



St. Lawrence CE Primary School

Executive Head Teacher - Mrs Rebecca Nash

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Dear Parents,

24th September 2021

We have had another very positive week in school and the children have been enjoying the glorious sunshine at breaktimes and lunchtimes. It has been lovely to see the older children in school looking after our youngest pupils, helping and supporting them to engage in play activities. Staff have been sharing wonderful anecdotes of what they have been observing and how our key values taught through the 'St. Lawrence Way' are embedded through the relationships children have with one another.



We are quickly establishing our new routines and ways of working so there is consistency across the classes and key stages. Children have now voted for our School Council and we have representatives from Year 1 to 6 who will be meeting weekly to represent the pupil voice across school. This group of children will seek the views of their peers so that the pupil voice is heard and at the forefront when we are making decisions. We will look forward to hearing more from this group of children in the coming weeks.

House Captains

As you will be aware, children in school belong to a 'House' and our houses are named after the Patron Saints; St. George, St David, St. Patrick and St. Andrew. To represent our houses we have House Captains who are elected from Year 6 and we operate a house point system within school for rewards. Children are awarded house points during the week if we feel they are modelling our key values consistently well and embracing the St. Lawrence Way and showing us they can '*be the best they can be with God*'.

Here is a reminder of the key values that we aim to instil in our pupils during their journey with us at St. Lawrence CE Primary.

Through the St. Lawrence Way we explore our vision, intent and Christian values by:-

Listening and Learning
Respecting and Caring
Trusting and Forgiving
Helping and Supporting
Smiling and Inspiring



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Our House Captains for this year are:

HOUSE NAME	HOUSE CAPTAIN
St David	Logan
St Patrick	Austin
St Andrew	Daisy-Mae
St George	Lola

Covid

As a school we are acutely aware of the rise in cases within the borough of Telford and Wrekin and we are following up to date guidance given to us by the Telford Protection Health Hub. A positive case in school means that we follow all the guidelines set out by the Health Hub and we have a risk assessment and checklist in place to ensure we minimise risk to all in the school community. If you do receive a letter about your child being in contact with a person who has tested positive on a PCR test we ask you to follow the guidelines diligently. There is no longer a need to close a bubble where a contact has been but we politely ask that you remain vigilant for symptoms. Please inform us of any positive tests within the household as this will support our reporting system. We have a Coronavirus Outbreak Management Plan to help manage increased transmission of COVID-19 within the school when the following thresholds are reached:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period;
- or • 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

If we meet the thresholds we will revert back to the bubble way of working and staggered arrangements to reduce transmission.

For more information follow the link to the Policy on our website - **Outbreak Management Plan**

Parents Consultation Meetings

Next week you will receive a Parentmail about the proposed dates for consultation meetings. If you do not receive the Parentmail please contact Mrs Care or Mrs Stevens who will assist further. Parents have the option of either a morning telephone consultation or a an afternoon face-to-face appointment. Please be mindful that the face-to-face appointments are subject to change, should we see an increase of positive covid cases within school. If this is the case, you will keep the same time allocation but it will be a telephone discussion instead.





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Morning Drop Off



We are finding the morning staggered 'drop off' extremely successful not only has it eliminated traffic and congestion issues but it has enabled staff to establish effective morning routines including hand washing. Our Class 1 and 2 pupils can arrive from 8.45am and Class 3 and 4 pupils between 8.55 and 9.00am. Moving forward, if you are experiencing the later drop off time inconvenient with work commitments, we are

suggesting that you can drop off from Monday at the earlier time of 8.45am. We hope this flexibility supports those of you who have made enquiries.

LOST PROPERTY

Class 1 have got two school cardigans (age 5/6) left in their class with no names in them. If your child has mislaid theirs please see a member of staff in class 1 at collection time.

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration will take place at St. Lawrence Church on the morning of Wednesday 20th October. To minimise the number of parents and children in one place we are going to have Class 1 and Class 4 together at 9.30-10am followed by Class 2 and Class 3 at 11am. If you have children in both productions then we will provide refreshments in the church between performances. We are all looking forward to this celebration as it has been such a long time since we have offered a collective gathering with pupils, staff and parents.

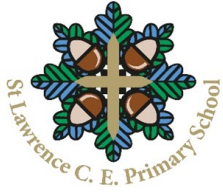
If you wish to donate any produce could you please bring it in on the morning of the 20th October. There will be boxes outside the entrance gate at both drop off and collection where you can leave your produce. NO fresh or perishable produce please.

Once again we are collecting produce for Telford Crisis Support who are really busy supporting people and families across the borough with the foodbank and breakfast parcels.

Foodbanks are busier than ever, and value the amazing donations that schools have donated to them over the years.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.





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BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Book Fair from Friday 15th to Wednesday 20th October in school.

We will be inviting parents into the school hall with their child to buy books at the end of the day when children are collected. To ensure that there isn't too many people in one place we have allocated a day for each class.

Friday 15th October—Class 4

Monday 18th October—Class 3

Tuesday 19th October—Class 2

Wednesday 20th October—Class 1

If you are unable to come in with your child to see the books you can send your child in with some money in a named envelope on Wednesday 20th October where teachers will have set sessions where they will organise the purchase of books.

The Book Fair is organised by Travelling books bringing a selection of the very best books to inspire and entertain young readers. Any books purchased will earn free resources and books for school.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY

We will be celebrating European Languages Day next week across the whole school. Under the motto "LEARNING LANGUAGES OPENS DOORS AND OPPORTUNITIES", the children will learn greetings in 10 different languages. Pupils who speak another European language at home, will be teaching alongside me sharing their knowledge.



