



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

**Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield**

**Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 22nd November 2019

It has been a rather busy, hectic week here at St. Lawrence Primary! Firstly, on behalf of Miss Osterfield and myself and the Governing Body we would like to thank you whole heartedly for your support and co operation with our two day OFSTED Inspection this week and in particular, your engagement with the Parent Survey and Parent View. Additionally, we would like to place on record our thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work and placing the needs of the children at the forefront of everything they do. As usual, the pupils here at St, Lawrence were a sheer delight to teach and the motto of our school 'being the best we can be with God' radiated through every aspect of school life and showed our visitor what a special, wonderful place St. Lawrence School is! As part of the Inspection process school records were checked, lessons observed (in every class), pupils and staff interviewed, playtimes and lunchtimes monitored as well as in-depth discussions held with the School Leadership Team (SLT). We will share 'Her Majesty's Inspector's Report ' when it is published, this usually takes a number of weeks.

On Tuesday next week, we are very excited to announce the launch of the 'Commando Joe' programme which we will be implementing in school. We will be welcoming Commando Stuart to lead sessions across school and would like to invite parents from 2.30pm onwards to see a taster of the session on the school playground (weather permitting). The essence of the programme is to build the confidence and resilience of primary school children. Children with high self-esteem are able to make difficult decisions under pressure, approach adults for support, and be self sufficient in their learning. This programme helps develop this resilience through a variety of different activities including being part of a team and supporting each other to succeed. We ask that children come dressed in their PE school kit on this day, wearing suitable footwear.

Last week Mr Al-Asmar took eight children from Year 3 and 4 to a Kwik Cricket competition held at Oakengates Tennis Centre. Feedback from Mr Al-Asmar indicated that he was immensely proud of the team for the way they supported each other and were so enthusiastic during the whole event. Well done to Oliver, Ruben, Ciaran, Charlie Lizzie, Ella, Lola and Graciella for representing St. Lawrence Primary School and really showcasing the 'St. Lawrence Way!'

The PTFA have a number of lovely activities and fundraising events planned over the next few weeks. Please read the 'PTFA Corner' section of this week's Newsletter so that you are aware of the events going ahead.

On behalf of Miss Osterfield and myself I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and thank you all for your continued support.



# Celebrating Success this week!

## Class One

Isabella J - trying so hard in everything she does and being the best she can be  
Alfie - always trying his best and engagement with his work

## Class Two

Elizabeth - for always being kind  
Graciella - for being the best she can be with God every day

## Class Three

Charlie G - excellent response to all tasks in class  
Oliver - for being so enthusiastic in class



## HEAD TEACHERS SPECIAL MENTION

To all the amazing children at St Lawrence

## House Points Winners

This week the winning house was **St Patrick's** with a staggering 95 points.  
Well done to Raymond and everyone who is a member of this house.

House name	Points this week	Points so far
St David	131	620
St Patrick	167	761
St Andrew	122	652
St George	120	570

# Other News

Last Friday 8 children from Year 3 and 4 attended a Kwik Cricket competition held at Oakengates Tennis Centre. I was immensely proud of the team for the way they supported each other and were so enthusiastic during the whole event. Oliver, Ruben, Ciaran and Charlie showed great hand-eye coordination as they played scoring shot after scoring shot to help the team rack up point in matches. Our fielding was excellent throughout, with Lizzie, Ella and Lola being really active in stopping the other teams scoring runs. Graciella's skills as a wicket keeper excelled as she saved runs and provided encouragement to the team.



# Other News



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for some willing volunteers to help us with our outdoor area at the side of the playground. As you may have seen a part of the grass area has become very muddy and we would like to slab this area. If you have got green fingers and would like to get involved with this project please see a member of staff in the office.

## ST LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The schools Christmas post box will be located outside the school office from Monday 2nd December until the end of term for pupils to post their cards to friends and members of staff. The post box will be emptied by the children daily.

