



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash

Head of School - Mrs Alison Moore

Dear Parents,

10th September 2021

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some quality family time together. The children have settled incredibly well in to their new classes and it has been lovely to hear all about their summer adventures. It has been wonderful to see them after the holidays and they have come back so happy and settled!

Mrs Nash sent a letter to you all last week explaining that she is not back in school at the moment but is hoping to return sometime in the latter part of the Autumn term. We send our love and best wishes to Mrs Nash and wish her a speedy recovery. She is missed within our school community and we very much look forward to her return.



Over the summer Mr Al-Asmar got married so we send our congratulations to him and his wife Sarah, and wish them every happiness in their future life together.

Covid Procedures

Covid is still present within our immediate community and although restrictions have been lifted we still want to remain cautious and try to minimise risk. Hand washing and gelling remains a high priority in school and we are minimising unnecessary contacts, whilst always evaluating the social benefits for our children based on government guidance.

This week we found that the end of day staggered finish was not working so there was a need for an immediate change.

I have had a couple of enquiries about the morning drop off but currently we feel that the morning routine does work. It really supports transition for those with attachment difficulties as it is less crowded. The staggered start means toilet facilities are available so our hand washing routine is quickly established and effective. We are aware that our new reception cohort have not had their usual transition programme and the staggered start allows additional staff to be available to support them should they need it. We will continue the staggered start and review at the end of next week once children have become more familiar with the routines in the morning.

I just wanted to remind you that siblings can arrive together at the earliest time and we do have spaces at breakfast club. I understand that for some of you, this is not ideal but I have made informed decisions based upon what I think is the best for the pupils and staff at St. Lawrence at this time.

Drop off times - 8.45am Class 1 and Class 2

9am Class 3 and 4



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PE and Forest School Sessions

Here is a reminder of the days your child will have PE and Forest School.

	PE Session	Forest School
Class 1 (Mrs Moore/Miss Fisher)	Tuesday	Friday
Class 2 (Mr Al-Asmar)	Thursday	Thursday
Class 3 (Mrs Barker)	Monday	Tuesday
Class 4 (Mrs Standish)	Friday	Wednesday

We will continue with children wearing PE kit to school on these days. As children will be wearing PE kit all day we ask that it is school kit and children still look smart and presentable. On Forest School days children will need to bring wellington boots and waterproofs in a named bag. As the weather is still quite mild at the moment waterproofs may not be needed but you may like to pack an alternative 'old' top. Covered legs are preferable as there may be nettles and prickly bushes in the area.

Attendance

We have a good attendance record here at St. Lawrence and attendance remains high. We wish to continue with this and ensure that parents and school are in communication around pupil absence. Many of the procedures for reporting absence remain the same and I have listed them below so that our new parents are aware of school policy.

- We will continue to telephone a parent if a pupil is absent from school and a parent has not contacted with a valid reason
- Parents should telephone (01952 387780) or contact via email (a3091@telford.gov.uk) whenever a pupil is absent giving the reason for absence– we need to know by 9am please.
- We will continue to monitor attendance and if a child's attendance falls below 95% we will make contact with you to let you know.
- Evidence of a medical appointment during school time is requested and needs to be shown to the office team please.
- Our Education Welfare team will support school monitor absence and communicate with any families who have a child who is deemed as persistently absence. There will of course be allowances for medical reasons.
- Family holidays will not be authorised during school time.



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Congratulations!!

I just wanted to let you know that Mrs Standish has completed and been awarded her NPQML—National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership. We wish to congratulate her on all her efforts and I am sure you will agree it is well deserved! When teachers make the decision to complete a national qualification alongside their teaching commitments it takes a lot of time and dedication. We are very proud!

Changes to Menu - Message from Kay

With us starting back to school on Monday 6th September, this would be week one for us but because some schools returned back the week before we are actually on week 2 of the menu that is on Telford and Wrekin website or a copy of the menu is available in the reception area.

Kay will continue her 3 week cycle until 27th September when it will go back to week 2 to put us back into sync with Telford and Wrekin menu.

Kay apologises for the confusion.



Potato Growing Competition

As you are aware during the summer term we entered the Newport Potato Growing Competition alongside other schools in Newport. It was our first year and we are proud to announce that we came joint third with our potatoes weighing in at 1.42 Kg. We are now on a mission to improve that position so watch this space! We will continue to work with Chetwynd Park and pupils here at St. Lawrence will have the opportunity to attend some organised visits during the year. Our first planned visit is on Wednesday 13th October for our Y3 pupils which will be a Nature themed afternoon. Details to follow.





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IMPORTANT MESSAGE AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are dropping their child off or picking up by the school gate and then reversing into the school gate to turn their vehicle round.

Please be aware that **it is an offence to park on the yellow lines outside the school railings**. You must **not** wait, park or drop any children off where there are restrictions shown by yellow lines along the front railings or the school entrance.

Can we also remind you all not to turn your vehicles in the school driveway or in any of the neighbouring driveways. Thank you.



Whole School Theatre visit

During December as a whole school we normally go to a Theatre for a Christmas show.

This year we have booked Theatre Severn in Shrewsbury. We are aware that some parents may not want their child to go on this trip this year so we are asking you to inform the school office if you do not want your child to take part. This is so we can confirm numbers to the Theatre and also arrange staffing on the day.

Please inform the school by Friday 17th September - Thank you.

Acts of Kindness

A big thanks you to our wonderful flower fairies for once again making the school grounds look lovely with fresh flowers in the hanging baskets. (We think it maybe the Perry family).

