



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 13th September 2019

We have had a wonderful start to the Autumn term with children truly 'being the best they can' be and adjusting very well to their new year groups. I can't quite believe we are already at the end of week two! We have welcomed two new members of staff, Mrs Leon as our HLTA and Mr Matthews who is our Sports Apprentice to our team and both are settling in very well.

We would like to thank you all for the lovely cards, gifts and kind words at the end of term. We were overwhelmed with your generosity and want you to know that the gifts were greatly received and meant a lot to us.

Over the summer extensive work has taken place and you may have seen that Class 3 has been transformed into two designated classroom spaces in order to improve the organisation in the mornings for our year 4, 5 and 6 pupils. We have also been working with Judie Ellis from Wrekin Forest School in Kynnersley who has been helping us improve our on site provision. Mrs Sankey and Judie have been in school during the holidays making improvements to our designated area on the school field and we will be introducing 'Treetop Tuesdays' to the children in the coming weeks. Read on to find out more!

This year in school we are introducing a whole school house points system that will improve and replace the previous 'family' houses of Ercall, Wrekin and Lilleshall. Today the children have been allocated one of our four new houses: St David (yellow), St Patrick (green), St Andrew (Blue) and St George (Red). Siblings will be in the same house and throughout the year, our family days will continue, but with an added focus celebrating our four British Christian Patron Saints. Children will be rewarded a house point counter in the colour of their house when they have shown hard work, effort and determination. The counter will be then placed in a box in the classroom. On Friday, the house points will be counted in assembly and the winning house announced. Housepoints will be counted throughout the year and at the end of the year, there will be a trophy for the house with the most votes. Each house will have a House Captain and earlier today, our Year 6 children presented their manifestos to their new houses and all children voted on a House Captain. Well done to all of our Year 6 children who took part in this and took the time and effort, they should be very proud of themselves. I am pleased to announce the new House Captains for the Year 2019-2020 are: St David -Poppy, St Patrick -Raymond, St Andrew-Charlie G, and St George -Austin. Pennies of Kindness will still remain and be given in recognition of acts of kindness and actions that embed our school values.

I have really been impressed with the mature attitude of the children this week, particularly standing for House Captains and to represent School Council. The support shown for each other and camaraderie in school has been absolutely wonderful!

With my best wishes.

Mrs A Moore

School Council

A school council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school. They are effectively the 'pupil voice'.

Over the last few days, the children have been voting in year groups for their School Council representative. Well done to all children who stood for election. I am pleased to announce the new School Council for 2019-2020 are:

Reception: Lottie

Year 1: Oliver

Year 2: Evie

Year 3: Sophie

Year 4: Missy

Year 5: Miley

Year 6: Kaleb



St. Lawrence House Captains



'Treetop Tuesdays'

At St. Lawrence we value outdoor learning and we are keen to deliver Forest School sessions across school. With this in mind we have arranged for Judie Ellis to teach some sessions with us in the coming weeks and offer an after school taster session whereby parents can join in the fun too! Our first school session will take place on Tuesday 17th September for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. Our second session is planned on Tuesday 24th September during the day for children in Key Stage 2 (Y3,4,5,6).

In addition to the school sessions we have planned two after school sessions whereby parents can join their child/children for a taster session and find out more about what we offer. These dates are Wednesday 18th September for parents and children in KS1 from 3.15 to 4.15pm and Monday 30th September 3.15-4.15pm for children in key Stage 2. For parents who have children in both key stages we ask that you choose one of the sessions.

We ask that on these dates children bring in Wellington boots and waterproofs (trousers and coat) in a named plastic bag ready to participate in the session. Unfortunately, we do not have spare appropriate clothing so it is important that children bring their own from home as they can become quite uncomfortable if they are not suitably dressed. If you should have any questions or queries about this please do come in and see us and we shall endeavour to help.





Celebrating Success this week!

Class One

EMILY : for showing confidence and independence coming into school

ISLA : for being a wonderful role model to the younger children and showing kindness

Class Two

OLLY M : for working really hard all week

CORA : for her excellent English work this week

Class Three

KALEB : for an excellent start to Year 6

DARCEY :having a brilliant start to Year 4



Head teachers special mention

Lucas—for showing kindness, support and 'being the best' he can be.

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE

Annual General meeting

Wednesday 18th September

6.30pm

at

St Lawrence CE Primary School

All are welcome to attend and whilst we appreciate you may not wish to come forward for an active role we are always looking for new members to add ideas.

Applying for a school place 2020 - School Admissions

The online school application portal is now live and this means customers will be able to apply for Reception (starting school for the first time), Secondary and Junior school places to start school in September 2020.

The closing dates for school applications are:

31 October 2019 for Secondary school places

15 January 2020 for Reception and Junior school places

If a child has an Education, Health & Care Plan the closing date for *all* applications is 31 October 2019.

On our website is the school admissions brochure which contains all the important information in relation to school places. Within this document is a FAQ which you may find useful.

www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

Also, on the webpage is a “how to complete an application guide”. www.telford.gov.uk/admissions

Interactive School Map <https://telford-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=59765bcef9c643c687cc0c6045b6d38d>

As you will also be aware customers can use the library services to apply for school places.

The online system has now been in place for 3 years and this has proven to be very successful for both the council and customers.

We would like to thank all our colleagues who support parents in applying for school places.

How do I contact the School Admissions Team?

The School Admissions Team are contactable via email at admissions@telford.gov.uk

School Admissions will need to have the following information to assist with an enquiry:

Application reference number (if applicable)

Child's name

Child's date of birth

Parent/Guardian name

Parent/Guardian contact number

Where a customer wishes to talk to a member of the admissions team we aim to respond to them within 24 hours if not sooner in the majority of cases.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER - KS1 Wrekin Forest after school session for parent and children

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER - 6.30pm AGM in school

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER - PD Day—School closed

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER— KS2 Wrekin Forest after school session for parent and children

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER - Last day of Term

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - Back to school

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - Whole school - Panto at Theatre Severn
(details to follow)

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - Last day of term