

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th December 2021



'Being the best we can be, because with God all things are possible'

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely, festive week in school and we were so glad that so many of you were able to join us for 'Carols Around the Tree' on Wednesday morning. After the high winds and torrential downpours, I am sure you will agree that we were very lucky with the weather, albeit a bit cold! The children, as usual, did the most magnificent job and as the word carol - a joyful song - suggests, carols bring us together and connect us remembering the true meaning of Christmas. The glimmer of sunshine through the dark clouds as the children sweetly sang 'Away in a manger,' did bring a lump to my throat!



I would like to place on record my thanks to the PTFA for providing the refreshments on the morning and for all their ongoing support.

During the morning, the raffle was drawn and the children's hampers were won by Leo Y and Olly F. From the look on their faces, I think they were truly delighted!



The adult hampers were won by Siobhan Francis and Cathy Leek

Well done everyone!



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Panto Trip

The children in Reception, Year One and Year Two enjoyed their pantomime trip to 'The Place' in Oakengates to watch Aladdin on Thursday morning. There was certainly a lot of dancing, singing and cheering taking place (including the adults), so I know that a great time was had by all! I was very impressed with the covid safety measures put in place to make it a pleasurable experience for us all.





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Christmas Film Night

Film Night was a huge success and it was lovely to see so many of the children return for the evening. Thank you for the lovely messages received about this non profit making event and how grateful you all were. I was so impressed with children's lovely manners and how so many of them came up to staff to say 'thank you'. You do really have the loveliest children and it is wonderful to see that children do uphold our Christian values through the St. Lawrence Way. As it was such a huge success, we may hold another of these events in the Spring term.



Christmas Jumper Day



Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'.

Since 2012, amazing people like you have put on their jazziest jumpers to raise money for Save the Children and help protect the magic for children around the world.

We will be celebrating this event on Wednesday 15th December to tie in with our Christmas dinner. Please bring in £1 donation to support this event.

Pinata Time!

Ms Leon would like to make pinatas with the children again. Would it be possible to send your child with the inner cardboard kitchen roll next week. Please do not send in the middle's of toilet rolls. Thankyou



Acts of Kindness



We would like to send a special thank you to Mrs Jenkins's mother, Marlene Sturdy. Her 'knit and natter' group at St Peter and Paul's church, Newport have kindly made these wonderful emotion hand puppets for Reception children's '**Tranquil Trolley.**' These are invaluable resources to help children manage and self-regulate emotions. Thank you to Marlene and all the ladies at the knit and natter group St. Lawrence are extremely grateful.



Achievements beyond the classroom

Eliza and Sophie C have been super busy this weekend with dance exams. They have undertaken their primary ballet and grade 1 modern exams.

Alongside this they have been rehearsing for their dance school festival team with a dance for modern and ballet ready to compete in festivals next year.



Darcey and her Cousin Elena took part in another Dance Festival this Sunday In Bridgnorth.

They came First place in their ballet category with their interpretation of "Hansel and Gretel". Having scored 87 points out of 100.

They also came First place for their Tap Trio "Hit the Road Jack" Having scored 80 points out of 100.

They are very pleased with themselves as they rehearsed hard this week to better their Coventry performance.

Jacob's team from Park Wrekin Gymnastics Club entered in the George Finney Floor and Vault Competition on Sunday. Jacob and his team of 5 received the silver medal, each team member did a floor routine and a tuck jump or a hand spring over the vault.



This week
LOLA
is Player of the month at
NC UNITED GIRLS U11's



Celebrating Success this week!



AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

St. Lawrence Values Award

Our St. Lawrence Values Award is an award nominated by the pupils and teachers to reflect the school's values represented in the 'St. Lawrence Way'.

This week Cora nominated **Ivy-Rose** for Smiling and inspiring, always being very kind and helping other people around her.

Class One

Esmae – embracing new learning experiences with enthusiasm

Class Two

Cameron – for doing brilliantly in his phonics screening

Alfie – for doing brilliantly in his phonics screening

Class Three

Owain – for writing a beautiful Christmas poem

Leo – for his excellent phonics

Class Four

Ella – for her excellent art

Logan – for performing his lines so confidently in the nativity



Head teacher's Award

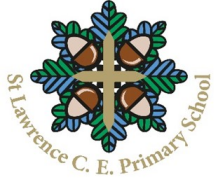
Darci – for having the loveliest manners and always being so polite.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrews** with a staggering **31** points

Well done to **Daisy** the House Captain and everyone who is a member of this house

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	28	740
St Patrick	27	737
St Andrew	31	866
St George	17	780



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Dates for your diary.....

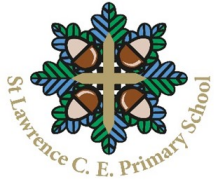
DECEMBER

- Sunday 12th December - Christingle Service in St Lawrence Church 3.30pm
Tuesday 14th December - Theatre trip : Classes 3 & 4
Wednesday 15th December - Christmas dinner / Jumper day
Thursday 16th December - Santa visit
Friday 17th December - Last day of term
Tuesday 21st December - Carol's by Candlelight at 7pm in Church

JANUARY 2022

- Monday 3rd January - PD Day
Tuesday 4th January - Back to school





Online Safety Newsletter December 2021

Is your child about to get their first

EE have launched PhoneSmart Licence, which is a course to help prepare children for their new phone by teaching them how to stay safe and be kind online. PhoneSmart is free and available to everyone, not just EE customers

Your child will have to complete 5 sections and as they complete each episode, they will be rewarded with a sticker. Once they have collected all 5, they will be given their PhoneSmart Licence

The site also includes several useful articles to support you. Follow the link below to access: <https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>



Parental controls

With Christmas just around the corner, we thought we'd provide a little reminder about setting up appropriate parental controls for any new phones, consoles or games your child may receive.



Games/consoles

First, check the PEGI rating of any new games to check that your child is old enough to be playing them. PEGI provides age classifications for video games and **considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty**. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and the chat facilities within games. Visit PEGI here: <https://pegi.info/>

For any new consoles, it is important to set up appropriate controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out about Parental Controls for each device:



Nintendo: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/NintendoSwitch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>

PS5: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5parental-controls-spending-limits/>

Tablets/Smart phones

As well as setting up parental controls on the device itself, remember to check any apps your child would like on their device, is it suitable for their age and review all settings and privacy options for each one. For the devices, use the available settings to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Follow the links below to find out more:

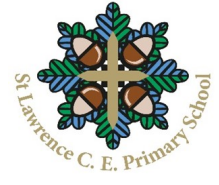
iPhones/iPads: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Google Play: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738>



Further information

Information, tips and advice on setting up parental controls: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



Would you like a personalised online safety toolkit? Answer a few questions about your children's digital habits and then you will receive age-specific advice to support your children online. The form does require an email address. You can find out more information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

A guide to location settings

Many apps and games now ask users to share their location. It's important that your child understands the risk of location sharing and that you can discuss when it is appropriate to share.

You can read more here:

<https://www.netaware.org.uk/news/a-parents-guide-to-location-settings/>



Is your child playing games

Children can communicate online through lots of different apps, social media and games (Snapchat, WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA, Fortnite for example), so it's important to know what your child is doing online and who they communicate with so you can talk about the potential risks together. Some games include communication between players, this could be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.



Chatting to strangers



When playing online, your child might be playing games with people they don't know. It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players that make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns

Be kind

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or sees something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with the person, but they should instead tell a trusted adult.

