



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 29th November 2019

It has been a busy, fun filled week here at St. Lawrence and children have been delighting us with their resilience, team work and effort. On Tuesday, we welcomed Commando Stuart to launch our 'Commando Joe's' Programme across school and he was most impressed with the children's attitude and the way in which everyone was willing to have a go! Even the youngest children in school were engaged and working together encouraging each other. We have been given a 'Commando Joe' teddy bear and we will be presenting this to one of our pupils each week in our Celebration Assembly who has demonstrated the skills of resilience, teamwork, effort and determination that week. This week Harry (Y2) has been highlighted as our Commando Joe! His determination to succeed this week with Scottish dancing was a sheer delight to watch. Very well done Harry!

On Thursday, children were grouped in their houses to celebrate St. Andrew's Day and had a really fun morning participating in activities linked to the Patron Saint of Scotland. Children had the opportunity to do some Scottish dancing, bake shortbread, make flags and find out about the history surrounding this Saint. It was lovely to see the children all working together across school and the planned family day activities really embrace our ethos of 'helping and supporting.'

The 'Christmas Nativity' preparations are well underway and we are extremely hopeful that it will come together ready for the performances on Tuesday 10th December 2019. Mrs Care and Mrs Stevens have organised a ticket system for church as we have to adhere to the capacity. To make it as comfortable as possible we are currently allocating two tickets per family so please could you let the office know which performance is your preference as soon as possible.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have lots of lovely festive activities planned over the next few weeks. Just to remind you that Kay and Jane have planned Christmas dinner for Wednesday 18th December, if your child would like one please could you fill out the request form which Mrs Stevens will be sending out via Parentmail, this will help determine numbers for the kitchen. On this day we will have a school 'Christmas Jumper Day' to help us get in the spirit of Christmas! Can we just remind parents that it is school uniform but instead of school jumper/cardigan it is a Christmas top.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Alison Moore



Acts of Kindness

Knitted Nativity

This week Class One had such a lovely surprise as a beautiful knitted Nativity arrived for us to display. It had been cleverly knitted by Harry's (Y1) Great Grandma and his Great Grandpa had made the lovely stable. The children in Class 1 have absolutely loved this Nativity set and it has prompted some lovely discussion about the Christmas Story. These lovely acts of kindness are greatly appreciated and it is what makes St. Lawrence such a wonderful place to be!



Our Romanian Lesson

Class One children had a little taster of Romanian this week when Rafael's Dad came into class to teach the children some Romanian. He was so kind giving up his time to come into school and he even brought in some delicious homemade cakes for the pupils. Rafael speaks English as an additional language and we were all keen to learn some of his home language to support our communication in school. The children absolutely loved this session and Finn (Y1) even made a 'Thank you' card at home to show his appreciation.



Our Week

Commando Joe's day



All the passing was really good and the last person had to pick it up
Harry (Yr 1)



It got us using our teamwork and listening skills and it was fun at the same time—Charlie G



Our Week

St Andrew's Day



It was good because there were lots of different Activities - Kaleb



Really fun and we got to do Scottish dancing
Missy



Celebrating Success this week!

Class One

Oliver : for super maths work and always being the best he can be.

Rafael : for teaching us Romanian this week and trying so hard.

Class Two

Poppy S : for working hard on her handwriting.

Ruben : for showing excellent COJO teamwork.

Class Three

Max A : a fantastic week of maths working on short division.

Zan : for excellent suggestions for dance moves in choir.



HEAD TEACHERS SPECIAL MENTION

Rachel—Being a Superstar ‘helping and supporting’ Mrs Moore.

Finn M - Being Brilliant ‘helping and supporting’ Mrs Moore.

Spencer - Showing enthusiasm and maturity and ‘being the best he can be.’

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	84	704
St Patrick	100	861
St Andrew	82	734
St George	64	634

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 12th December 2019**.

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



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH –Sunday 8th December 3.30pm

All the children and their families at St Lawrence School have once again been invited to the Christingle service. The children who attend will be given a Christingle orange. Please complete the reply slip if you will be attending the service so that they have sufficient fruit on the night.

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CHRISTINGLE - REPLY SLIP

We will be attending the Christingle service on Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm.

We will require.....Christingle oranges.

Signed.....Parent / Guardian



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

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

Father Christmas will be visiting the children during the school hours. There is no need to book as Father Christmas is coming to see every child at St Lawrence and give them a present.

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



Messy Christmas

Create the Christmas story through crafts and worship!

Saturday 7th 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)

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Diary Dates

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