

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd December 2021



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

Dear Parents,

We saw the arrival of December this week so the countdown to Christmas is well and truly underway! The decorations have all been dusted down and making appearances around school to help us all get in to the Christmas spirit! Staff have been like Santa's elves helping out, whether it be getting things down from the loft, collecting Christmas trees, decorating or preparing hampers. As usual, the St. Lawrence Way is very much evident in the ethos of school and the team effort.

On behalf of the PTFA and staff, we would very much like to thank you all for your kind donations last week for Mufti Day. We were inundated with lovely food gifts for our raffle hampers and I know the lucky winners will not be disappointed. As Christmas is a time of giving, we hope that you don't mind but we have taken the decision to make an additional hamper. This hamper won't be raffled but we will donate it to the residents of Deansfield Residential Home in Kynnersley instead as a gift from the children and families at St. Lawrence CE Primary. Over the years, we have forged great links with them so I would like them to know that, despite covid, they are still very much in our thoughts and hearts.

Theatre Trips

We are still planning for our theatre trips to go ahead in the next few weeks but please be aware that this may be subject to change based on national guidance. We have contacted the theatres directly and have been sent their risk assessment and measures that have been put in place to keep the community safe. Please contact the school office and speak with Mrs Moore if you wish to discuss the trips or would prefer your child not to attend.



Movie Night!

The PTFA have very kindly organised this evening's Christmas Movie Night so we welcome back the children at 5.30pm for our two screen cinema event. The children have voted and Key Stage 1 will be watching The Santa Clause with Tim Allen and Key Stage 2 will be watching The Christmas Chronicles. PTFA will be providing snacks for the evening so please do not send your child in with their own unless you have specified allergies. We want it to be fair and equitable for all of the children. Please can KS1 parents collect at 7.30pm and KS2 to collect at 7.45pm. Staff will be supporting this event and supervising children.





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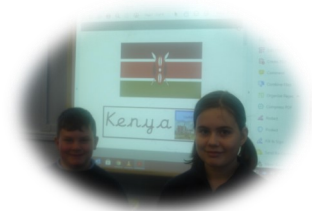
Carols Around the Tree

We look forward to seeing you all for 'Carols Around the Tree' on Wednesday 8th December. This will be held on the playground with refreshments available while you watch. Class 1 and 4 will begin at 9.45am and Class 2 and 3 will begin their repertoire of songs at 10.45am. We do hope you can join us as the children are all very excited! Keep everything crossed for a dry, crisp December morning!



Global issues and around the World

As you are aware from the Global Neighbours Award that school achieved last year, we are committed to teaching the children about global issues and the world around us. In addition to our Tuesday Global assembly, where the children learn about current issues, we also run Cultural pathways in school, where we focus on a different country regularly. Yesterday, Mrs Standish introduced the children to our new focus country, in assembly – Kenya. This country holds a special place in our hearts at St Lawrence because it is the country in which our twinned school, Naitiri Primary School, is situated. Our previous Head Teacher Mrs Gaskell, and our previous Executive Head Miss Osterfield have both been lucky enough to visit the school in Kenya and the children were shown photographs of the visit during the assembly and then again at lunch, when photographs were on display in our dinner hall in addition to the special themed Kenyan lunch that Kay put on for the children.



A message from St Lawrence Church

St Lawrence Church would like to invite you to.....

Christingle Service on Sunday 12th December at 3.30 pm

Carol's by Candlelight on Tuesday 21st December at 7pm



You will be made very welcome at both Services



If you would like more information, please ring Pat on 07721 355172



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Author Visit

On Monday, we welcomed local author Sarah Griffiths to St. Lawrence to lead KS1 and KS2 workshops. She read her books 'Finding Stones for Grandma' and 'When the Fireflies Came'. Sarah explained about her life as an author and later answered children's questions. She told us that her first book took five years to publish and her favourite book that she has written is 'Sophie's Spectacles' because this is about building self esteem. After reading 'When the Fireflies Came' she explained how the book came about and the fact that her inspiration came from enjoying walks in nearby Apley Woods, as there is an enchanted tunnel of trees that she loves there and she wondered what it would be like to meet mother nature there. She explained that Alex was a boy that she knew and this was the basis of her story. The children were excited to hear about where she gets her book ideas from and how, when drafting, she plans a few different endings. They were surprised to hear that the book drafts may only take 2-3 hours to write, however the editing and illustrating process sometimes takes a whole year. Sarah explained that she hasn't written a long chapter book yet but may well do in the future because at the moment she enjoys writing short rhyming story books. She gave the children 3 tips to become an author which were

1. Read something that you enjoy every day
2. Write something every day – even if its just notes in a diary
3. Use your imagination to go anywhere, be anyone or do anything



This is what Sarah thought of her visit here at St. Lawrence -

'There was a real magic in the air visiting St. Lawrence CE Primary School today. The children were so engaged and asked some really insightful questions. It was wonderful spending time with them'.

Here is what some of our pupils had to say following the visit.

'A book is a free plane ride to another world!' (Olly F)

'One author writes one book at a time but each time, millions of sparks light up!' (April)

'Reading is a magical place that you enter as often as you want to!' (Ruben)

'Your eyes have not seen real freedom until you open a book!' (Daisy)



Achievements beyond the classroom

April is having horse riding lessons and is now off the lead rein and practising walk, steering, leg placement, sitting trot and rising trot. Her confidence has come on leaps and bounds, she has even gone out on a short hack.



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 the children in class 4 nominated **Ella** for inspiring the children in class 1 and smiling all week.

Class One

Elsie-Mai – for showing the St Lawrence way to her friends.

Class Two

Rafael - for working hard in reading lessons

Hudson - for concentrating on his learning.

Class Three

Eliza - for always working quietly at all times.

Isla - for learning her lines for the nativity so quickly.

Class Four

Ruben - 100% effort towards his learning

Missy – Fantastic responses to reading questions



Head teacher's Award

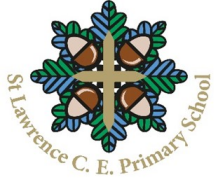
Jess - for being a superstar in pupil discussion about reading

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St George** with a staggering **70** points

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	63	712
St Patrick	61	710
St Andrew	58	835
St George	70	763



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Dates for your diary.....

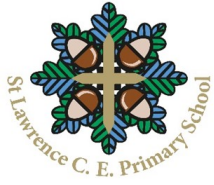
DECEMBER

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| Wednesday 8th December | - Carols around the Christmas tree
9.45–10.15 : Classes 1 & 4
10.45–11.15 : Classes 2 & 3 |
| Thursday 9th December | - Theatre trip : Classes 1 & 2 |
| 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 |

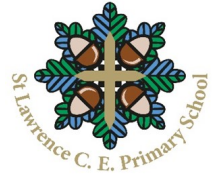
JANUARY 2022

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





PTFA Corner.....



Polite reminder from the Friends

Smartie Tubes

These were sent out last week we are kindly asking for them to be preferably filled with 20p's but with COVID-19 many people do not carry cash so any coins would be greatly appreciated.



Big Christmas PTA Raffle.

Each ticket costs £3 and gives you 12 chances of winning up to £5000. 40% of all money raised comes direct to the Friends of St Lawrence and will help us continue to support the children. The QR code to purchase tickets is below and also accessible by the school gate.



Hamper raffle

Raffle tickets for the children and adults hampers are available from Mrs Dodwell at the gate at the end of the school day. Tickets for the Adult's hamper are £1 each and the Children's hamper are 50p each.

