

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER



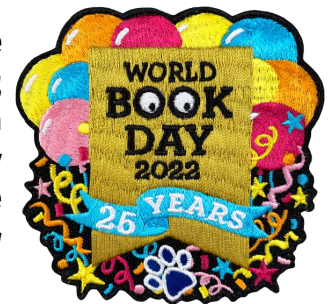
Friday 18th February 2022

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

Dear Parents,

As we break up for half term we must reflect on what a lovely half term it has been and all the positive things that the children have achieved in the last few weeks. We were hit in January with Covid but thankfully everyone recovered well. As usual, the community came together supporting one another through the challenges. We end today with storm Eunice on the rampage so fingers crossed it passes soon just in time for half term. Despite one fallen tree, I think the school site has survived pretty well so I hope the same can be said for your homes and gardens.

School will resume on Monday 28th February and we will welcome children back in on that day. Just a reminder that we will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday March 3rd** and we have sent home an information sheet via Parentmail and SeeSaw about all the lovely activities we have planned to support children's love of reading. We hope that children engage with our 'Story Scene' Competition as I know this could be a fun shared activity during half term.



Our fundraising efforts continue with the 'Matchbox Challenge' as we are keen to raise the much needed money to replenish the bark on the Jungle Gym and spruce up some of the outside areas. With signs of Spring just round the corner it would be lovely to have the children back playing on the equipment as the weather gets warmer. We understand that financially these are difficult times so don't feel obliged to find sponsors but do complete the activity anyway as we think it will be a fun shared activity to participate in. It would be remiss of me not to mention our fabulous PTFA who have worked so incredibly hard raising funds this year and planning lovely events for our pupils. We work collaboratively raising money for the benefit of all our pupils here at St. Lawrence to enhance the curriculum.

This week children in Class 3 have participated in a Viking Workshop which brought to life their topic 'Were the Vikings really vicious?' It was wonderful to welcome our visitor in to school and bring a wealth of artefacts for the children to handle and talk about. I thank all of our parents for providing costumes for the day as this really supports children's understanding of what life was like in these times. Parent engagement at St. Lawrence has always been one of strengths and to see the smiling, happy faces showing off their costumes was a delight!

We would like to give you advance notice of an additional PD day due to the Bank Holiday that falls in May half term. Schools have been asked to plan an additional day and we have followed LA recommendations so we will now break up **Thursday 21st July** instead of Friday 22nd July. Have a wonderful half term break and stay safe.



Spring 1 Snapshot



"I think there are aliens on the moon, they are green with arms coming out of their heads, Janet and Bill in the Smeds and the Smoos are aliens." Esmae



"Earth is a planet in space and it is the home of the life, it has gravity so we can stay on the ground." Jack



"Patterns in Art. Our focus artist was Julia Rothman and we explored her style and approach to her artwork; using this to influence and progress our art skills."



I believe the Vikings weren't really vicious because they made homes, communities and were peaceful people once they had settled – Eliza

In my opinion, the Vikings were really vicious because they attacked Lindisfarne. Others must agree this was a villainous act as the monks were innocent, kind and helpless. – Oliver C



Were the Vikings really vicious Class 3?

Half term sponsored event



MATCHBOX

challenge!



Fill your school
matchbox with as many items as you can
fit in to win a prize.

Each item has to be different

RETURN YOUR BOX BACK TO
SCHOOL WITH YOUR NAME ON
IT BY FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

Prizes -

1st : for the most items in a box

2nd : for the most money raised



ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO SCHOOL FUNDS

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 Barker has awarded **Isla** for "Listening and Learning" in all the swimming lessons this term.

Head Teacher Award

Reid – for enthusiasm and interest for learning about the Vikings

Class One

Eowyn - showing lots of resilience this week.

Class Two

Darci - excellent contributions in History.

Oliver - for showing a love of learning this week.

Class Three

Sophie C - listening well and giving feedback from the Viking Day.

Finn - for always showing the St Lawrence Way

Class Four

Arianna - excellent handwriting.

Logan - resilience writing.



House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Patricks** with a staggering **60** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	58	1208
St Patrick	60	1214
St Andrew	59	1520
St George	59	1345



Update from the School Safety Squad.'

Last week in school it was Safer Internet Day and all the children learnt about how to stay safe online. Following this the School Safety Squad have created some quizzes to find out how much the children have remembered about this very important topic. The class teacher will do the quiz with their class and the quizzes are different for each class depending the children's age, for example the quiz for class 1 and 2 is based on a story called 'Buddy the Dog', class 3's focuses on internet safety and class 4's covers both internet and phone safety. The School Safety Squad will then look at the answers from each class and take that information onboard to fill any gaps in their knowledge by delivering additional internet safety sessions. We hope this will result in all children at St Lawrence being fully aware about how to stay safe online which we are sure you will all agree is so important.

Written by Olly and Graciella

Achievements beyond the classroom



Well done Ollie for achieving your level 7 in swimming





St Lawrence C.E. Primary School

Terms and Holidays 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

PD Day's	Monday 5 th / Tuesday 6 th September
Term begins	Wednesday 7 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October
Term ends	Friday 16 th December

Spring Term 2023

Term begins	Tuesday 3 rd January
Half Term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February
Term ends	Friday 31 st March

Summer Term 2023

Term begins	Monday 17 th April
May Day	Monday 1 st May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Term ends	Friday 21 st July

Staff PD Days: Monday 5th September 2022
Tuesday 6th September 2022
Monday 2nd January 2023
Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023



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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we have entered Cash for Schools
and collect as many tokens from the
Shropshire Star as you can.

Thank you for your support