

St Lawrence CE Primary



NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th January 2023

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

Dear Parent,

At the end of a very cold week, I would like to thank you all for your patience whilst we moved snow or ice and ensured safe staffing ratios, and the determination shown to get into school. I have seen children very sensibly moving around the playgrounds and really looking out for one another when slips inevitably have happened. Thank you all.

This week at Tibberton, it was wonderful to see so many parents at the phonics workshop and staying to enjoy lunch with their children- I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children; their smiles and pride in having a grown up visit them in school were infectious.

At St Lawrence, I was so proud of the basketball team who managed to win their competition! I am sure you will read more about this later in the newsletter and join me in congratulating the children who took part.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Nash.

In School News

Children have been enjoying the snow this week and it is caused much excitement. We have used our professional judgement and children have played outside when it has been safe to do so. In future, should we have snow again, we would recommend that children bring in to school a pair of boots and spare socks in a bag so they will be able to play on the field.

This Sunday, (22/1) sees in the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese New Year. The Rabbit is the symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture, thus 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope. On Tuesday, children will be participating in Chinese New Year Workshops in collaboration with the Multicultural Development Team. These workshops promise to be lots of fun as well as provided children with further information about Chinese culture. We look forward to sharing with you some photographs in next week's newsletter. Class 1 have already been immersing themselves in Chinese culture this week in preparation for next week.



This half term in our Worship sessions we have been focusing on the school value of 'Honesty,' reading the bible story of [Zacchaeus](#) to the children. The story relates to the tax collector Zacchaeus and how he changes his dishonest ways by meeting Jesus and deciding he wants to become a better person. Follow the link if children would like to watch an animated version of the story.

Following our Worship this week Amelia (Y5) has written a prayer about the value of Honesty.

Dear God,

Help us to be honest in difficult and tricky situations even if we find it hard. Let us be honest so others can learn to trust us.

Amen

Sporting News....



On Tuesday afternoon, we took six children from year 5/6 to represent St Lawrence in a basketball tournament held at Wrekin College. Our children had to play 4 games in their group stages, out of the 4 games we won 3 and drew 1. We then went on to play the winning team in the other group. It was a very close game, only one basket was scored and the winning shot was made by Ruben who led the St Lawrence team to victory. This made us the winners of the whole tournament, finishing in first place.

This is a great success for our students and school as we now get to go to represent Shropshire in the county finals basketball games, as well as our National finals in the football. We've had such great success recently, well done to all involved in all sporting activities. The pupils are a credit to the school and we have had such positive comments about the exemplary behaviour and good sportsmanship shown. Well done!



A special mention also must go to Mr Al-Asmar and Mr Matthews for their commitment and enthusiasm to sport and enhancing the PE offer for all our pupils.



I had a really good experience. I felt everyone put a lot of effort into the basketball. We worked well as a team and everyone tried their hardest. **Charlie W**



CLASS REQUESTS

Class 1 have run low on spare clothes to change children into during the school day if they have had an accident. If you have any unwanted, good condition jogging bottoms, tights or socks to fit Class 1 (KS1) pupils, staff would be really pleased.

This half term in Art lessons Class 2 are exploring collage as part of their unit of work. In order to recreate landscape art Mrs Moore and Mr Al-Asmar are asking for a variety of magazines so that children can cut these up for collage pieces. If you have any spare, they would be gratefully received.



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.

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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 Jenkins has nominated **Esmæ** for always showing compassion to the whole school community.

Headteacher Award - Mrs Moore would like to give a special mention to Ella in Reception for her wonderful instructional writing on how to make a Chinese lantern.

Class Awards

Class One

Freddie C - for working so hard in phonics this week.

Class Two

Darci - for setting wonderful learning examples.

Rosa - for her great problem solving.

Class Three

Kofi - for showing focus and resilience all week.

Noah - for showing huge improvement in handwriting.

Class Four

Leo: Working really hard on division and multiplication facts.

Olly: always being super helpful to his peers and teachers.

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	59	258
St Patrick	34	225
St Andrew	34	299
St George	65	284

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 1 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 100% and Class 4 a close second with 99.11%

Very well done!

Cash For Schools 2023

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 Wednesday, March 1, 2023**, 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 **1st March 2023 to 25th March 2023**.

£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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