



# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

**Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash**

**Head of School - Mrs Alison Moore**

Dear Parents,

30th April 2021

We have had a lovely week in school and all the children have settled back in to school life very well after the Easter break. Our Class 3 children have had a different arrangement on their return, with Year 6 being taught as a single year group with Mrs Barker as their class teacher, and Y4/Y5 being taught as a mixed age class with Mrs Standish. We have been really pleased with how well the children have adapted to the changes we have made. It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Barker back in to school after her maternity leave and I know the children have been really pleased to see her.



We will continue to use SeeSaw as an online platform for communicating our weekly homework. We found SeeSaw was most effective during the period of school closure so we are keen to keep this as a communication tool from school to home. Homework will be uploaded on a Friday with an expectation that it will be completed and uploaded by Wednesday of the following week, this allows our teaching staff marking and feedback time before setting new tasks. If you should experience difficulties with your child's login details, please do get in touch with school and we will try to resolve this.

This week we welcomed Reverend Helen in to school to deliver our whole school weekly Worship. This was done in a virtual capacity from the Head Teacher's office but it was a step closer to normality and wonderful to have a 'live' assembly delivered by her. We thank Rev. Helen for taking the time to lead this as we know she is extremely busy. Our whole school theme this term is our school value of 'Respecting and Caring' which is one of our guiding principles of the 'St. Lawrence Way' this relates to the Christian value of Respect and Justice.



As you may be aware our annual statutory SATS and Phonics Screen assessments for pupils in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 have been scrapped by the government for this academic year as a result of the pandemic. Please be assured that we continue to work towards children achieving similar standards and we will keep you well informed of your child's progress against these standards.



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We have had notification of the places allocated to our Reception September 2021 intake and it has been lovely to see that some younger siblings will be joining us from September. We will be sending out further information shortly to parents concerning transition.

Next week will be shorter than usual with Bank Holiday Monday and the Polling Day on Thursday 6th May. We do apologise for any inconvenience with the Polling Day, unfortunately this is completely out of our hands. We will be sending work via SeeSaw for the day for those children not in school. By instruction from the DfE will remain open for the children of our critical workers. Should your child require a place please contact the school office by Tuesday at 12 noon so we can make the necessary arrangements. Children in school on that day will need to bring a packed lunch as the kitchen will be closed.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work and enthusiasm, during what has been an extremely difficult year for fundraising. I know they met with Mrs Nash earlier in the week to discuss events for the Summer and beyond and are always seeking out innovative ways to raise money for the benefit of all the children here at St. Lawrence. This week we had 13 brand new iPads delivered to school for use in classes and this new technology has funded by our PTFA. We are keen to sustain this group who work so hard to plan events so that we have money to fund the additional extras that make the difference. We hope that you continue to support the events planned and if you have a keen interest in getting involved please contact Mrs Care/Mrs Stevens in the school office who will pass details on to Julie Jones, Chair of the PTFA.



Wishing you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend  
Mrs Moore, Mrs Nash and the Team of St Lawrence



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## **FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE**

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 20 May at 8pm via Zoom. The meeting will be open to all parents/carers/grandparents. A Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time for you to join the meeting.

The PTFA would like to thank the school, children and families for supporting the Easter sponsored walk/run/cycle.

Whilst we are still awaiting final figures as there are some sponsorships still to be returned, we are hopeful that it will have been a very successful event.

If you still have sponsor money to bring into school could you do so as soon as possible and drop it off at the school office. Thank you.

## **The UEFA Euro 2020**

We have received some UEFA Euro 2020 official sticker album (Tournament edition) along with packets of Tournament official stickers. If you would like your child to have an album and a packet of stickers they are available from the school office for you to collect.



There is also a chance to enter an amazing design a football competition to win a £50.00 voucher and football shirt for the winning pupil PLUS £3000 for school.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

Menu change— Tuesday will be Big breakfast

Telford and Wrekin are having problems with the E-payment system, they are being investigated. Will keep you informed.





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## CLASS TIMETABLES

### CLASS 1

THURSDAY - PE

FRIDAY - FOREST SCHOOLS

### CLASS 2

WEDNESDAY— PE and FOREST SCHOOLS

### CLASS 3

#### MONDAY

Year 6: Children will be taking part in either a Commando Joe session or a Forest School Session. On this day, please dress your child in Forest school clothing (tracksuit bottoms, trainers, school T shirt, fleece, separate top to put over for forest schools). Please do not dress children in shorts, even if it is warm, as shorts are not suitable for Forest School. If it has been wet please also provide wellingtons.

Years 4 and 5: Normal school uniform day.

#### TUESDAY

Normal school uniform day for all years in Class 3.

#### WEDNESDAY

Year 6: Normal school uniform day.

Years 4 and 5: PE clothing

#### THURSDAY

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# Sensational spring - class 1

Class 1 enjoyed a spring themed session at Forest Friday and we were blessed with glorious sunshine too. As our stimulus we read the book 'Tree' by Britta Teckentrup. We had lots of fun making our own vases of flowers too.



The beautiful illustrations in the book inspired us to create our own spring tree paintings applying paint using cotton buds.



"I didn't put too much paint on my cotton bud so you can see the colourful blossom."

