

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th January 2023

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

Dear Parents,

What a wet and blustery week we have had! I hope you have all managed to keep warm, safe and dry in this ever changing weather.

I have had the pleasure of talking to a lot of children this week and they have made me feel so proud and privileged to be able to call them our pupils. On Monday, I taught in Class 3 at St Lawrence which was wonderful, with the children adapting well to a different person and rising to meet my expectations. Special mentions to Harry, Oliver, Reid, Reuben, Cameron, Max, Beth, Harlow and Noah who worked hard at all times. I was also really impressed with Alexis and how she transformed our sentence into a much more effective one (Running away from a terrifying bear, ---). I'm very much looking forward to the next time I can come into class.

We have also had governors visiting our schools this week. Mrs Devlin came to find out all about maths, and enjoy a school lunch, and was so impressed with how well the children could talk about their learning. Mr Johal came to do a Health & Safety walk and was pleased with how tidy the environment is and that we all know what to do to keep each other safe. Well done to the pupils and the staff team who make our schools such lovely places to be.

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend,

Mrs Nash, Executive Head Teacher

In School News

Staffing

We would like to share with you some staffing news so that you are all aware of developments within school and across classes. In Class 1, we have appointed Miss Haslam to work in a job share arrangement with Miss Fisher. Miss Haslam is an Early Years Specialist and brings with her a wealth of experience working with younger children. Miss Haslam will work Monday to Wednesday and Miss Fisher will work Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Moore continues her role as Early Years/KS1 Lead and will be covering PPA on a weekly basis in Class 1.



As you are aware, both Mrs Standish and Mrs Barker have a 0.8 teaching contract and work for four days of the week. We have recently appointed Mrs Ward to join our KS2 team and she will be covering Class 3 on a Monday and Class 4 on Friday, covering the 0.8 day. Mrs Ward comes with a wealth of experience working across schools in Telford and Wrekin and is due to join us in the next few weeks. We are really looking forward to working with her and I know the pupils will welcome her to the St. Lawrence community.

Mrs Dodwell has made the announcement that she will be retiring at the end of this month. As you are all aware, she has been at St. Lawrence for many years and is a valuable member of the team. It will be sad to see her go, but I am sure you will all agree, that it is time for her to enjoy some quality time and adventures with Mr Dodwell. Sarah Jeffreys, will take on the additional cleaning hours in school.

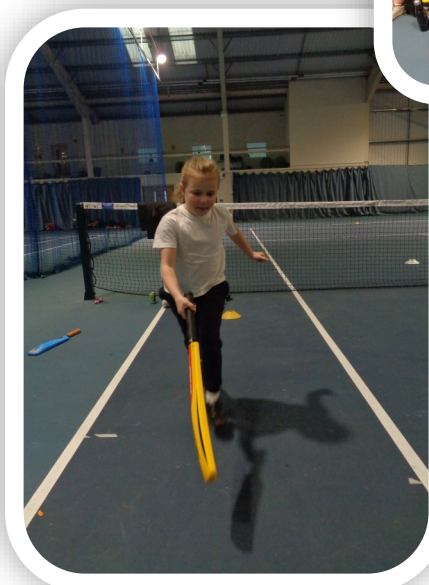
Sporting News



On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Al-Asmar and Mr Matthews took some pupils from KS2 to an Archery Competition which was held at Wrekin College. Many schools attended this competition which made it an exciting and competitive experience for our children. They performed exceptionally well and had so much fun participating, using all the top tips that they had remembered from when Olympian Archer Patrick led some archery sessions. We were thrilled to find out that we were awarded 3rd place in the competition achieving Bronze. The children were presented with a certificate and medal for their achievements in Celebration Assembly today, well done to all involved.



Following on from the archery success, we took some of our KS1 pupils to a kwik cricket event, this was held at Oakengates tennis centre. Our younger pupils took part in four different matches against other schools, showing off their cricket skills that they have previously learned in our PE sessions, the students had a great time filled with fun and a great experience for them to be part of, well done to all of them.





School Dinners Census Day - Thursday 19th January 2023

On Thursday 19th January it will be Census Day at school. This greatly effects our funding for Universal Free School Meals (KS1 free school meals).

We are using this day as an opportunity for pupils to sample the hot lunches available in school. On the day there will be the following menu available for all children to try.

On offer will be Kay's burger boxes containing a Cheeseburger or burger (a vegetarian option will also be available) curly fries and a homemade cream cupcake for pudding.



Your child is still welcome to bring a packed lunch but everyone in KS1 will be offered a **free** school lunch.

KS2 pupils can also purchase this lunch if they wish to.

CLASS 1 REQUEST

Class 1 are learning about space this half term and will be making their own rockets. Please could you send in any cardboard boxes (all shapes and sizes) and tubes if you have any at home. Thank you.

Competition Time



Task

- ◆ To produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, 'Peace'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, prose, or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme.
- ◆ Up to maximum of 550 words for prose entries.
- ◆ Up to a maximum of 40 lines for poetry entries.
- ◆ No pictures/drawings to be part of the entry.
- ◆ All entries to be legible. Can be written or typed.



How to Enter

Organised by local Rotary clubs. Age group winners of local heats are entered into a district competition.

Children need to write their composition on the theme of 'Peace' using their own ideas and inspiration.

All entries need to be sent in to the school office by **27th February** so that they can be passed to our local Rotary Club representative for judging of the heat.

Judges with appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will apply the judging criteria below.

Judges will consider imagination relative to the subject; the ability to engage interest and to be consistent in the power of argument.

Judging Criteria

We look forward to receiving the entrants from all our budding writers.



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 nominated **Isla** for always respecting and showing kindness to her peers.

Class Awards

Class One

Charlotte - for working so hard with her writing and phonics.

Class Two

Niamh - great work in maths.

Oliver - being helpful to others.

Class Three

Cameron - always listening well in class.

Baaba - excellent English work.

Class Four

Graciella - great participation in Dance and helping her group learn new moves.

Daniel - trying his best to learn the dance move set.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St David's** with a staggering **73** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	73	199
St Patrick	48	191
St Andrew	68	265
St George	57	219

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 1 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 100% and Class 3 a close second with 99.03%

Very well done!



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Dates for your Diary

JANUARY	
Monday 2nd	Bank holiday
Tuesday 3rd	PD Day - school closed
Wednesday 4th	Back to school
Wednesday 11th	Class 3 swimming starts for 10 weeks
Thursday 12th	York visit Zoom meeting for Year 5/6 parents - 9.30am
FEBRUARY	
Monday 6– Tuesday 7th	Year 5/6 - Residential York visit
Friday 17th	Last Day of Term
Monday 27th	Back to school

