

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th February 2022

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

Dear Parents,

St. Lawrence is a vibrant, happy place with learning occurring in every aspect of the school day. Learning is not confined to the classroom and we explain to the children that we are all on a learning journey together each and every day. Our strength is that we can learn something new from one another.

Whether it be learning how to get along with friends at play time or learning how to embrace diversity and accept the beliefs of others we are all on the journey together. This week our pupils have been focusing on aspects of [Chinese New Year](#) and have been participating in activities to understand practices and traditions associated with this festival. Our thanks goes to Mrs Leon (HITA) our MFL Lead who has been instrumental in planning and delivering high quality sessions. The children have had a wonderful time learning and having a lot of fun along the way!



The year 2022 is the year of the water tiger. The water tiger comes up every 60 years. The water tiger is action-oriented and represents strength, bravery and clearing away evil. Please follow the link if you would like to find out more about [Chinese New Year](#).

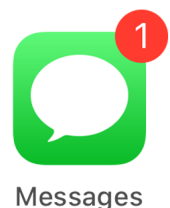
Next week is [Children's Mental Health Week](#) as well as [Safer Internet Day](#) on Tuesday 8th February and we will be exploring these with the children. Mrs Standish (Mental Health Lead), Mr Al-Asmar (Computing Lead), and Miss Fisher (Safety Team Lead) have organised some lovely activities which we hope will empower our pupils to report any inappropriate internet activity as well as talk about their feelings and emotions.

### [Happy News!](#)

We would like to let you know that Mrs Nash is returning as Executive Head Teacher for the federation and has been to visit both Tibberton and St. Lawrence schools this week. Mrs Nash is on a phased return and as the weeks progress you will be seeing more of her around school. I am sure you will agree that this is such fantastic news and we are all so pleased to see her back where she belongs!

### [A note from Mrs Nash](#)

*I am writing to you so happy to be finally able to start a staggered return to work. I have been in to both St Lawrence and Tibberton schools this week, and the children made me feel so welcome and happy. As I am still undergoing chemotherapy treatment, I am not yet back in the schools full time, but I am going to build up my time at work over the coming weeks and am looking forward to seeing you on the playground in the near future.*





# Chinese New Year!

## How did we celebrate at ST. Lawrence?

We all had our first lesson of Mandarin Chinese. Now we know that the 'tones' are key if you want to speak this language correctly. In Class 4, we also learned how to write some Chinese characters.

We watched how a 10-year-old girl spent her week in Shanghai and we compared her busy schedule with ours. We all agreed that China is a country we would like to visit one day!

After finding out about the lunar year when we were born, Class 3 made red envelopes with 'money', like the ones Chinese children receive at home when they celebrate the New Year.

In Class 2, we focused on the legend behind Nian and we made colourful paper dragons.

Having learned that the crescent shape represents prosperity, we also enjoyed a fortune cookie each.

Class 1 used their 'Cooking Counts' session to make a delicious Chinese dish. The smell still lingers down the corridor making us all feel very hungry!



# 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 Class 4 awarded **Oliver F** for always helping and supporting his peers.

### Head Teacher Award

**Faith G** - for never failing to have a beaming smile on her face and for always 'being the best she can be' in every situation.

### Class One

**Albie:** for fantastic listening and learning all week.

### Class Two

**Eric** - for working hard in Phonics.

**Emily** - for being really helpful to others.

### Class Three

**Reid** - for always trying his hardest in all tasks.

**Oscar** - for working extremely hard this week.

### Class Four

**Ruben** - Excellent work on fractions

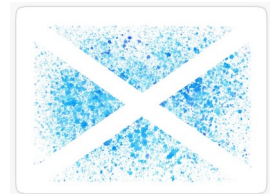
**Sophie** - fantastic effort in Maths



### House point winners

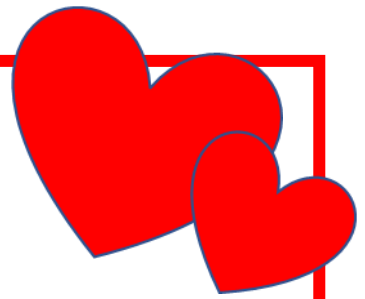
This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **115** points.

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
<b>St David</b>	67	1079
<b>St Patrick</b>	79	1067
<b>St Andrew</b>	115	1351
<b>St George</b>	96	1194

# Mufti Day



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February



WEAR RED FOR THE  
DAY  
IN EXCHANGE FOR  
CAKES



Cakes to be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

A cake stall will be held after school at 3pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Any cakes that are left over will be sold to the children at break-time on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Remember your pennies!





# 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 whopping **£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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**Shropshire Star**

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

Thank you for your support



### [Plant a tree for the jubilee](#)

**Shropshire's Queen's Green Canopy campaign has been given a huge boost thanks to a generous legacy from the late Richard Mayall and his wife Anne who lived near Harmer Hill**

As from January 2022 anyone in the county wishing to plant a tree at home as part of the Queen's Green Canopy can collect a tree for free, together with a stake and tie from Shrewsbury Town Council's Weeping Cross Nursery, SY5 6HT or Prees Heath Nursery, Whitchurch, SY13 2HR. Please reserve your free tree, while stocks last, by filling in the simple form on [Shrewsbury Town Council website](#).

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a National project that the Shropshire Lieutenancy together with Shropshire County Council and Telford and Wrekin Council are supporting locally. It has been rolled out across Shropshire and the rest of the UK during the planting season from October 2021 to December 2022. This will be a long-lasting and valuable way to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Lieutenancy and the Councils are keen to help ensure that as many trees as possible are planted for the Canopy in Shropshire.

This initiative will promote the importance of trees for the environment in a sustainable and relevant way and, it is hoped, thousands of trees will be planted across the county as a lasting legacy. Each planting can be commemorated by marking it on the map on the [Queen's Green Canopy website](#)

Richard Mayall's daughter Ginny said "This is open to anyone and everyone who has space or can find space to plant an appropriate tree. Our mission is to get Shropshire firmly onto the QGC map. My parents loved and valued the natural world and were deeply concerned about the loss of biodiversity in the UK. They would have been delighted to see native trees being planted all over Shropshire. We welcome everyone to get involved."

## **Put Shropshire on the QGC Map Plant a tree for the Jubilee**

**Reserve your Tree  
Collect your tree from Weeping Cross Nursery or Prees Heath Nursery  
Plant it in your garden**

**\*\*[Register your planting on the QGC Map at www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)\*\***

*QGC County Lead – Robert Bland DL*

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**Event Date:** 23rd February

**Event Times:** 10.30am-12pm or 2pm-3.30pm

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Event Address:**

Dogs Trust Shrewsbury,  
Roden Lane Farm, Telford  
TF6 6BP



# Half term fun for kids with Dogs Trust!



**Join our Education & Community Officer, Alison, for a FREE, fun family workshop to learn all about safe behaviour around dogs and being responsible around our four-pawed friends!**

Children aged 7-11 and their grown up welcome!

Places must be booked in advance.

**To book or ask any questions please contact:**

**[alison.donald@dogstrust.org.uk](mailto:alison.donald@dogstrust.org.uk)**

**Children remain the responsibility of the accompanying adult and must be supervised.**

**No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.**



[learnwithdogstrust.org.uk](http://learnwithdogstrust.org.uk)

Registered Charity Numbers: 227523 & SC037843



## 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.