**Please ensure that the name of the child/teacher and their class number is marked on the envelope!**



## POLLING DAY

Advanced warning for child care.

The polling date has been set for **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

As the school is traditionally used as a polling station, we will be **closed** on that day



## LOST PROPERTY

Evie in class 1 has mislaid her school reversible coat.

If your child has taken it home by mistake could you please return it back to school as soon as you can

Thank you



# Friends of St Lawrence



## **SAINTS/ HOUSES PENNY RACE**

We have sent a little bag home with some instructions. Please collect any 1, 2 and 5pence pieces you can spare in the little bag. Leave the note inside as it tells us the house your child belongs to! On December 2nd please return this bag to school. We will count and see which house has raised the most. A prize will be presented to the winners and there will be runners up prizes too

## **MUFTI DAY - Friday 29th November**

Children are allowed to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for chocolate

eg selection pack, a bar or box of chocolates

These will then go towards the Christmas tombola that is being held by The Friends of St Lawrence on Tuesday 10th December



## **WREATH MAKING NIGHT - Friday 29th November**

Is now sold out. We look forward to seeing you on the night if you have a ticket.

## **SECRET SHOPPING - 4th December**

During school hours we will have a range of gifts on sale from 50p - £3.00 for men and women. This is a chance for your children to buy you a special gift for Christmas. Please send money with your child in a names envelope, or give it to the school office. If anyone is free to support this event by helping run a stall please let us know.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING -10th December.**

From 8.45am we will be providing drinks and cakes before the event in the church. Post performance we will have a celebration at school. There will be drinks and cakes, chocolate fountains with fruit and marshmallows, childrens chocolate tombola and a lucky dip. Please bring some pennies with you so you can join us in celebrating a wonderful Christmas Performance with our children. If your child is in after school club please feel free to send them with some money so they can join in too. If you like to bake please let us know if you can offer us a donation for these events.

## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND CLASS HAMPERS -**

Each class now has a collection box for donations of non-perishable foods and drinks. Please send a donation in with your child. Tickets for the hamper raffle will be sold over the next few weeks. We are waiting on delivery of our Christmas raffle tickets - we will send a pack home with each child and we will have more in the office and at events for sale. 1st prize - Photoshoot with a free print. 2nd - £50 salon vouchers. 3rd - 2 passes to airea51, other prizes are still coming in and we will draw tickets until the prizes run out! Both raffles will be drawn on December 16th.

## **FATHER CHRISTMAS SCHOOL VISIT - 19th December**

During school hours. Tickets will go on sale next week. £3 per child includes a gift and a 1-2-1 with Father Christmas and his wonderful elves!

St. Peter's Church, Edgmond  
invites you to...



# Messy Christmas

Create the Christmas story through crafts and worship!

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019

3.30pm — 5.30pm

in St. Peter's Church

*Everyone is invited*

**(Children, please bring an adult)**

**No one is too old or too young, come alone (if you are over 18), with a family or a group**

**Come for Fun, Fellowship, crafts, worship and Food  
(there is no charge For this event)**

**Please help us with our preparations by letting us know you  
are coming**

**(and of vegetarian or other dietary needs)**

**email [helenamorby@btinternet.com](mailto:helenamorby@btinternet.com)**

**Tel 01952 820217**

# Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**—Flu Immunisations

**WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**—Dog Trust coming in to school to talk to Class 2 & 3

**FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**— Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate

Wreath making night 7—10pm

## DECEMBER

**TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER**— Class 3 Trip—Arthog Outreach

**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER**—Christmas secret shopping

**TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER**— 9—10am Pre Christmas drinks and cakes in

Church

10am—Christmas performance in Church

3pm—Christmas performance in Church

4pm onwards after performance celebration at

school

**WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER** - Whole school - Panto at Theatre Severn

(afternoon showing)

**THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER**— School closed for Polling

**WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER**— Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER**—Father Christmas in school

**FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER** - Last day of term

## JANUARY

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020** — Back to school