

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and happy new year. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and were able to celebrate in a way that was special for you.

This time of year can be difficult for people, so if your circumstances have changed or you feel you may need some support, please come and speak to us as we're always happy to help where we can.

The children made a super return to school on Wednesday, and it was a pleasure to see them in worship times at both schools. The Class 1 children from both St Lawrence and Tibberton impressed me with their ability to get back into the school habit; at St Lawrence they joined our whole school worship on Wednesday and sat listening very well, and at Tibberton they were engaged in creative dance with Mrs Leaver, moving round the hall making whooshes and chopping carrots! The children leave me feeling inspired and motivated for the new year ahead of us, and I am looking forward to being able to share more of their successes with you.

Mrs Nash, Executive Head Teacher

In School News

Staff at St. Lawrence would like to wish all our children and families a Happy New Year and hope that this year brings much love, joy, health and happiness. We would like to give a huge thanks to all the children and parents for all the gifts, cards and Christmas wishes that were sent at the end of term. They were so gratefully received and we were overwhelmed with people's kindness and generosity.



This week, we must apologise for the confusion with the opening time of the gate. Just to confirm the gate will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am, ready for a 9am prompt registration. The end of day time has changed to a 3.15pm finish instead of 3.05pm. This increase is in line with the government statutory guidance, this comes in to force September 2023 to ensure pupils meet the recommended teaching hours across the week.

Teachers have been busy planning the new themes for this half term and the curriculum maps will be sent out to parents shortly. See below a quick overview of what children will be learning over the coming weeks. As always, we are planning curriculum enrichment to make the topics come to life!

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Theme Title	Is there anyone out there?	What do we know about the Wrekin?	Why did the Ancient Egyptians build pyramids?	Were the Vikings really vicious?
Curriculum Driver	Space themed linked to UW - Understanding the World.	Geography – Local landmarks and compass directions.	History – the achievements of the earliest civilizations	History – the Viking and Anglo–Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England

Back to School Advice on Childhood illnesses

We hope that the new year brings with it a healthier school community. We are aware that there were pupil and staff absences due to high levels of illness and we hope that everyone has now recovered. This week's attendance has been very positive with an overall attendance figure of 100%. This is a wonderful start to 2023 and long may it continue. Please follow the link below for further advice on how to manage illnesses and mitigate the spread.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19and-scarlet-fever

Education Welfare Officer

Attendance is high priority within the local authority and as a school we are asked to report on attendance regularly, both to our governing body and to external school support. This academic year, our attendance is being managed by our local Education Welfare Officer (EWO), Bobby Kaur. Bobby has a responsibility for managing and improving attendance as well as supporting families who may feel they need help. She is assigned to both St. Lawrence and Tibberton federation and the Newport cluster of schools. Through half termly meetings attendance will be monitored and parents of children whose below 90% attendance falls will receive notification of this. We do understand that illness



is unavoidable, we will of course make considerations for individual cases.



ECO Friendly Message

We would like to support The Little Green Pantry with their eco-friendly approach to living. Our ECO warriors will be finding creative ways this year to support this initiative.

The Little Green Pantry aims to make sustainable plastic free shopping as simple as possible, whilst supporting other local Wellington businesses and suppliers.

If you have any spare chocolate tubs left over from Christmas please can you bring them in to school by Monday 13th February so a member of staff can take them to be recycled and support Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Should you wish to find out more about the <u>Little Green Pantry</u> please follow the link.

The Little Green Pantry is at The ···· × Little Green Pantry. 10 h · Telford · ©

Wondering what to do with all those chocolate tubs once you've devoured the contents? \bigcirc

If you don't want to refill them with pasta or rice then bring them to us and we will take them to the @greeneking_official #tub2pub scheme to be recycled and help raise money for @macmillancancer at the same time 🞉 🌍 🛟

The deadline for dropping off to us is Saturday 18th February

More details on what is accepted is available at http://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/

#reducereuserefill #reducereuserecycle







AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

<u>St. Lawrence Values Award</u>

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 Moore has nominated **Ivy** in Reception for showing such a sensible and mature attitude towards a playtime incident. Her answer was so articulate and she was able to deliver the message to other classes in school.

Class Awards

<u>Class One</u>

Ella - working so hard and trying her very best.

<u>Class Two</u>

Drew - for his great handwriting work.

Aman - for his increased independence.

<u>Class Three</u>

Ivy-Rose - working so hard in Topic this week.

Alfie - having a super start to 2023.

<u>Class Four</u>

Olivia P: Excellent Science work

April: Excellent Science work

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St George's** with a staggering **19** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	7	126
St Patrick	6	143
St Andrew	14	197
St George	19	162

Attendance Award



What a fantastic start to the term.

100% for the whole school.

Well done!



St Lawrence CE Primary

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	

