

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th October 2022

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

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by with lots of learning taking place in school and out on educational visits. The purpose of visits is to extend and enrich learning opportunities linked to the themes that are being taught in class. I am sure that you will agree, that children really benefit from these experiences and they are a way of enhancing classroom learning by making real world connections. During the course of the year, children will have opportunities to go out on visits or we will bring visitors in to school.

### [Class 2 Visit to Blue Planet Aquarium in Ellesmere Port](#)

On Wednesday, Class 2 visited Blue Planet Aquarium to support their learning on their theme 'What is lurking in the depths of the sea?' linked to their Science and Geography curriculum. Children participated in a workshop and were very close to the sea creatures in the tanks and tunnel. We were most impressed with the questions that children asked in order to find out more and as usual, St. Lawrence pupils were commended on their behaviour, depth of understanding and enthusiasm.



### [Class 4 Visit to Anglo Saxon Museum](#)

'Yesterday, class 4 visited the Shrewsbury Museum for a fun filled Anglo Saxon workshop in the morning, with time to explore the gallery in the afternoon. The children had a fantastic time burying an Anglo Saxon skeleton, learning about Anglo Saxon letters, making runes out of clay and examining artefacts. Their knowledge and interest was noted so well done to the children on their fantastic questions and answers throughout the day!



We look forward to hearing about the forthcoming visits that have been planned this half term for Class 1 and Class 3. It is wonderful seeing learning brought to life and children showing their understanding and depth of knowledge. We would like to thank parents for supporting the educational visits organised and the positive feedback.

## Parent Consultations

You should have received a Parentmail about booking a parents appointment via the online booking system. If you have not made an appointment yet there is still plenty of time to do so and it is highly recommended. Should you have a problem booking it online you can contact the school office who will be happy to help with this matter. Following parental feedback we have continued with the option to have either a telephone consultation or a face-to-face meeting.



### A reminder of the consultation schedule.

- Friday 14th October - Class 1 (8.30– 10am phone calls, 11-12.30 face-to-face appointments)
- Monday 17th October - Class 4 (8.30 - 12 phone class, 1 –4pm face-to-face appointments)
- Tuesday 18th October - Class 3 (8.30 - 12 phone class, 1 –4pm face-to-face appointments)
- Wednesday 19th October - Class 2 (8.30 - 12 phone class, 1 –4pm face-to-face appointments)

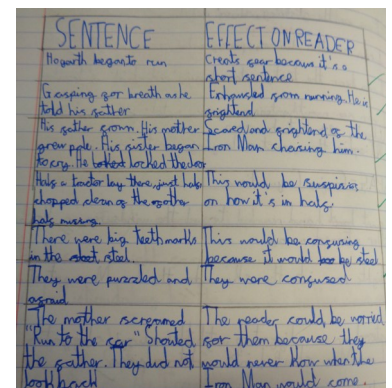
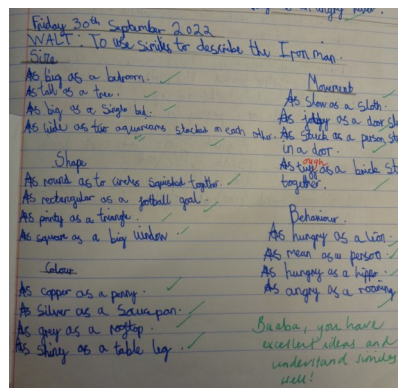
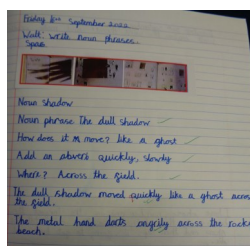
## Read-to-Write Scheme

This year we have purchased a new writing scheme called **Read-to-Write** which empowers teachers to provide high quality teaching of writing through high quality literature. The units of work centre on engaging, vocabulary rich texts which we call the 'Vehicle text'. Many of the carefully selected vehicle texts have strong thematic links to science, history and geography which are our curriculum drivers. They also enable us draw upon the wider curriculum, which helps us to build a rich, connected curriculum for our pupils. Our school philosophy is '*Reading and writing float on a sea of talk*' so talk is embedded in to the curriculum model. Our aim is to encourage children to use the author's choice of words in their own writing, using ambitious vocabulary and word choices to further improve their work.

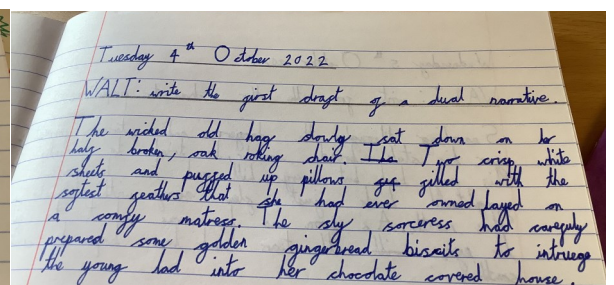
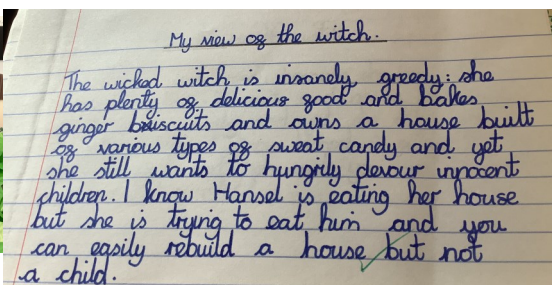
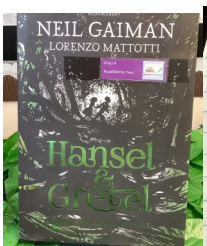
### Some examples of the impact of our new writing approach.

