

### St. Lawrence CE Primary School

## Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Parent and Carers, 2nd October 2020

We have seen a change in temperature this week and it is certainly feeling Autumnal. Children have been talking about seasonal changes this week and everyone has enjoyed planting a new bulb. Hopefully, in the spring, the path to our school quiet garden will be lined with colourful tulips, daffodils, crocus and mini iris flowers for us all to enjoy. Class One will also be able to view the flowers when using their outside area. Our Forest School and outdoor well-being sessions are taking place each week and it has been lovely seeing the children working together and utilising the beautiful outdoor space we have here at St. Lawrence Primary. Please can I just remind you to send your child/children in to school with a waterproof coat and shoes daily and for those timetabled sessions outdoors, waterproofs and wellington boots (in a named carrier bag) are essential as the field and forest area are becoming very wet.





Sadly, this year our Harvest Service in church, which is usually open to parents, will not be going ahead due to the current circumstances. As a Church of England school Harvest is an important time of year and a time when Christians remember all of the good things that God gives them. In school, children will be celebrating in different ways and children will be sharing their work with other classes via 'zoom' so that we all feel united at this time of giving. We are always aware of those less fortunate than ourselves but during these Covid times it has accentuated the

need to help those individuals and families that have been badly affected, including the elderly and those living in poverty with children. We are appealing to your generosity and ask for you to bring in dried produce on Thursday 22nd October so that this can be donated to 'Telford Crisis Support' group and distributed to those in need. We will be placing plastic containers by the school gate and at drop off on this date, we are asking you to place your donation in the container provided if you would like to help out.

We will be offering telephone parent consultation meetings after half term and Mrs Care and Mrs Stevens will be sending out details of how you can book a ten minute parent appointment via a booking system on Parentmail, much like the one we usually use for face-to-face consultations. Mrs Standish and Mr Warpole will be offering appointments on Thursday 12th November, Mr Al-Asmar will be available on the morning of Friday 13th November and Mrs Moore's appointments will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 11th November. We wanted to give you advance notice of the dates but please do not contact the school office to make a appointment, this will be done via an online system.



### **Parent Governor Election 2020**

We have a vacancy for a parent governor for St. Lawrence for the Tibberton and St. Lawrence Federation. The governing body has a parent representing Tibberton, Mrs Rachael Baugh, and we are appealing for a parent from St. Lawrence to join us in order to represent the parent community here.

School governors have a varied and important role helping and supporting the Tibberton and St. Lawrence Federation run effectively.



They have 3 core functions:-

- ⇒ Planning the strategic direction of the school.
- $\Rightarrow$  Overseeing financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent.
- ⇒ Supporting the Executive Head Teacher and Head's of School and holding them to account.

The role of governor is strategic rather than operational, with governors not involved in the day-to-day running of the school but will support and challenge the Senior Leadership team to drive school improvement. Being a school governor is a commitment and a responsibility, but offers the chance to see first hand the impact you can make in improving education for your child and children in the community. We will parentmail the formal governor paperwork and the deadline for this will be 9th October 2020 at 12noon. Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the role of governor, please do contact the school office and ask for Mrs Moore and I will be able to answer any questions you have. Our school community needs you!

#### **Times Tables Rockstars!**

Times Tables Rock Stars is a website and app, that is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. As a school, we subscribe to this to allow children access to a fun way to practise their times tables in school and at home. As children progress through school, a secure knowledge of their times tables becomes invaluable. Times Tables Rock Stars offers a range of modes that includes timed practice, challenges and head to head competitions against other children in school.

At St.Lawrence, children in Reception begin their journey with skip counting and learning about doubling and halving facts before working on their 2, 5 and 10 time tables in Year 1 and 2. In Year 3, children then work on their 3, 4 and 8 times tables before completing and securing their full set of times tables in Years 4, 5 and 6. Next week, we will be sending out each child's individual login details via Parentmail so that each child can login at home.

With my thanks for your continued support and wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Alison Moore





# Celebrating Success this week!





### **CLASS 1**

Aman - for creating a wonderful 2d shape picture and being able to talk about it Soraya - for always being a wonderful role model to others and trying her best

### CLASS 2

Poppy S - for working and trying really hard in maths

Olivia B - for settling into St Lawrence so well

### CLASS 3

Abigail C - excellent descriptive language in a fairy-tale

Darcey - for her increased participation in all lessons

House name	Points this week	Points so far
St David	27	27
St Patrick	37	37
St Andrew	27	27
St George	25	25