



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

19th March 2021

We have approached the end of the second week of our full return to school and it really does feel like business as usual within the St. Lawrence community. The children have transitioned very well back in to school life, and we have been immensely proud of their positive attitude towards their work. We have been keen to establish our structures and routines so that school feels familiar to the children. As a church school, our collective worship sessions are high priority, but instead of taking place in the school hall now take place in a virtual form with children 'zooming' in together every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I led a St. Patrick's Day Worship session on Wednesday, and I have to say, seeing a sea of smiling faces was a sheer joy!



## Easter Service

This year we will be inviting parents to 'zoom' in to our Easter Service at St. Lawrence. Our service will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April at 9.30am. I have been in communication with Reverend Helen and she would be delighted to be part of this Christian celebration with us. We shall send out further details nearer the time of how you can join remotely, we do hope that you will be able to attend.

## Easter Celebrations

The PTFA have organised an Easter bonnet parade for the afternoon of Wednesday 31st March so you have a little under two weeks to get creative! Children can bring their creations in to school on the morning of the 31st and we will ask them to parade during the afternoon. We will be announcing winners in each class but there will be a prize for all of those taking part, should they wish to be involved. On the same day we are asking children to bring in a hard boiled egg from home for decorating at school.





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## School Council

A **school council** is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views about school improvement. Due to covid restrictions we haven't this year elected a School Council as it would be difficult for pupils from different bubbles to mix. We have decided this week however, that school is really missing this group of children and the voice of the pupils should be at the heart of our school. Our meetings will now take place in a virtual capacity and meet covid secure guidelines. This week, children who wished to be elected stood in front of their class to give a speech on why they would be a good class representative and their peers voted for them.

**Our Voice counts....**



Here are our 2021 School Council Representatives, as voted by their peers.

Reception	Eric	Year 3	Olivia B
Year 1	Harlow	Year 4	Angelica
Year 2	Jake	Year 5	Daisy
		Year 6	Josh and Zaine

## Parent Consultations

Just another reminder to book your telephone consultation, if you haven't already. This can be done via Parentmail or by telephoning the school office.

	Wednesday 24th March 2021	Wednesday 31st March 2021
Morning telephone slots	Class One - Mrs Moore/ Miss Fisher	Class 4 - Mrs Standish
Afternoon telephone slots	Class Two - Mr Al-Asmar	Class 3 - Mr Worpole



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Sadly, Mr Worpole will be leaving us at the end of the Spring term as his temporary maternity post for Mrs Barker will come to an end. He has joined us at the most difficult time but has really been one of the team here at St. Lawrence. We wish him every success as he takes up a new post within the borough of Telford and Wrekin and thank him for all his hard work. I know he shall be missed by the pupils in Class 3, particularly those in Year 4 who he has taught for the majority of the time. We welcome Mrs Barker back on 19th April.



## **National Day of Reflection**

You may be aware that there is a National Day of Reflection planned for Tuesday 23rd March, the first anniversary of UK lockdown, to commemorate the tragic loss of life and stand together in unity for everyone who has been affected. Some schools will be observing this and talking to the children about the impact of the last year. We have taken the decision not to do this, as we believe it might be upsetting for some and we feel it is parents choice rather than a school based topic. This is not to say, we don't believe it is noteworthy. Instead we will be displaying Spring flowers in every classroom and our talking point in class based worship will be on real life heroes.

## **Forest School**

Our Forest School offer is something we are really very proud of at St. Lawrence and being able to deliver it to all classes and age ranges from Reception to Year 6 is a huge bonus. It creates a safe, non-judgmental environment for learners to try new things and take risks. We believe that risk is more than just potential for physical harm, but a more holistic approach, there are risks in everything we do, and we grow by overcoming them. Forest school therefore, helps participants to become healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners. You will see the enjoyment of our pupils in the next few pages. I would like to thank Mrs Sankey for her hard work developing this area with Judie Ellis, and to Kay and her husband for their help making our dreams a reality with sheer determination. Once again, team work makes the dream work!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Moore, Mrs Nash and the team at St Lawrence CE Primary



# Celebrating Success this week!

## **Class One**

WILLIAM - for his wonderful phonics and maths work and always trying hard

NOAH - for always being "The best he can be" in all areas of the curriculum

## **Class Two**

CORA - for settling back in to school so well

OWAIN - for his wonderful writing work in English this week

## **Class Three**

RUBEN - for making an effort to improve his writing

LOGAN - for his excellent effort in maths





# Class 1 Forest Schools



We can listen to the birds - Millie



I love making chocolate porridge in the mud kitchen - Soraya



We have fun building dens and playing in them - William & Noah





# Class 2

# Forest School

In Class 2 Forest School sessions this year, we have developed our teamwork, communication and listening skills. We have also learnt how to use different tools and think imaginatively about how we can use natural materials in different ways to complete tasks and challenges.



