

# St Lawrence CE Primary



## NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th January 2023

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

This has been a busy week in the Federation but, as always, the children and staff have adapted to change and flexed. Classes at Tibberton have been so sensible in moving around and enabling the new windows to be fitted safely and without and big disruption to learning. At St Lawrence, everyone was incredibly welcoming when we had two visitors this week- they both commented on how lovely the school looks and feels, as well as the super learning behaviours they saw.

As we head into the weekend, I am proud to be sharing some of our Artwork with our local schools and was so impressed with the children in the new Art club this week at St Lawrence. Tibberton, your club starts on Monday, and I can't wait to see your talents! We really value all aspects of the curriculum and all of the interests of the children in our schools, so being able to provide after school enrichment is important to us. We are currently looking at our music offer, and hope to be able to add to this very soon.

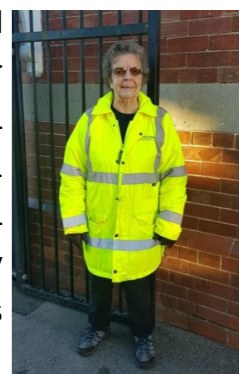
With very best wishes for a safe and happy weekend,

Mrs Nash.

### In School News

The news may have filtered through to you via the children in Class 3 (as they were so very excited), but in case it hasn't, we would like to make to you aware of the happy news that Mrs Barker is expecting her second baby in the Summer. I am sure will agree this is such happy news for her and her little family.

Today, we bid farewell to Mrs Dodwell as she begins her much deserved retirement. The children got to say their own special goodbyes to her in our celebration assembly today. I know she was touched by the kind, thoughtful words that were shared about her. We must extend our thanks to Mrs Dodwell for her 23 years of service at St. Lawrence and I know she will be missed by all the staff, pupils and parents. She has always gone above and beyond her every day duties, really caring about the St. Lawrence community. The door is always open and she is welcome back any time to pop in and see us.



As you will have read on our previous Parentmail communication the National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action which with the first date being planned for Wednesday 1st February. The planned strike action is as a result of a national dispute between unions and the government, and not schools, federations or academies. As we have sufficient staff in school we anticipate that school will remain open on this day. We may need to reconsider the curriculum on that day for safeguarding purposes, but we will communicate this separately to the classes it will affect.



# Chinese New Year!

We were very lucky to work in collaboration with Telford and Wrekin Cultural Arts Centre this week who arranged some workshops for the children across school.



'Ivy and Ella W were the dragon, it's a big bit of Chinese New Year' - Ella R



Class 2 wrote their names using ribbons.



We had to cook it, I mixed it altogether."  
Freddie C



We made vegetable stir fry, we had to peel and chop the carrots - Arthur

# Chinese New Year!



The dragon dance made me feel part of the Chinese culture.

'I learned how to move inside the Chinese dragon costume. It was fun!' Angelica



I loved the ribbon dancing and think I could become a professional in the future.



I enjoyed spinning the napkins because I was resilient and got the hang of it in the end.  
Reid



# Our Voice counts....



## **A message from the Committee**

Hello! We are the St Lawrence 2022-23 School Council and we wanted to write to you to tell you a little bit about what we do and our aims for this year. Every week we meet with Mrs Standish to represent the pupil voice. We hold regular 'School Council Surgeries' at lunchtime where all of the other children can come in and talk to the school council about things in school which matter to them or suggestions that they would like to happen. These suggestions are then discussed in weekly meetings that we have. We also run the Friday Celebration Assembly where we relay messages from our meetings, give out certificates and celebrate achievements from the week.

This year, after discussions in our School Council Surgery and School Council Meetings, we are launching a new initiative called '**Positive Playtimes**' which will create lunchtimes and playtimes where children play happily together in a number of activities. Our aims this year are to:

### **Purchase More Play Equipment**

We would like to buy more equipment for playtimes such as skipping ropes, hula hoops, a range of balls, target areas on the walls etc. In our school council meetings, we have priced this up and would like to raise in the region of £500.

### **Making the Quiet Garden an 'all year round space'**

We love our quiet garden and would like to make this an all round year area, rather than something that we can only access in the summer. To do this, we need to replace the existing floor for concrete and add extra outdoor all weather seating as a lot of the seating is log based which children couldn't sit on in the winter.

### **Introducing an Activity Hut**

We have a wooden hut outside of our quiet garden which is unused. We would love to make this water tight, put a safe flooring in, decorate this and add seating! This is a big job but we think this would provide an area for children to go and read or colour at breaktimes.

Please support our first event to raise money – a mufti day next Friday – and look out for more School Council events in the near future. In the meantime, if you feel that you can help, or know anybody that can help with our dreams for the quiet garden or renovating the hut, please get it touch!

**From Harrison, James, Oscar, Lily, Rosa, Ivy and Harlow**



# 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 **Cameron** for being a happy, hard-working, caring member of the school community.

**Headteacher Award** - Goes to all the children this week for 'being the best they can be' in lessons and participating with our Chinese New Year celebrations.

### Class Awards

#### Class One

Arthur - super focus and listening this week

#### Class Two

Theo - great Geography skills.

Elsie-Mai - terrific maths work.

#### Class Three

Jake - for working so hard and trying his best in everything this week.

Reid - always putting 100% effort in to all that he does.

#### Class Four

Ella- for fantastic work on fractions

Sophie - for fantastic work on fractions

### House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Patrick's** with a staggering **69** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
<b>St David</b>	60	318
<b>St Patrick</b>	69	294
<b>St Andrew</b>	34	333
<b>St George</b>	59	343

### ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 3 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 99.52% and Class 1 second with 96.03%

Very well done!

# St Lawrence C.E. Primary School

## Terms and Holidays 2023/2024



### Autumn Term 2023

PD Day's	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Term begins	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Term ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December
PD Day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

### Spring Term 2024

Term begins	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
PD Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Term ends	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March

### Summer Term 2024

Term begins	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

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Staff PD Days:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024

# 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.



Let your family and neighbours know we have entered Cash for Schools and collect as many tokens as you can.

Thank you for your support