

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER



Friday 9th September 2022

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

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome back the children to school this week and we have been most impressed with the way they have come in to school with such a positive and mature attitude.

May I welcome our new starters and their families in to the school community also. It has been lovely meeting our new Reception cohort of 14 children who are already settling in very well. Never hesitate to get in touch with school should you have a question or a query as staff are always very happy to help.

We will be continuing with our SeeSaw as our online platform for communication between school and home so please bear with us as we set up new classes and add additional pupils. Once this is up and running effectively, we will send a Parentmail to alert you.

We will be carefully monitoring attendance and punctuality this year as many schools are reporting a decrease in school attendance in the post pandemic period. It is important that this returns to pre-pandemic levels to help narrow any gaps academically, socially and emotionally that the pandemic may have created for our pupils.

Please ensure that you contact school on the morning of the first absence either by telephone (you may leave a message) or alternatively emailing the school office on a3091@taw.org.uk. so that your child's absence can be recorded appropriately on the attendance system. We appreciate the support we get from parents at St. Lawrence ensuring that children attend regularly and arrive at time.

A reminder of PE days

You will have hopefully received a Parentmail alerting you to PE days and the expectations around kit. We will continue with pupils wearing their PE kit on the days that they have their curriculum PE slot. We ask that if children are participating in an after school sports club and it is not their class PE day then kit should be brought in a separate bag to change in to. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

CLASS 1 - Monday PE Tuesday - Forest School (Treetops Tuesday)

CLASS 2 - Tuesday PE

CLASS 3 - Thursday PE

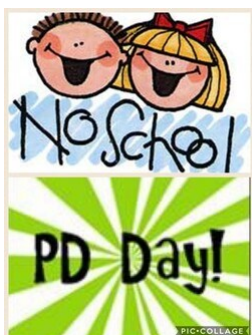
CLASS 4 - Wednesday & Friday PE



Please note that Class 1 will be the only class having a designated weekly slot of Forest School. For all other classes we will have a Forest School day each half term instead as an alternative. Children will of course, have outdoor learning sessions but these will be aligned to curriculum coverage and have a specific focus on a subject area.

We will give you advance notice of the Forest School Day so that children will be prepared in the appropriate outdoor weather kit.

Staff Professional Development Days (PD Days)



We would like to draw your attention to planned training days for the 2022-2023 academic year where school is closed for its pupils.

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2023

Please follow this [link](#) for the full list of term time dates and holidays.

Please can we remind you that holidays requested in term time will be unauthorised unless they meet criteria for exceptional circumstances. Thank you in advance for your understanding with this.

Class themes for Autumn 1

Teachers have been working hard planning their exciting new themes and will be uploading Curriculum Maps to SeeSaw shortly. Our themes start with the a probing question which is driven by either the History or Geography National Curriculum.

See below the list of each classes thought provoking question this half term.

Class	Theme Question
Class 1	Do all fairytales have a happy ending?
Class 2	What is lurking in the depths of the sea?
Class 3	Who were Britain's first builders?
Class 4	Who lived in England 1500 years ago?

We will be sharing the learning through our class newsletters.

Breaktime Snacks

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) provides a free piece of fruit or vegetable to every 4-6 year-old who attends a fully state-funded primary, infant or special school. This means that children in Reception, Year One and Year Two have a choice of fruit daily. This sadly doesn't extend to Key Stage 2 children so we do ask parents to provide a mid morning snack for their child. We kindly ask that this snack is limited to one piece and for parents to consider the choice of snack given. You know your child best, but I just wanted to make you aware that we will be promoting the NHS Better Health, Healthy Families through our PSHE sessions. For further information and ideas follow the link .



[Better Health for Families](#)

Her Majesty
The Queen
1926 - 2022



I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

The very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II was marked within school today by an assembly for our KS2 children and class based discussion for children within Key Stage 1. Children were able to share what the Queen represented to them and our country in an open and honest way. It was lovely to welcome Reverend Morby in to school to share a prayer with the children.

We have been very sensitive in the way we have handled the discussion, particularly for some of younger pupils who have had time to discuss, reflect and share a prayer for the Royal family. We have followed advice from DFE and Lichfield Diocese on the best way to deliver the news to the children. If you would like to view the PowerPoint that was shared today from Picture News it is on the school website.

Should any further information come in to schools surrounding the Queen's death and impact to schools we will communicate this with you swiftly.

"Grief is the price we pay for love." - HRH Queen Elizabeth



"... we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."

~ HRH Queen Elizabeth II ~

A prayer on the death of Her Majesty The Queen

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Prime Minister Liz Truss's Statement on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II](#)

Through thick and thin, Queen Elizabeth II provided us with the stability and the strength that we needed.

She was the very spirit of Great Britain – and that spirit will endure.

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 Mr Al-Asmar has nominated **Faith (Y2)** for showing the school values towards her learning and class peers all week.

Head teacher Award

To all the St. Lawrence pupils for having a wonderful start to school. You have all been superstars!

Class One

Ivy - Having a wonderful first week in reception.

Class Two

Oliver C - Engaging in all lessons.

Bea - A Helpful attitude all week.

Class Three

Cameron - A Super first week back and working hard.

Ivy-Rose - Excellent answers during our book talk sessions.

Class Four

Olly M - Great start to Year 6.

Olivia P - Fantastic attitude to Year 5 work.



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Terms and Holidays 2022/2023

Autumn Term 2022

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

Spring Term 2023

<i>Term begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 4th January</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February</i>
<i>Term ends</i>	<i>Friday 31st March</i>

Summer Term 2023

<i>Term begins</i>	<i>Monday 17th April</i>
<i>May Day</i>	<i>Monday 1st May</i>
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June</i>
<i>Term ends</i>	<i>Tuesday 25th July</i>

<i>Staff PD Days:</i>	<i>Monday 5th September 2022</i>
	<i>Tuesday 6th September 2022</i>
	<i>Tuesday 3rd January 2023</i>
	<i>Monday 24th July 2023</i>
	<i>Tuesday 25th July 2023</i>