



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

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Dear Parent/Carers,

23rd October 2020

We have made it to half term and what a half term it is has been! It has been wonderful having a full return of all pupils and I have been absolutely delighted with how we have continued to make the school site as covid-secure as we possibly can. I understand that in the beginning we had a number of teething issues with staggered pick up and drop offs but I think that has now been resolved and it appears that everyone is happy with the new sibling drop off arrangements. I would like to thank each and every one of you for adhering to the social distancing guidance and making it as safe as we possibly can for all our pupils and families.

I must extend my thanks to all the staff here at St. Lawrence who have been utterly marvellous in every respect. Staff are working tirelessly to ensure the school site remains as clean and germ free as they can and working within bubbles to keep everyone safe. Staff are now doing additional cleaning throughout the day which includes door handles, surfaces and sinks and taps whilst having reduced breaktimes and lunchtimes due to the cover needed within the bubbles.

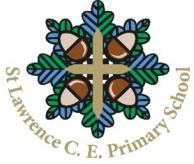
We understand that our two way communication isn't ideal at the moment as it is very difficult to have a conversation on the gate at a 2 metre distance with other parents waiting. Please do continue to email and phone if you have any queries or concerns and a member of teaching staff will endeavour to get back to you in a timely fashion. We do hope that the use of SeeSaw has helped you to keep in touch with school and you have found it useful for homework. Can I just politely remind parents that there is a certain expectation of what is posted and you must ensure it adheres to e-safety guidance in order to keep our pupils safe online. With this in mind, we will be sending out an e-safety agreement today for pupils to read and sign along with parents. Please can you read and discuss with your child before signing and returning to school.. We would like these agreements to be returned to school by Friday 6th November at the latest. Should you wish for a hard copy to be sent home please inform the school office.

Today, we supported the [Purple4Polio](#) campaign and would like to express our thanks to you for supporting this today. This event supports our local rotary club as well as informing our pupils of the global challenges some countries face with limited funds to vaccinate their children. These events help our pupils appreciate and recognise the things we often take for granted living in the UK. The planting of bulbs cemented our support and fingers crossed we have an array of purple crocus flowers in the Spring as a little reminder

Thank you for all the kind donations of food for Harvest. Telford food bank were absolutely delighted and we know that your kindness will go a long way helping those families who need it most. We have created a 'Thankful tree' display in the school Reception area as a celebration to Harvest and Mr Al-Asmar has spent time this week creating a video montage to show the efforts from the children. You can view this video on our school website.

Have a wonderful half term break and take care of each other. During these last few months I think we have all learned that there is nothing more precious than our loved ones. Unless we hear otherwise from our Prime Minister we will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Moore



Our Week at St. Lawrence

Kind Donations

As we celebrate Harvest and give thanks to God for the food that we receive we must also take time to think of those that are less fortunate than ourselves. A little can often go a long way and really make a difference. Thank you to you all for the Harvest donations for Telford Food Bank., the donations were greatly received.



Purple4Polio

David and Marcia Brown from the Rotary Club came to donate the crocus corns for us in support of Purple 4Polio and children enjoyed planting the bulbs this morning. Thank you for supporting this event, we raised £74 in support of this global cause. I enjoyed spending time in classes this morning leading Worship talking about charitable causes and was most impressed with the reflective discussions I had with the children.



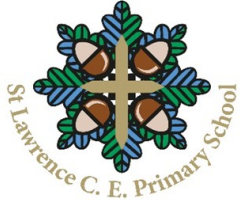


Our Week at St. Lawrence

Class 1

In computing we have been finding out how technology helps us learn. Here we are exploring the Bee Bots which is a programmable toy. We linked our learning of fairy tales by designing our own mats in a 'Jack and the Beanstalk' theme. We then practised controlling the Bee Bots on our mats and constructed train tracks to programme the Bee Bots to travel alongside the mats.



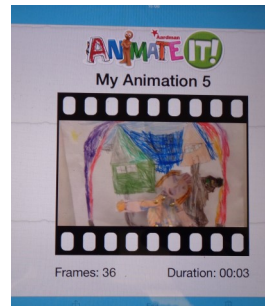


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CLASS 2

What a busy week in Class 2! This week we have worked to produce some wonderful writing based on our text for this half term The Three Little Pigs. Alongside this, we have used our Fairy Tale puppet characters to create stop animation videos telling a story. To help us with this, we designed and created settings/stages for the stories to take place in. In History, we have looked at photographs of our school from the 1980s and talked about the changes and what it would have been like to be at the school back then.

During our Forest School session, we looked at evidence of the changing season around us and used these to create an example of Autumn - the children produced Autumn art, Autumn habitats and shelters for bugs to help them survive Autumn. We have followed this up with Autumn Mandalas using the colours of the season in Art.



CLASS 3

This week in Computing Year 4 have been learning how to think like a computer! They were sorting objects based on their weight, trying to ask as few questions as possible to put the objects in the correct order.

They have also been practising using clear, precise language when giving a computer instructions. Trying to create a set of instructions for a robot (Abigail) to stack 3 blocks on top of each other.



In Forest School, the children used their craft skills to make a stick animal. Once they had used a potato peeler to make the shape, they added details such as facial features and a tail. The children loved this enjoyable activity and took their mice home after.





Celebrating Success this week!



CLASS 1

BAABA: Fabulous, confident reading and always being ready to learn.

DARCI: For lovely manners and trying so hard in Maths.

CLASS 2

FINN : for his wonderful English work this week

FAITH : for working hard with a smile on her face.

CLASS 3

APRIL- excellent answers during our philosophical debate

ELLIE - fantastic reading comprehension

House Points Winners

This week the winning house is **St Patricks** gaining **22** points.

Well done to **Ellie, the House Captain** and everyone who is a member of this house.

House name	Points this week	Points so far
St David	18	45
St Patrick	22	59
St Andrew	15	42
St George	12	37



OTHER NEWS....



Remote Learning Offer

After half term, on the school website, you will find a link to the Remote Learn Offer which we will use if pupils are required to self-isolate for Covid 19 related reasons. This is in line with current national guidelines and is based on the SeeSaw platform we used successfully during lockdown and for homework links this term.

Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)

Please take a look at the website to view the updated RHSE policy and programme. This is a statutory requirement for all primary schools from September 2020. Our schools have always delivered this element of the curriculum. The policy and programme of study has been updated and now there is an opportunity for parents and carers to give us some feedback. Please do this via the office email by Friday November 6th.

OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY

If your child has a school dinner could you please keep a check on your child's account so that you do not get in debt.



End of British Summer Time

Marking the end of British Summer Time, the clocks go back on Saturday 24th October, giving us an extra hour in bed.





PTFA NEWS...



PTFA

Mrs Moore and Mrs Jones have had a meeting and have discussed some exciting new ventures that will be taking place over the next few months. The new committee members have now been elected and are as follows :

CHAIR - Julie Jones

DEPUTY CHAIR - Siobhan Francis

TREASURER - Steve Ashby

SECRETARY - Rachel Perry

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Dan Perry

COMMUNICATIONS - Amanda Care

PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT—Friday 27th November

The Friends will be holding a Christmas Movie Night on Friday 27th November from 6 –8pm. The children will be asked to return to school in their pyjamas or onesies to watch the movie in their bubbles. The Friends will be providing refreshments, there will be no charge for this event it will be a treat from The Friends.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS EVENING—Details to follow

The children will be in their bubbles to make Christmas related craft items after school in their bubbles.

More details for this event are to follow next half term.

