

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

Dear Parents,

We bring to you the last newsletter of 2021 and thank you whole heartedly for all your support and engagement with school, whether it be, supporting learning at home, donations to school, volunteering time or communicating positively with school staff. I firmly believe that a strong partnership between school and home is the key to a child's success and here at St. Lawrence, we are very privileged to have that.

The children have had a lovely, festive week in school with many of the usual events taking place. Key Stage Two children attended Theatre Severn to see the pantomime 'Peter Pan' earlier in the week, this was followed by Christmas lunch wearing festive jumpers on Wednesday. Yesterday Reverend. Morby led our whole school Worship about the true meaning of Christmas and during the afternoon we had a visit from Santa.



Christmas is a celebration, a time for giving and not simply a day to exchange gifts. The spirit of Christmas is in 'togetherness', it's in the thought to which we put into thinking about others. Christmas is a selfless time, where we forgive, take stock of what's important and become 'better' versions of ourselves. Let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas and rejoice the celebration of God's ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, Saviour of the world.

Merry Christmas one and all!!



St. Lawrence Nativity

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the school Nativity. Children got dressed up and prepared in their costumes and performed to each other in church. School staff recorded the performances and a huge thank you must go to Mr Al-Asmar for all his hard work editing the two performances so that parents can watch from the comfort of their own homes. Today, these performances will be available on the school website for you to watch with your children. A separate Parentmail will be sent on details of how you can access the video. I hope you enjoy it as much we did!



Back To School

Have yourselves a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2022. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4th January 2022** for the start of the Spring term.









Achievements beyond the classroom

Lily would like to share with everyone that she has achieved her Level 1 Rise Explore Apparatus certificate at Gymnastics.



Well done Lily



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 Mrs Jenkins nominated **Elsie-Mae** for respecting and caring—letting others go before herself in the role play area.

<u>Class One</u>

Jack Robinson - for being ready to learn and play.

<u>Class Two</u>

Evie - for working really hard all week.

Ethan - for his enthusiastic learning all week.



<u>Class Three</u>

- Finn for always reflecting the St Lawrence way in all that he does.
- James for working so hard in his writing and being resilient.

<u>Class Four</u>

Arianna - for her great handwriting.

Angelica - for her excellent effort in maths

Head teacher's Award

Esmae - her enthusiasm for learning and always smiling and inspiring others.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St George** with a staggering **49** points Well done to **Lola** the House Captain and everyone who is a member of this house

HOUISE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	41	781
St Patrick	46	783
St Andrew	47	913
St George	49	829

From the Friends of St Lawrence

Thank You

Thank you to all who have supported the Friends of St Lawrence raise funds this term. We are extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve together during this challenging time. Your support at events, whether it was donating food or drink items for the raffle, buying a hot chocolate at Carols around the Christmas Tree or bringing the children back to school for the Christmas film night, is greatly appreciated. We wanted to let you know of some of the great things that your support has allowed us to do so far this year including a breakdown of money raised:

Harvest Festival Refreshments raised £100.10 Christmas Card/Gift Sales raised £104.17 Christmas Carols Refreshments raised £69.50 Parentkind Big PTA Raffle raised £58.50 Christmas Hamper Raffle raised £199.50 Smartie Tube House Challenge money still to be counted

The money raised this term has enabled the Friends of St Lawrence to provide iPad training to staff; Music lessons for the whole school for the year; Phonics resources; Christmas movie night; Coaches to get to the Pantomime; and a visit and gift from Santa.

We are immensely proud of the school community at St Lawrence and thank you wholeheartedly for your continued support it means so much to the all the children. Thank you!

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