



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parent/Carers,

26th November 2020

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back into school this week. They have settled back in well to the school routine and their laughter and enthusiasm to learn has filled the school with a wonderful energy. We would like to thank you for your support with our Remote Learning Provision over the last two weeks. The children produced and uploaded some excellent work to SeeSaw.

The weather really has begun to feel more like Winter this week and some of the children in school have been extremely enthusiastic in telling stories of how cold some of the mornings have been and how much ice has been scraped off cars. The colder temperatures outside are becoming an increasing factor on school life as we continue through the term, but despite the colder weather, all classes have been making use of our Forest School Area this week.

As we currently need to keep all our classes well ventilated, and the weather is getting cooler, we encourage the children to wear extra layers underneath sweatshirts and tops: a simple extra T-shirt or sweatshirt would be ideal and they can always peel the layers off if they become too warm in class.

From next week, we begin the proper countdown!

Once we hit December 1st, there is no getting away from the fact that Christmas is coming and despite the current national pandemic, as a school, we intend to enjoy Christmas to the full. We are planning our activities and will keep you up to date through the newsletters with all the exciting things that will be going on. On Page 2 of this Newsletter we have outlined the plan for Christmas Card Giving in school this year. We have been in consultation with the Telford & Wrekin Health & Safety Team to plan a safe as possible Christmas Card giving this year.



Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our two minute silence on the 11th November in school as planned. However, we still upheld this very important Act of Remembrance by creating a display in the Quiet Garden on Tuesday.




The children really enjoyed painting stones, making paper poppies and artwork. Our Class Worships in the weeks building up to Remembrance Day focused on this and the children were very knowledgeable and aware of the Act of Remembrance. We would like to give a special thanks to Mrs Sankey for her wonderful contribution in painting the focal memorial stone.

The 30th November sees the celebration of St Andrews Day in Scotland and for Scottish families located around the world. In school, we will be using our well-being time on Friday afternoon to discuss St Andrews Day and carry out activities on this theme.

Christmas Cards

We all understand how much the children love to give and receive Christmas cards. To make sure that we can do this in school for those children who want to give cards, we must follow a few COVID related rules in school.

- ⇒ Cards can be brought into school from Tuesday December 1st until Tuesday December 8th (which will be the final day to bring them in). Any that arrive after the end of school on Tuesday 8th will have to go home again. But don't worry, the staff will be reminding the children throughout the week.
- ⇒ Children will post their cards into boxes in each classroom.
- ⇒ No Christmas cards must be sealed by licking the envelope as this would be a significant transmission risk. Please only fold in the envelope top.
- ⇒ Please ensure the envelopes have the full name of the child they are written for, and include the class number:
 - ◇ Class 1 Mrs Moore YR/Y1
 - ◇ Class 2 Mr Al-Asmar Y2/Y3
 - ◇ Class 3 Mr Worpole and Mrs Standish Y4/Y5/Y6
- ⇒ All the cards will then be quarantined for 72 hours and then over the weekend.
- ⇒ Staff will sort the cards for the children.
- ⇒ Cards will then be quarantined again for 72 hours.
- ⇒ Staff will give the cards out for children to take home and open.
- ⇒ This process has been checked with Telford & Wrekin Health & Safety team to ensure it is Covid secure.



Jane Smith
Class 3
Year 4

Card giving and receiving is great fun but it is a choice. If you do not want to receive any cards into your household, please just let school know- email the office on a3091@telford.gov.uk and we will not send any cards home.

Keep safe and take care of each other.

Mrs Moore and the team at St Lawrence

GETTING A COVID-19 TEST

in Telford and Wrekin



You **MUST** get a test if:

You have at least **one** of the three main symptoms.



**High
temperature**



**New
persistent
cough**



**Loss
of taste or
smell**

ISOLATE as soon as symptoms show, while waiting for test results **and if you test positive.**

You **CAN** get a test for these precautionary symptoms:



Headaches



**Aches and
pains**



**Feeling very
tired for no
good reason**



Sore throat



Runny nose



Sneezing



**Tummy ache
in children**

You **DO NOT NEED TO ISOLATE** if you have **only one or more of these precautionary symptoms**, or while waiting for test results for these precautionary symptoms.

You only need to isolate if you test positive or have at least one of the three main symptoms.

Book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus

For **precautionary symptoms testing** select:

'My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms'.