This week, for our Under The Sea theme, we used materials to make sea creatures and placed them into our Forest School Ocean.

Jellyfish, sharks, dolphins, turtles and an octopus were on display.

We placed them in the different sections of the oceans that they live in.







# Class 3 This Week

**Forest School** Tuesday saw us implementing the next stage of our Forest School revamp. As well as a general tidy up, great fun, some science/ maths learning also took place as we thought about the best way to remove our old fire pit seating. The old, oak trunk seating had naturally rotted and decayed over the many years of use. The use of levers in the form of crow-bars and pushing and pulling forces were all needed for success. Thanks to the enthusiasm for the task by the children, the work was all carried out in one session, including the new tree trunk seating put in place. We now have much more seating around our firepit. Well done everyone involved.

"Moving all the logs was pretty hard but worth it in the end because it looked really nice."



Using what we have around us to hammer and split the wood in to smaller, more manageable pieces.



"I loved the sense of accomplishment when we had finished the job."



"We had to lift the tree trunks. They were very heavy so we had to think about not hurting ourselves."



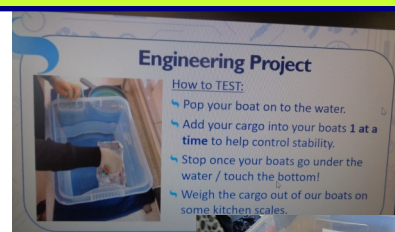
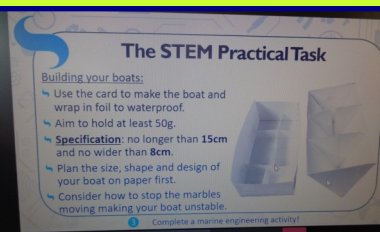
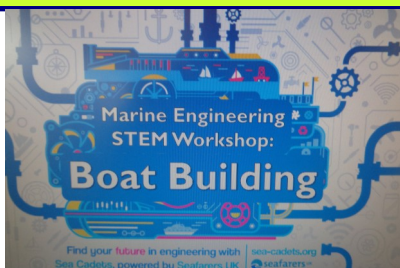
"I loved moving all the logs around because usually I do solo things and I loved working as a team."



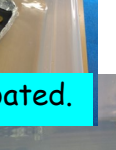
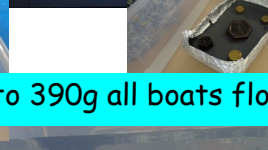
"Pushing, Pulling, lifting and pivoting. We needed all these forces to successfully move the new tree trunks."

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

On Wednesday, we had a remote learning session with a member of the Sea Cadets Corps. We learnt about the theory behind what makes an object float or sink and how this was then applied to boat building. Following this, in pairs, we were set a challenge to make our own boat from a piece of A4 card, foil and paperclips. Each pair then tested the buoyancy of their boat in water and how much weight could be added before sinking occurred. All the boats were able to float with 390g on board, far exceeding the challenge of 50g, so well done to everyone.



"Fun to work in pairs. It wasn't that hard but you had to think about it not sinking or letting water in."



Up to 390g all boats floated.

Adding an extra 500g all boats sank.



We certainly had some 'Comic Relief' today as the children were in fine form spreading the happiness and telling us their jokes! Here are some for you to enjoy!

'I don't trust stairs.  
They're always up to  
something'.  
Mrs Moore

What do you call a  
fish without an eye? A  
Fsh - Harlow



How do you scan a  
sheep? You find the  
baaa code -  
Miss Fisher

Why can't you play  
games in the jungle?  
Because there's too  
many cheetah's - Darci

What goes black and  
white, black and  
white, black and  
white?

A panda rolling down  
a hill - Faith

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

Knock knock! Who's  
there? Cow. Cow who?  
Cow goes moo - Max



What do you call a  
man with a seagull on  
his head? - Cliff -  
Mrs Jenkins

Why can't Cinderella  
play football?  
Because she runs  
away from the ball  
- Poppy





Two snowmen were sitting in a field and one said to the other  
"Can you smell a carrot?" - Josh



Why can't Elsa hold balloons?  
Because she'll let it go! - Zaine

Why would a chicken be good for a band?  
Because it has its own drumsticks  
Lizzie

What do you call a person who set fire to their own bills?  
"Bernadette"  
- Olly F

## COMIC RELIEF

What's the least Private part of a hospital?  
"The ICU"  
- Olly F



Where do fish get their money?  
The River Bank!  
Arthur





# *Easter Bonnet Parade*

**2021**

Decorate your  
own Easter bonnet  
or mask at home and  
bring it in to school on  
**Wednesday the  
31st of March,**  
ready to parade on the



**'hatwalk'**

**Prize for the best  
hat or  
mask in  
each class!**

## **Wednesday 31st March 2021**

**Organised by and prizes supplied by The Friends of St Lawrence.  
If you would like to become involved with supporting the school, please speak to a  
member of The Friends, or enquire at the school office.**