

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st January 2022



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

Dear Parents,

This week we have seen that Covid remains an ever present challenge in school and many of you will be aware that a high proportion of Class 4 pupils have been affected. May I extend my thanks to all parents for their vigilance and support this week. We have pockets of cases in all classes but we are working closely with the Health Protection Hub, following their up-to-date advice, to minimise spread. I send my very best wishes to you all and hope that nobody is too unwell with the new variant.

It is reported that it poses less risk to our health but the new variant is more easily spread and whilst isolation rules remain this does impact on staff and pupil attendance. We are hopeful and committed, as far as possible, to all year groups remaining in school. If your child comes home and reports they haven't been taught by their usual teacher for a few days, please note that this will have been unavoidable. I will continue to keep parents informed of any significant changes next week and send out any further guidance from the Health Hub, where necessary.

[Follow the link for further information on Self-isolation and treating symptoms at home.](#)

Here at St. Lawrence we are incredibly fortunate that the staff team work together finding creative solutions to problems. I know that despite the challenges faced this week the number one priority has been ensuring the pupils feel safe, happy and secure.

The isolation period can be difficult when juggling the demands of work, family life and entertaining bored children. I have found this link from the [Woodland Trust](#) that offers some ideas of creative things you can do within the confines of your own back garden. This may give you and your child, that much needed break from technology!

Please do share any inspirational self-isolation activities with us as we would love to see how you have been spending your time. Just email photographs in to a3091@telford.gov.uk and we can share them on next week's newsletter.

We do of course, want to see our pupils back in school as soon as possible but please ensure that pupils only return to school following two negative LFT's on consecutive days, this can begin on day 5 and day 6. With the reduced self-isolation period we are hopeful that school will be back to full capacity very soon. In the meantime, take care of yourselves and look after one another.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.





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CLASS 1 REQUEST

Class 1 are creating a space station in the role play area, please could you save any egg boxes and send them into school.

Thank you



PARKING IN THE VILLAGE



The layby by the Church in Preston upon the Weald Moors was built primarily to provide a safe parking area for parents bringing and collecting their children to and from the school.

We have been told that parent's think this layby is a private area for the new houses, it is not. Please use the layby to park in, this will help reduce some of the parking on the village roads.

READ EASY

Read Easy Telford and Wrekin group was set up in 2019, which is affiliated with Read Easy UK.

Their aim is to help over 18s in our area who are struggling with their reading and want to improve.

We know how important it is to be able to read and sometimes we take it for granted.

They are offering FREE, one to one, confidential coaching with one of their trained coaches for two half hour sessions a week.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering with them please contact them.



They are also looking to enrol more readers. So if someone has contacted you about improving their reading skills, again, please get in touch. Maybe you know of a parent/guardian/carer or grandparent who might benefit.

Please ask interested volunteers to contact the team leader —

Jane on 07875 307981 tewrleader@readeasy.org.uk

Please ask interested readers to contact—

Melanie on 07845 556860 or tewrcoordinator@readeasy.org.uk

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 Miss Fisher nominated Cameron for showing kindness and being so helpful on the school playground.

Cass One

Niamh : Fantastic phonics and writing this week.

Class Two

Lily – for concentrating on her work all week.

Soraya - being a kind sensible and hard working member of class 2.

Class Three

Oliver C - for always being the best he can be.

Faith - for always working hard in all tasks.

Class Four

Graciella – Fantastic responses during work in PHSE.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **83** points

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	63	951
St Patrick	51	943
St Andrew	83	1130
St George	74	1024



Cash For Schools 2022



WIN A SHARE OF £12,000!

Thousands of pounds up for grabs in our
Cash for Schools competition.

All schools who enter will be showcased in a special Cash for Schools supplement that will appear in the **Shropshire Star on Thursday, March 3, 2022**, which will signal the start of the token collect campaign.

All parents, children and teachers have to do is collect as many tokens as possible that will appear every day in the Shropshire Star from **Thursday, March 3, 2022 to Saturday, April 2, 2022**.

£12,000 prize pot breakdown

The best bit is that every school has an equal chance of winning. The prizes will be awarded based on the schools that have collected the most tokens per pupil from Reception to Year 6 – so smaller schools have the same chance as larger ones.

For example, a small school with 50 pupils that collects 400 tokens would win when compared to a bigger school with 400 pupils that collects 800 tokens.

Five schools with the most tokens collected per pupil will have the chance to walk away with a cash prize and win a share of the £12,000 prize pot.

The first placed school with the most tokens collected per pupil will scoop a whooping **£5,000**, followed by **£3,000** for second, **£2,000** for third and then two **£1,000** awards, which will be presented to the fourth and fifth place schools

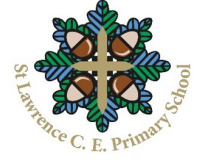


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Let your family and neighbours know
we have entered Cash for Schools
and collect as many tokens as you
can.

Thank you for your support



Eat Smart Dine with Let's Dine

A MESSAGE FROM TELFORD AND WREKIN.....

Telford and Wrekin are inviting St Lawrence to take part in our January incentive scheme "Eat Smart" to encourage more pupils to have a hot meal as part of their school day that will be running at school from 24 January – 18 February 2022.

As you know Let's Dine Catering provided by Telford & Wrekin Council works in partnership with you and your school to provide healthy and nutritionally balanced meals in an enjoyable lunchtime experience that is open to all. Our January incentive scheme has been put together to encourage more pupils from all year groups to have a hot meal as part of their day.

By having a hot meal at school, it has long been recognised that nutrients from food fuel the brain as well as the body and children are more likely to remain focused during class and get the very best out of their learning. **Research by the Children's Food Trust concluded that school meals are now consistently more nutritious than packed lunches from home and provide a better foundation for good health.**

The meals provided by Let's Dine Catering and Telford & Wrekin Council use ingredients sourced and purchased from specially selected suppliers who are geographically as local to Telford as possible, using food products that are school compliant and have recognised certifications i.e. Red Tractor etc

As already mentioned "Eat Smart" will be running 24 January – 18 February. Between these dates pupils will need to have 15 hot meals to be entered into a prize draw to win an individual prize but also prizes for the school. Please see the attached poster for more information.





WIN!

1st Apple iPad

2nd Microsoft Surface Go

3rd Family Ticket to AFC Telford United

+7 further prizes
TO BE WON!

Eat Smart Dine with Let's Dine

Have 15 hot meals between **24 January - 18 February 2022** for your chance to win a prize for yourself* and also prizes for your school*.

School prizes: 1 Free Eat Well Cooking Session. **Plus** the 1st prize winner can also choose for their class a **FREE** session at Horsehay Foot Golf, Telford Ice Rink or the Shortwood Outreach Climbing Wall.

Let's Dine
Education Catering in Primary Schools

Terms and conditions

*available to all pupils, you must have a hot meal 15 times between 24 January and 18 February to be entered into the draw. There are 10 individual prizes available. Each individual prize winner also wins their school a one day Eat Well Session. The top prize winner also wins their class a free leisure session, choosing either a Foot Golf, Telford Ice Rink or Climbing Wall session.