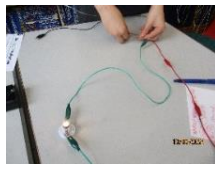
Very informative. The workshop has helped me understand about the screening and how I can support my child and prepare for the test.

Really clear information, I feel that I know what to expect for the upcoming phonics test and how to best support/prepare. Thanks

Really helpful and informative to help us prepare for the phonics screening.

What have we been learning in school?

In **Science**, children in Year 5 have been learning about Electricity this term. This week the children selected a type of enquiry, planned and carried out an electricity investigation in pairs or small groups. They were able to compare and control different variables where necessary by investigating relationship between wire length and the brightness of bulbs. They all enjoyed their investigation and were able to explain variations in component functions.



In their **Design and Technology** lessons, the children have worked on **Electrical Systems**, with a focus on designing, making and evaluating a **Doodler**. The children were fully engaged in the whole process, they have not only acquired new technical vocabulary, developed new skills but also understood how motors are used in electrical products. They can describe a motor as a circuit component that changes electrical energy into movement and also can provide examples of motorised products that use movement to rotate or spin different parts. They had great fun creating an abstract picture using their own designed Doodler. Here are some photos capturing their learning and products.





Next week we will be focusing on **Hard Choices (KS1) / Ethics (KS2)**. We will discuss the following questions with the children: 'Is it ever OK to take something without asking? Should you always speak up for what you think is right or wrong?' Perhaps you can explore this quote with your child/ren '*I give myself very good advice, but I very seldom follow it.*' - Lewis Carol, English Author of Alice in Wonderland (1832-1898). What might this quote mean?

Reminder:



Wednesday 27th March 2024 PTA will organise another fundraising event **Easter Hat Parade, £1 to enter on the day**. Please get your children busy and design and make a spectacular Easter Hat. Children will have a Parade on Wednesday next week in school and one winner for each year group will be announced and prizes will be presented at Celebration Assembly Thursday 28th March 2024.



In school, as part of the Easter Celebration, we will organise the very popular **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children on **Wednesday 27th March** next week on the School Playground. Children with the Golden Tickets will receive a prize sponsored by our PTA. from school.



Waltham St Lawrence Junior Choir have secured the services of **Marble the Donkey**, from Basils' Mobile Farm in Maidenhead, to lead the way for the Palm Sunday Service this Sunday 24th March at WSL Church. Revd Roy Burgess is conducting the service which starts outside with a procession down the high street from 9.30am of children in costume accompanying Marble. The service starts in front of the church at 9.50 am and all are welcome to come along and join in. The Church Choir will join the children's Choir in "Can you hear the donkey" as well as singing the anthem "Hosanna to the Son". This is the start of the Holy Week celebrations which include an Easter Trail around the village and 10am Family Easter Day Service with egg hunt!



Is this the fastest term there has ever been?!

We will break up for the Easter Holiday next **Thursday 28th March at 1.00pm**.

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	Lily Egby	Joshua Howe
Nightingales	Jemima Kennedy	Eila Bakshi
Robins	Jenson Graham	Charlie Mason
Skylarks	Sophie Mason	Felix Lavers
Red Kites	Phoebe Clark	Ava Williams
Kestrels	Charlie Turnbull	Robyn Wynn

House Points

	Weekly Total	Rolling Total
Brunel (Blue)	331	2901
Galileo (Green)	269	2990
Redgrave (Red)	240	2841
Yeats (Yellow)	342	3215

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: 18-03-24 to 22-03-24

Owls 93.2% Skylarks 96%

Nightingales 96.1% Red Kites 95.9%

Robins 99.1% Kestrels 94.8%

Whole School 95.8%



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.

WSL Woodpeckers Club

We are excited to take over the after school wraparound service as from Term 5 onwards. WSL Woodpeckers Club will run from 3.10 to 6.00pm, Monday to Thursday during term time only. However, you can collect your child/ren at any time before 6.00pm or use the provision following another after school extra-curricular club. Pre-booking is preferable, although ad hoc bookings are acceptable on the day before 2.00pm. **Payment in advance via SCOPAY** has been set up for convenience. More details to follow.

PTA Upcoming Events

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

Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class

Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class will take place on **Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th March from 3.30 to 5.30pm and Wednesday 17th March from 5.00 to 7.00pm.**

After School Clubs Reminder

Please remember that we do not run **School-Led** After School Clubs in the first and last weeks of the "long" terms, i.e. **NO Club in the week commencing 15th April in Term 5**, unless it is otherwise indicated. If you require any child care that week, please use our Woodpeckers Club. Thank you.

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.

Bag2School Collection

This event raises a considerable amount for School Fund whilst helping others less fortunate. We will be paid from the bags of **old clothes, handbags, jewellery and shoes** we collect. Please bring as many bags to school as you can **on Wednesday 8th May at 9.00am** when they will be collected. You may use ordinary bin bags or plastic carriers.

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.

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	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
		End of Pupil Term	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	
	Tues 16 th	Parents Evening for Red Kites Class	3.30-5.30pm
	Wed 17 th	Parents Evening for Red Kites Class	5.00-7.00pm
	Thurs 18 th	Parents Evenings for Red Kites Class	3.30-5.30pm
May	Wed 24 th	Owls Class Assembly	2.30pm
	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 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.wsjprimary.org

Information / Letters sent home or can be accessed on the school website last & this week:

- Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying' Poster to all
- Raring2go Leaflet & Link to all
- PTA Easter Hat Parade Leaflet to all
- Staffing Update Letter to all