Please check the newsletter next week to see all the exciting activities the children have been involved with. Expect to be greeted in Russian, French or Greek for a while! Thank you to Mrs Leon who has been inspiring us all with her interest in languages.

Haberdashers Abraham Darby—Music Year 6 pupils



**Morning music college at Abraham Darby on
Saturday 25th September**

Annual open rehearsal, aimed at year 6 pupils (or those with a musical interest) to go along and watch, or even take part.

The rehearsal is from 9.15 – 10.45am and involves their junior "Megaband". It's free of charge and you can even get a complimentary cup of tea or coffee.

It's a good opportunity to have a look at their amazing Music department.



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Once again we are supporting "HelloYellow" Young Minds the UK's leading charity, fighting for children and young people's mental health.

On October 8th we will be supporting this event and ask children to come dressed in mufti with a token of yellow as part of their attire. Alternatively, they could come dressed head to toe in yellow should they wish. Please do not go out and buy anything yellow just for this event if yellow does not form part of their wardrobe.

We ask for a minimum of £1.00 donation to support a worthy cause especially at this time when children's mental health is at the forefront.

On Wednesday 6th October we are planning to have a full day of engaging activities to promote pupils own mental health and well being. Details of this to follow.

Class pages

We have taken the decision not to include class pages to the weekly newsletter, instead these will be on the Parent news page on the website.

Don't forget to check out the website to see all the wonderful learning that has taken place in each class this week.

Here is the link to our website if should you need it

<https://stlawrencecofe.org.uk/category/schoolnews/>

School lunches

Just to avoid any confusion we will be on week 2 of the menu next week. A copy of the school menu can be obtained from the school office.



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 Leon has nominated Isabella J for the value of "Helping and Supporting"

Mrs Leon said Isabella has been very kind and helpful towards the younger children and has helped them to settle into Little Oaks after school club.

Class One

Drew – for showing resilience in all areas of the curriculum.

Class Two

Millie : for listening so well all week.

Ethan : for showing the school values so quickly.

Class Three

Jake : for great effort in his writing this week.

Leo for trying so hard in all tasks this week.

Class Four

Jacob - being a fantastic role model to others.

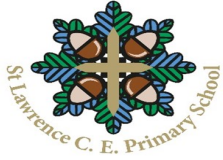
Isabelle - always showing the St Lawrence Way.



House point winners

This week the winning house is **St George** with a staggering 90 points
Well done to Lola and everyone who is a member of this house

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	86	86
St Patrick	71	71
St Andrew	78	78
St George	90	90



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

Bike to School Week 2021 takes place between 27th September and 1st October

It's a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing as well as the environment. It's free to take part and to download the resources.

- Ø **Be active and feel more energised**
- Ø **Help the environment by replacing a car journey**
- Ø **Improve local air quality and reduce congestion**

To support schools throughout Bike to School Week, there's a range of free resources available. These activities aim to inspire pupils to think about their journeys to school, understand the benefits of active travel, and consider the causes and effects of air pollution.

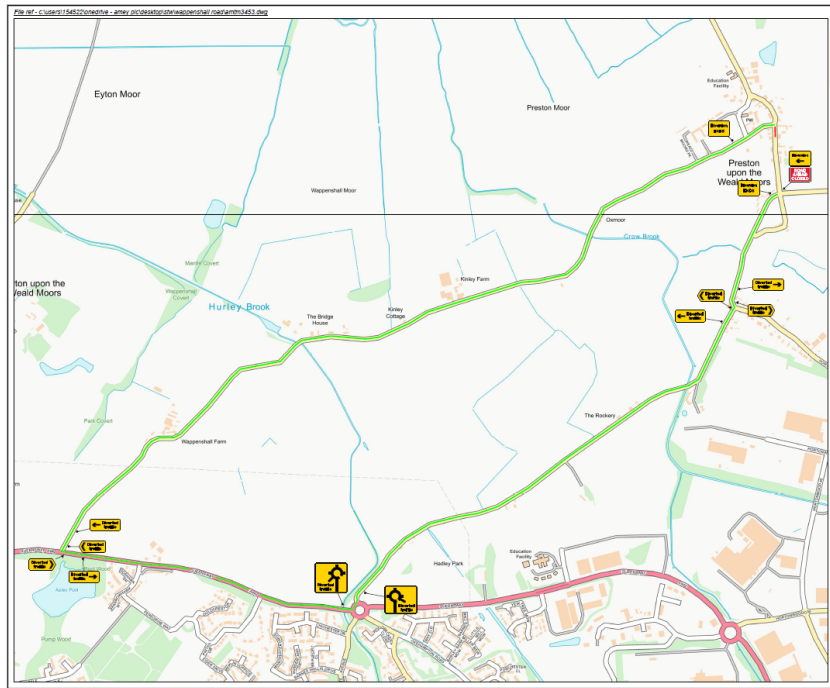
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/for-professionals/education/bike-to-school-week-teacher-resources/>

Thomas Telford Year 7 Admissions

Thomas Telford would like to inform Year 6 parents that their Year 7 admissions documentation for September 2022 is now available to download from their website www.ttsonline.net. The closing date is Monday 27th September at 4pm.

If you have any queries please contact Claire Topper on 01952 200000.





Road closure

Work is planned for the rectification of a defect issued on behalf of Severn Trent Water. This work requires a road closure and may affect the traffic to and from school. This work is planned to take place on 08/10/2021 between the hours of 09.30 – 14.30.

The road that will be closed is from the junction coming in to the village to the telephone box junction.