Class 2 have been learning the meaning of new words including **glimpse, translucent, mysterious and echoed**. During our visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium Esmae was heard saying '*I just caught a glimpse of that mysterious, translucent jellyfish looming behind a rock.*'

### Class 3 - The Iron Man Text



### Class 4 - Hansel and Gretel





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**#HelloYellow is back!**

**And it's never been more important!**

Last year [#HelloYellow](#) was a record-breaker - it was the brightest year yet! But this year a different, more concerning record has been broken. According to the latest NHS figures, almost half a million young people are now being treated for mental health problems every month. That's more young people than ever before seeking support - and most aren't getting the help they need. This needs to change. With your support, it can.

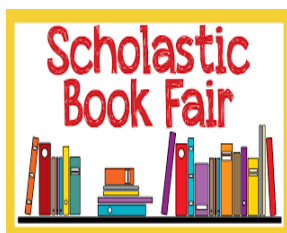
This World Mental Health Day, thousands across the country are coming together to say #HelloYellow. **Join us on 10 October** to show young people that how they feel matters, and help us create a future where all young people get the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

A St. Lawrence to support this event children can wear their own clothes (can be yellow but please do not go to any expense), and bring in a small donation which will be sent to the Young Minds Charity. We will also be planting daffodil bulbs on this day so in the Spring we have a plethora of yellow around the school grounds. As a school, we make mental health and well being a priority as we understand that a healthy mind is just as important as a healthy body. Please do come and speak to us if you have concerns so we can offer support or signpost you to the best sources available. BEAM is a local drop-in service for young people who are registered with a GP, in Shropshire, Telford or Wrekin, follow the link for further information - [BEAM wellbeing services](#).

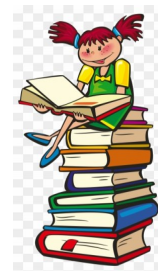
## BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Book Fair from Friday 14th to Wednesday 19th October in school.

We will be inviting parents into the school hall with their child to buy books at the end of the day when children are collected. To ensure that there isn't too many people in one place we have allocated a day for each class.



Friday 14th October - Class 4  
Monday 17th October - Class 3  
Tuesday 18th October - Class 2  
Wednesday 19th October - Class 1



If you are unable to come in with your child to see the books you can send your child in with some money in a named envelope on Wednesday 19th October where teachers will have set sessions where they will organise the purchase of books.

The Book Fair is organised by Travelling books bringing a selection of the very best books to inspire and entertain young readers. Any books purchased will earn free resources and books for school.



**FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

BBC Children in Need's vision is that all children and young people in the UK have a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to fulfil their potential.

All children can come to school in something spotty for a minimum donation of £1.00

Please do not go out and buy something especially, homemade items are just as good!



To start our fundraising we have Pudsey and Blush ECO pin badges, Pudsey pin badges and bracelets for sale at £1.00 each from the school office from **Wednesday 2nd November**





# 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 **Charlie** for pushing himself as the group games progressed to help the team. We think this shows one of our school values which is "Courage".

### Head Teacher Award

Esmae : for using vocabulary from our English sessions confidently in her own conversations.

### Class Awards

#### Class One

Freddie C - for always trying so hard to be the best he can be.

#### Class Two

Ariana-Jane - for working hard in all lessons.

Lucas - for his terrific maths work in Logic Problem lessons.

#### Class Three

Emily - for working quietly during tasks and being the best she can be.

Oliver C - for always setting an example and working so hard.

#### Class Four

Sophie C - fantastic interaction during this week's trip.

Arthur - fantastic interaction during this week's trip.

### House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **51** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
<b>St David</b>	23	142
<b>St Patrick</b>	18	155
<b>St Andrew</b>	51	234
<b>St George</b>	22	165



Class 1 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 100% . What a fantastic achievement for our new starters!



## Dates for your Diary

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Wednesday 12th	Class 2 trip to Chetwynd Deer Park
Thursday 13th	Class 1 trip to Wonderland
Friday 14th	Parent consultations—Class 1
Friday 14th	3.05pm - Book fair - Class 4
Monday 17th	Parent consultation—Class 4
Monday 17th	3.05pm - Book Fair - Class 3
Tuesday 18th	Parent consultations _ Class 3
Tuesday 18th	3.05pm - Book Fair - Class 2
Wednesday 19th	Class 3 trip to Shrewsbury Museum
Wednesday 19th	Parent consultations—Class 2
Wednesday 19th	3.05pm - Book Fair - Class 1
Thursday 20th	2.15pm - Harvest Festival @ St Lawrence Church
Friday 21st	Last day of term
Monday 31st	Back to school
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 18th	Children in Need
Tuesday 29th	Nasal flu vaccinations (Details to follow)
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 7th	Classes 3 & 4 Theatre Severn (Details to follow)
Thursday 8th	Classes 1 & 2 Oakengates Theatre (Details to follow)
Tuesday 13th	1.30pm Christmas concert to parents at St Lawrence Church (details to follow)
Friday 16th	Last day of term
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Monday 2nd	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd	PD Day - school closed
Wednesday 4th	Back to school