We would also like to thank Julie Jones for kindly donating some tarpaulin that we will use in our Forest school area.

Thank You



This week in class 1....

Class 1 have had a wonderful start and have enjoyed so many activities based on the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs.'

Here is a flavour of our first week.....



Ella is building a brick house



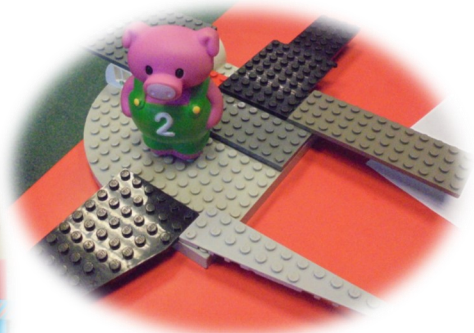
Eowyn painted and decorated her own pig



Elsie-Mai, Esmae and Niamh had fun playing with the dolls house and finger puppets



Drew and Albie used the app 'Duck Duck Moose' on the ipads to create a scene from the story.



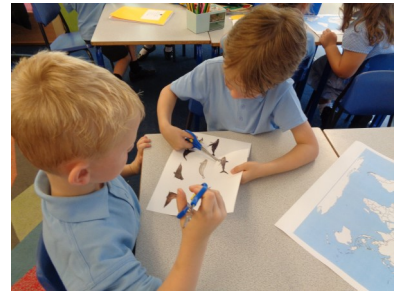
Theo made an aeroplane out of Lego for pig number 2 to escape from the wolf.



This week in class 2...

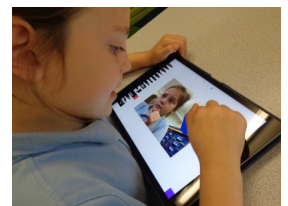
What a busy first week in Class 2. We have started our theme of 'Under the sea, what will we see?' by locating and naming the 5 oceans of our world. The children were excellent at this and we also learnt some amazing facts about our oceans.

We have also investigated the different creatures in different oceans.



In Forest School, we will be creating natural material puppets. This week, we explored how different shapes and materials can be used to create the parts and shapes of a puppet character.

In PSHE and Well-Being, we will be looking at 'Myself and My Relationships'. Today, we used a combination of apps to take self-portraits of emotions we had talked about. We then added vocabulary and colour references to our emotion pictures.





This week in class 3...

What a fantastic first week back for Year 3 and 4! It has been filled with excellent behaviour, working hard and lots of enthusiasm for our new topic- The Anglo Saxons.

On Monday, the children were introduced to our class book: Anglo Saxon Boy. They have already grown fond of the story and have been using it as a basis to our literacy activities this week.



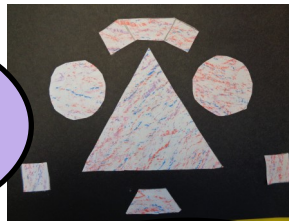
On Tuesday, in forest school, the children excitedly created beautiful, unique tree rubbings and used them to make Anglo Saxon style artwork. Their artwork was based on the jewels in the amazing Anglo Saxon Sutton Hoo Hoard, which used brilliant jewels in their designs.

The weather was glorious and it was lovely for the children to be out enjoying the sunshine.



"It was really fun because I didn't know about bark rubbings!"

James



"I used lots of colours together because it was really pretty, like jewels."

Beth



On Wednesday and Thursday, the children enjoyed learning about the Anglo Saxons and how they used to live. They worked brilliantly in pairs and groups to design their own villages, carefully considering where to place the various buildings, crops and animal areas and ensuring they were near a forest and a stream.

"I didn't know about watch towers until I did the Anglo Saxon Village."

Sophie



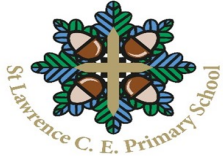
"Our group worked together and we listened to each others ideas."

Isabella



We ended the week with science where the children were introduced to their new topic - Animals and skeletons!

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for settling into Class 3 so well.



This week in class 4...

Year 5 and 6 have settled back into school fantastically well this week, producing some great 'Back to School' poetry!

New term has begun,
Less playing in the sun,
But everyone loves...
The back to school fun!
By Abi

Back at St Lawrence,
With my friends all around,
Hearing the summer news,
Is an amazing sound!
By Lola

Back at St Lawrence,
September has come,
And now school is back,
Lots of work to be done!
By Arianna

The summer is over,
But the heat is still here,
Lots of playtime fun,
When new friends are near!
By Harrison

School time is here now,
A new year and new
class,
Our uniform is clean,
Until we play on the
grass!
By Daisy

The new school year is
here,
And everyone is thriving,
The students all around,
Ready to start learning.
By Missy

Celebrating Success this week!



St. Lawrence Values Award

Our St. Lawrence Values Award is an award nominated by the pupils to the pupils and reflects the school's values. Children are so intuitive and can often pick up on those little details that sometimes adults miss out on, so it is lovely that children get to vote.

This week Mrs Barker has nominated Finn W for the value of "Respecting and Caring" .

Finn always shows the St Lawrence Way by being respectful and Caring.

Class One

All our new Reception children — for being absolute superstars and trying so hard.

Class Two

The whole of Class 2 — for such a wonderful start to the school year!

Class Three

The whole of class 3 - for settling in to Year 3 and 4 so well!

Class Four

The whole of class 4 - for settling back into St Lawrence so well.