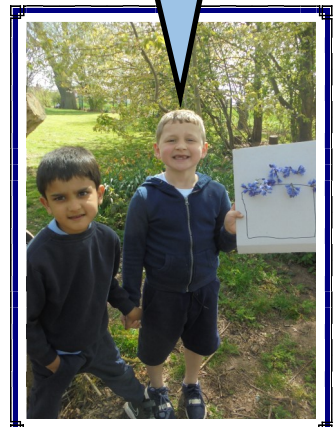


"We enjoyed making this together."

"I like to help my friend at Forest Friday."



"I loved making my own spring tree and using spring colours. I always like painting."





# Class 2



What a busy and fun filled week full of learning in Class 2!

We started our work on plants in Science by designing and starting an experiment growing Poppy and Wild Flower Meadow seeds in different containers. Some of the seeds have already started to germinate.

Our English work on the Accidental Prime Minister has continued this week, with us learning all about the main character Joe, his mum and her unusual cooking!

This week, following on from last week's Religious Education focus, we looked at and discussed the Ten Commandments and Moses as we continue our study on Judaism.



In keeping with our theme of The British Isles, for PE this week, the children completed a Commando Joes challenge to construct people and objects we associate with Great Britain. The children created: the River Thames, castles and even became beefeaters and the Queen.

As we continue to develop our skills in Forest School, we used a range of natural and man made materials to create wind mobiles to hang in the trees of the Forest School area. Class 2 showed wonderful creativity to use different grasses, plants and seeds to decorate their mobiles.



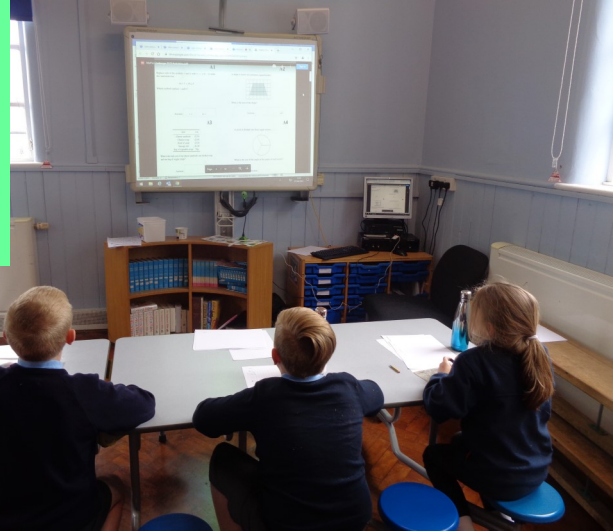




# Class 3 This Week

Oliver, Jacob and Lizzie were mathematically challenged on Tuesday afternoon, when they took part in an online maths quiz with six other schools in Telford. All three children worked very hard and mostly successfully, to answer the very diverse range of questions posed in the quiz.

Well done, St. Lawrence School are very proud of you.



As part of their topic on Victorians, Year 4 and 5 are reading "Street Child" by Berlie Doherty.



"Jim's constant battle to survive, in the dangerous and lonely place that was London in the 1860's, is a gripping adventure. It is based on the true story of the orphan whose plight inspired Doctor Barnardo to set up his famous children's refuge."

Year 6 are reading a Dickensian style detective mystery. "Gaslight" by Eloise Williams.

"1899, all Nansi knows is that her mother disappeared on the day she was fished out of the docks. She can't remember anything else. Nansi is about to learn that her world is even more dangerous than she realised. Can she save her mother?"





# Sponsored event pictures



Reid's 11 mile walk over the Easter holiday's.  
I think that ice-cream was definitely earned.  
Well done Reid!





# Year 6 Enjoy Bikeability



Congratulations to all our Year 6, who took part in the Bikeability Course. You were a credit to the school, everybody passed easily and with lots of praise from the instructors for their behaviour and their riding ability. Each child received a certificate, pin badge and a Level 2 Handbook.



"The instructors were very nice and it was a good experience."

*Zaine*



"They teach you in a fun way."

LOL = Lots of Looking!"

*Ellie*

"Always change gear when pedalling or your chain might come off!"

*Summer*



"Never use the front brake on its own, you might go over the handle-bars!"

*Spencer*



# Celebrating Success this week!



## Class One

Oliver C - for listening and showing resilience in all areas of the Curriculum

Rafael - for working so hard in phonics sessions and learning his sounds

## Class Two

Sophie - for listening brilliantly, working hard and reading comprehensive work.

Isabella - for working hard, being kind and listening brilliantly.

## Class Three

Daisy - for 'excellent effort in arithmetic'

Max - for excellent writing this week!





# A walk in the Park....



Your last chance!

If you haven't managed to complete your Easter sponsored walk/run/cycle why not do it at Chetwynd Deer Park this weekend!

**Open Day at Chetwynd Deer Park**  
Newport, Shropshire TF10 8EU

*Spring*  
*in your Step*

**Saturday 1st May 2021 \* 11am - 3pm**

£5 per ticket - Under 15's free - Members of the society go free



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All profits from this event will be donated to NHS Charities Together



Join us for a  
walk in the park



Open to the  
general public