Coronavirus
Prevent the spread in Telford and Wrekin



Protect
Care and Invest
to create a
better borough



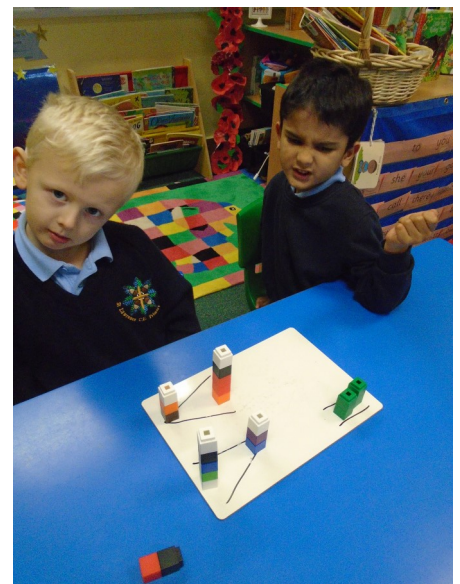
If you start to feel unwell for any of the reasons above unexpectedly we are asking you to get a test as a precautionary measure. While awaiting the test result, children should be kept at home as a precaution.



Our Week at St. Lawrence

Class One

This week in our maths lessons children have been working on comparing numbers and quantities and using the language of more or less. In Forest School, the children completed tree rubbing artwork collages.





Our Week at St. Lawrence

Class Two

Our Forest School theme for this half term is 'being Environmentally Friendly'. Part of this theme is to recognise the different parts of our Forest School area and this week the children examined the area before creating maps from an overhead perspective of Forest School. The children were given tools to choose from and a target, but were given the creative option for how to achieve the making of their map. Some opted for oil pastels and viewing Forest School from one spot; others wandered to each area as they drew it and used small amounts of colour. The results were terrific!





Our Week at St. Lawrence

CLASS 3

This week, the children have designed and created Leaf Patterns. They all worked together in year groups to collect leaves to use for the patterns. After sorting them, the children used wet soil to make a muddy glue! As the patterns were being built, we thought about and discussed contrasting colours and the shape of the leaves and how that would affect our patterns. The children are very proud of their creations and hope you will agree the finished patterns look amazing!



Year 4

Year 5

Year 6



Celebrating Success this week!



CLASS 1

William B : always working hard and trying to be the "Best he can be"

Baaba: always listening well and producing work of a high standard.

CLASS 2

Harry (Yr3) for working really hard in Guided Reading this week.

Heidi: for some brilliant work in Maths this week.

CLASS 3

Max P -Excellent input in all lesson

Izzy B - Supporting a new class member and showing lots of kindness





St. Lawrence CE Primary School

PTFA

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who has designed and ordered Christmas cards and gifts from Rudolph Cards. The Friends are delighted to inform you that we have raised a total of £131.10 from orders and thank you for your support. I can confirm that you should receive your order in the first week of December. Can I politely request that any outstanding money for orders, is paid to the office ASAP.

Due to the current lockdown, the planned Christmas film night has to be postponed. We are very sorry that the children won't get to enjoy this event, but we hope to reschedule when COVID permits.

December planned events:

Christmas Craft afternoon: the Friends will provide a craft, drink and snack for children in exchange for a suggested donation of £3.50. Further details will be distributed in next week.

Visit from Santa: Santa and his elves have been working extremely hard this year and the Covid pandemic has not made this easy. However, I can confirm that Santa will still be able to visit the children to socially distant deliver a present at school.

Committee news: Steve Ashby will be stepping down as the Treasurer for the Friends of St Lawrence. I hope that you will join me in thanking him for all of his efforts in supporting the children and school during his time with the Friends. We are now recruiting for a new committee member to join the Friends. If you would be interested in supporting the children and school, please let any member of the committee or the school office know. You can give as much or as little time as you can.

Next committee meeting: the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 8th December at 8pm via Zoom. The meeting is open to all parents and carers and will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas on events, fundraising ideas, or suggest items for purchase that would support the children in their education and wellbeing.

Finally, the Friends thank all of you for your continued support through this difficult and challenging time.

Best wishes,

Julie Jones
Chair of the PTFA



OTHER NEWS....



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND JUMPER DAY

Kay has planned Christmas dinner for Wednesday 16th December, if your child would like one could you please let the school office know by emailing a3091@telford.gov.uk by Friday 4th December 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.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals - You may have read that the Government is issuing vouchers at Christmas under its Winter Grant Scheme to all parents who are entitled to claim free school meals for their children. DON'T MISS OUT on your voucher if you are eligible to claim free school meals. You can do it online at www.telford.gov.uk/FSM or ask at the school office for a form.