

St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents,

Another busy and exciting week has passed by in the Federation. We have had a visit to York with Year 5 and 6 pupils from both schools, a football competition, singing and art clubs, cinema club at Tibberton, and a visit from Reverend Helen at St Lawrence. It is so wonderful to see the schools active and engaged in learning in a multitude of different ways. The children have also focussed on mental health and internet safety this week- two very important facets of modern life- and it has been a pleasure to hear about their work. Thank you to the pupils, staff, parents, PTA and visitors who help make our schools vibrant and positive places to be- we have more visitors and trips coming up, which I know will continue to add to the children's learning journeys.

Thank you also to the parents who completed the recent surveys. These are very useful in helping us make decisions regarding future planning, and also enable us to reflect on what has gone well and what could be even better.

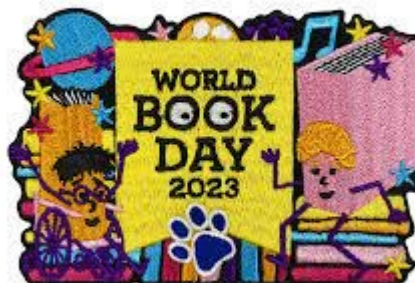


Could I ask you to remember that the weather is still very cold- children need to be bringing coats to school every day. Also, at Tibberton, we need you to continue to work hard to improve attendance levels: last week we finished on just over 93% which is a not as close as we would like to our target of 97%. St Lawrence seem to have got great attendance sorted, so now let's get this right across the federation. If you need any support with getting your child to school, please contact myself, one of the heads of school, or the office team and we will be pleased to help.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy weekend.

Mrs Nash.

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March 2023 and this year we are going with a dress up theme of 'Dress to Express' - being who we want to be.

This includes children coming in to school dressed in their own clothes, hair accessories, hair dye for the day etc.

Books chosen will reflect the diversity of the world and why its good to be you!



Residential trip to York



On Monday, 19 pupils from Class 4 accompanied 25 pupils from Class 4 and 5 from Tibberton to York. On arrival, they visited the spectacular Jorvik Museum where the children learnt all about how the Vikings lived from the fantastic life size displays in the museum. The sounds, sights and smells experienced on the ride around the museum really brought the Vikings to life for the children. After, they visited the York Dungeons where the real life actors retold a range of historical stories, and thoroughly entertained the pupils for the afternoon. They then travelled to their accommodation in York where the children had an evening meal and then spent the rest of the evening sharing quizzes, games and conversations with each other across both schools. On Tuesday morning, they took part in our final activity - visiting the York Castle Museum. Here, they were enthralled by the various displays on offer, from World War 1 to the Victorians, to visiting the parts of the Museum which used to be a real life prison. The children particularly enjoyed their experience in the Victorian schoolroom where they were treated to a lesson from a 'Victorian school teacher'. A fantastic time was had by all, pupils and staff alike, and Mrs Standish and Mr Mathews could not have been prouder of the excellent behaviour on display from the children. It was lovely to share the trip with our federated school and many new friends were made across the two days.





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 **Miss Fisher** has nominated **Evie** for showing kindness to her friends especially when out on their trip to Enginuity.

Class One

Ivy - for always being a role model.

Class Two

Jack - for focussing in lessons to be the best he can be.

Eowyn - for excellent arithmetic accuracy.

Class Three

Owain - for progressing so well with his times tables.

Oliver - for always working so hard and trying his best in everything.

Class Four

Arthur - fantastic concentration in class

Poppy - independence in maths

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Andrew's** with a staggering **122** 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 |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| St David | 80 | 446 |
| St Patrick | 112 | 453 |
| St Andrew | 122 | 526 |
| St George | 72 | 462 |

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 4 children have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98.67% and Class 3 second with 95.65%

Very well done!

Safer Internet Day



This year Safer Internet Day 2023 took place on the 7th of February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

The School Safety Squad have presented an Assembly this week based on this year's theme of "Want to talk about it" and focused on when things don't seem right who the children can talk too.



In class 1 children discussed ways in which they could use the internet safely and then wrote a caption about this. Take a look at Grace's wonderful idea of "Think before you click".

Class 2 designed their own posters to highlight the safety of Internet Day.



Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week.

Children's Mental Health Week is organised by the [Place2Be](https://www.place2be.org.uk/) charity and is taking place from Feb 6th-12th. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect' to encourage children (and adults) to look at how we can make meaningful connections. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

1 in 6 children have a diagnosable mental health issue, so it's really important to help each other out when we can, and to find ways to take care of our minds. One very simple but powerful way to connect with others is through kindness.

Kindness is a simple way to help EVERYONE. When we are kind to each other, it helps us to feel connected, which means we forge new friendships or deepen existing ones. Research has also shown that when we're kind, when someone is kind to us or even if we just witness kindness, our bodies release feel-good hormones which lift our mood, giving us what's known as a 'Helper's High'. Kindness isn't just a nice thing to do, but can help us improve our own well-being, while helping others at the same time. And Children's Mental Health Week is a perfect time to start!

The following website has tips, ideas and resources for parents at home if they wish to explore this further.

[Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.or.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.or.uk/)



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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