



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Ms. Helen Osterfield

Head of School - Mrs. Alison Moore

Dear Parent and Carers,

17th December 2020

There is nothing quite like the last week of school before Christmas in a primary school, the flurry of excitement from the children radiates through school and the air is filled with laughter and joy! Even though this year has been very different to all others we have ever known, the children have had a wonderful last week of term doing many of the 'normal' Christmas activities that they would usually do.

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without a Nativity or a concert for parents so we have been busy preparing a little something for you to enjoy at home that will hopefully bring some Christmas cheer! Please visit our school website to view our Christmas montage 2020.

Children enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch cooked by Kay on Tuesday, and I must place on record my thanks to her as she has managed the kitchen on her own this term with the departure of Jane and has done a great job! I am sure you will all agree that our new PTFA committee have done the most magnificent job this term especially given the challenging circumstances. This week they have organised Christmas crafts for the children to do in classes and a special visit this afternoon by none other than the big man himself! On behalf of staff, pupils and parents we would like to say a huge thank you.

As we approach the end of term I would like to acknowledge all of the efforts of parents, children and staff this term, working together to ensure that children have transitioned back in to school seamlessly, regained momentum with their learning, and felt happy and secure to be back in school. We hope that you have been pleased with the progress that your child has made both academically and socially. I know I have been proud of each and every one of them and they continue 'to be the best they can be'.

This week St. Lawrence Primary bid farewell to Miss Osterfield, and as you can imagine, this was tinged with sadness as she will be greatly missed by all in the school community. On Monday Tibberton and St. Lawrence Federation had a joint virtual Celebration Assembly and Mr Evans, our Chair of Governors, presented Miss Osterfield with a gift on behalf of the Governing Body to thank her for her dedication, commitment and support in her role as Executive Head Teacher. The children really enjoyed seeing the pupils from Tibberton CE Primary School, albeit in a virtual capacity, Mrs North (Head of School at Tibberton) and I would like to continue doing this monthly as we move forward. We wish Miss Osterfield every happiness as she embarks on her retirement and some exciting new adventures. We thank her whole heartedly for her support, kindness and dedication and hope that she has fond memories of working with us here at St. Lawrence.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas.

Mrs Alison Moore and the team at St. Lawrence.



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Santa's Visit!



The children of St. Lawrence had a wonderful surprise this afternoon when we had a special visit from Father Christmas and his two very cheeky little elves!

I have to say it was the perfect way to end what has been an extremely disruptive year for the children. To see the sheer joy and delight from the children made my Christmas!

A massive thank you our PTFA for their organisation and gifts from Santa. It is times like this that bring the whole community together and make St. Lawrence the wonderful place that it is.

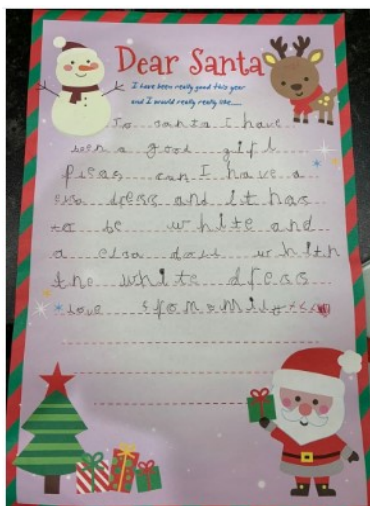


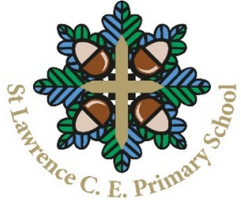


Our Week at St. Lawrence

Christmas Week in Class 1

For homework over the last two weeks children in Class 1 have been asked to complete some Christmas Challenges at home with their family. The response has been truly amazing and the children have certainly been getting in to the Christmas spirit! This strong partnership between school and home is truly what makes Class 1 a huge success and supports the children both academically and socially. Merry Christmas to you all from Class 1.





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Class Two



In Class 2 this week we have been getting into the full swing of Christmas! The children have made Wooden Christmas Decorations to bring home. This took the form of planning a design which they then transferred onto the wooden decoration by sketching it in pencil. They then used paint, pastel and felt tip pens to bring their designs to life before Mrs Sankey sealed them with a lacquer. Thank you Mrs Sankey. We have also spent the week making Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Place Mats to use during our Christmas Dinner. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making these alongside the crafts provided to school from the Friends of St Lawrence. Lastly, this year's virtual panto filled Class 2 with laughter, singing and enthusiasm as we watched it on Tuesday afternoon.

Have a wonderful Christmas





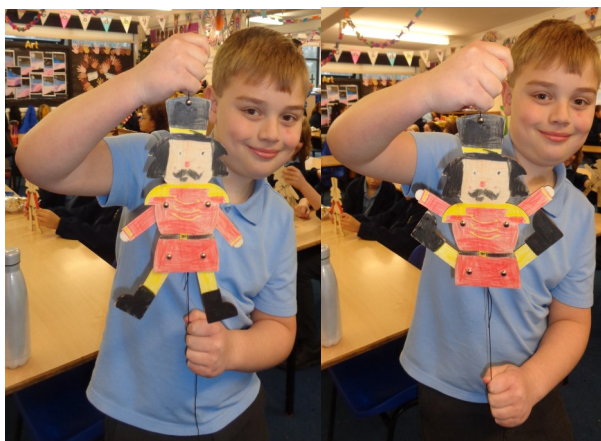
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Class 3 News

Linking with Forest School the children have enjoyed making their own wood slice tree decoration. I think you will agree they all look very festive and something that they can hang on their tree for years to come.



We had a fun filled day of Christmas Crafts on Wednesday. Thank you to the PTA for supplying the great crafts which were enjoyed by all the children. Our last morning was spent watching the lovely Christmas film, The Polar Express whilst tucking into snacks. Class 3 would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.





Celebrating Success this week!



CLASS 1

Alfie - for always trying his best with a big smile on his face

Rafael - for his superb art work and trying his best at all time

Hudson - for his brilliant Christmas picture and attempting writing

CLASS 2

Isabella J - for being the best she can be and being really kind to others

Oliver - for being so kind to others all the time

CLASS 3

Ciaran – fantastic Art and DT work

Ollie M – pushing himself in mental maths and practising times tables to 30 x 30





OTHER NEWS....



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY POSITIVE CASES FOR COVID-19 PROCEDURE

Should any parents find that their child has a positive test for Covid after we break up today please refer to the letter that was sent on Monday 14th to follow the procedures in line with Public Health tack and Trace.

You can also find this letter on the school website under Parent News.

RETURN TO SCHOOL



TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021



OTHER NEWS...



St Lawrence C.E. Primary School Terms and Holidays 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term begins Thursday 3rd September
Half Term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
Term ends Thursday 17th December

Spring Term 2021

Term begins Tuesday 5th January
Half Term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Term ends Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021

Term begins Monday 19th April
May Day Monday 3rd May
Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Term ends Tuesday 20th July

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Staff PD Days: Tuesday 1st September 2020
Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Friday 18th December 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Wednesday 21st July 2021