



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 8th November 2019

This first week back after the half term holiday has literally flown by and our half term break seems nothing but a distant memory! It was lovely to hear what the children had been doing over the half term and they have been eager to tell me their news.

This week you may have noticed some new faces amongst us here at St. Lawrence. We have welcomed three new members of staff to the St. Lawrence team; Miss Fisher, Miss Tyson and Miss Edwards. Miss Fisher is a class teacher and will be teaching in Class One on a part-time basis to cover my management release time. The children have already been introduced to her and have enjoyed meeting her this week. Miss Edwards will also be joining the Class One team as a Teaching Assistant to cover for Mrs Kynaston's absence. Class Two have welcomed Miss Tyson as a part-time Teaching Assistant to offer further support.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Anxiety Workshop on Monday after school. The Workshop was led by our Educational Psychologist, Hannah Pugh, who gave parents some useful practical strategies to implement at home. For those of you who could not attend this we will be uploading the strategy sheets for you on our school website.

The children had a fantastic Forest School day on Tuesday which was enjoyed by all. I would like to personally thank Judie Ellis and the team here at St. Lawrence for all their hard work and support, making it such a fun day for the pupils. You can see some photographs of the exciting activities that were planned as you read on.

Next Wednesday (13th) we have organised Roald Dahl Drama Workshops across school for the children to take part in. The drama workshops are being led by the 'West End Drama and Dance Company' who work in productions in the West End so we are very excited about this. The workshops will enhance our 'Reading for Pleasure' curriculum and support the work carried out in classes. Class One and Class Two will be focusing on the story of 'Matilda' while class three have opted for 'The Twits'. We will be familiarising the children with these stories before next week but you may want to read these texts with your child or maybe even snuggle up and watch the films so they know the characters really well and can really showcase their dramatic skills! We are also looking for willing parent volunteers who would like to come into school and read parts of their favourite Roald Dahl texts to groups/classes of children next week. We are keen to promote this. If you feel this is something you would like to do please contact me via the school office and we can book a time when you are available to read to the children. I know that this is something the children would absolutely love!

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying' week and as a school we are planning lots of fun, practical based activities that will support children's understanding of the key message 'we choose respect!'

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

Mrs Alison Moore and the team at St. Lawrence



Celebrating Success this week!

Class One

Amelia—for really working hard and being the best she can be

Ivy-Rose - for trying hard all the time

Class Two

Aidan—for showing a real love of reading

Ella—for concentrating really well and being helpful

Class Three

Daisy : always listening in class and working hard

Zan : Showing resilience in reading comprehension



HEAD TEACHERS SPECIAL MENTION

Finn W—for his fantastic phonics work this week

House Points Winners

This week the winning house was [St. Andrew'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	44	363
St Patrick	68	430
St Andrew	87	416
St George	57	324

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FOREST SCHOOL DAY PHOTO'S



I enjoyed the mud kitchen and pretending to make a cake with my friends—Lola



I enjoyed sharing the marshmallows

- Lucas



Being in Nature makes me happy

- Sophie A



I enjoyed doing mini fires because We all had fun and worked as a team

- Jess

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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.



PARKING AND DROPPING OFF OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please be aware that **it is an offence to park on the yellow lines outside the school railings**. You must **not** wait, park or drop any children off where there are restrictions shown by yellow lines along the front railings or the school entrance.

Please leave the disabled space free so it is available for blue badge users only.

Can we also remind you all not to turn your vehicles in the school driveway or in any of the neighbouring driveways. Thank you.

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



CHILDREN IN NEED



This year Children in Need is taking place
on
Friday 15th November.

All children can come to school in something spotty for a donation of £1.00
To start our fundraising there are Pudsey pin badges and bracelets for sale at £1.00 each from the school office

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MUFTI DAY

There will be a mufti day on **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



FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE EVENTS DIARY

Friday 15th November:

House Penny Race - Bags to be sent home for the collection of 1p, 2p & 5p collection

Tuesday 19th November:

Friends of St Lawrence PTFA Meeting 6pm school all welcome

Friday 29th November:

Mufti day for donation of Chocolate Tombola

Monday 2nd December:

Wreath making night - Tickets on sale now £15 each

Wednesday 4th December:

House Penny Race - Return bags to school for counting

Tuesday 10th December:

Children's Secret Shopping Afternoon!

9.00am - 10.00am pre Christmas Nativity drinks and cakes in the church

4.00pm onwards after performance celebration at school

Thursday 19th December:

Santa Claus during school hours ticketed event.

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - Back to school

Anxiety work shop for Parents 3.15—4.15pm

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER— PTA meeting 6pm in school

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER—Children In Need (Details to follow)

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER— Mufti Day in exchange for chocolate

Wreath making night 7—10pm

DECEMBER

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

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER—Father Christmas in school

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - Last day of term

JANUARY

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020 — Back to school