St Lawrence CE Primary NEWSLETTER Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a busy week! The children at both schools are working so hard, both in the curriculum and outside it, and it is a joy to share time with them-I hope you are very proud of the efforts they put in every day.

This week, I have enjoyed welcoming one of our governors into school at Tibberton (St Lawrence visit coming up in the summer term) and also watching the Year 4 Tibberton pupils perform in the Newport Big Sing; what a fantastic job they did! I was also pleased to spend time in Class 4 at St Lawrence where the children showed real resilience towards answering some tricky SATs style questions. We have had the last of our Key Stage 2 art clubs at both schools, and I am grateful to the parents who were able to come in and share that session with their children.

Nest week we have lots to look forward to again as we think about the meaning of Easter and the importance of this time in the Christian calendar.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of providing a healthy snack for your children. We are seeing a growing number of bags of sweets, large packets of biscuits and chocolate coming onto the playgrounds at break time, and this is not appropriate. A treat can be packed as part of a healthy, balanced lunch, but we cannot allow children to eat such quantities of sugar at breaktimes. We are looking at ways of helping to support your children with making healthy choices. Thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend,

Mrs Nash

In School News

On Wednesday, we took our Year 5/6 pupils to the ESFA Midlands Regional Final 2023 at the Vale Stadium, Castle Vale, Birmingham, to compete against other small schools as we had qualified for the finals. The children played exceptionally well and although we didn't win the pupils showed integrity, resilience and team work and should be so very proud of their efforts. It is the first time that St. Lawrence has qualified for a competition like this so it is a huge achievement for us, the smallest primary school in the borough. Today, in assembly we presented the team with their medals and they were congratulated by their peers. We still hold the title of Shropshire Small Schools Winner and this success is celebrated.





Easter Service

Just a reminder that the Easter Service will be on Wednesday 29th March 2023 at St. Lawrence church. The service will begin at 9.30am and the PTFA have kindly offered to open the church at 9am so you can walk up to church after drop off. Refreshments will be served by the PTFA and proceeds will go towards equipment for our 'Positive Playtimes' initiative.





Cake Sale and Bake Off

As you are aware the school council are raising money to purchase new playground equipment as part of our initiative 'Positive Playtimes.' On Monday 27th at 3.15, we will be holding 2 events -A Junior/Parent bake off competition and a Cake Sale.

If you would like to enter the Bake Off, please bake a cake with your child over the weekend of Saturday/ Sunday (25th/26th) and bring this into school on the morning of Monday 27th March with the child's name and class and parent name

(e.g Flora, Class1, and Mary etc).

The cakes will be judged over the day and the winning cake will receive a prize!

Can we also please ask for donations of cakes to be brought in on the morning too, to sell at the Cake Sale.



The Cake Sale will take place in the hall at the end of the day where the competition cakes will be sold, along with the other cakes.

All proceeds will go to the School Council Positive Playground initiative.

Year 5/6 Netball Telford Competition



This week our Year 5/6 Netball team won their first ever game as a team against Grange Park.

The score was 2-0.

The team finished 3rd in the group and made it to playoff matches.

Well done girls, you were all fabulous!

REMINDER



Could we ask that all outstanding dinner money please be paid by Wednesday 29th March. This will ensure that there will be no outstanding debt towards the school for the new financial year.

There will be no increase in the price of dinner money at the beginning of next term. The daily price of a school dinner will remain at £2.45 a day.



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 Matthews** has nominated **Year 5/6 football team** for showing great attitude and respect towards their opposition in their finals.

Class One

Sofia - for a super attitude to learning.

Class Two

Beatrice Flanagan - an excellent understanding of fractions.

Ella - for her terrific history work.

Class Three

Harry (Yr4) - fantastic progress with his times tables.

Soraya - beautiful descriptive writing in English.

Class Four

Ruben - being a great friend to others.

Cora - for her increased confidence in class.

House point winners

This week the winning house is **St Patrick's** with a staggering **29** points.

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
St David	28	689
St Patrick	29	706
St Andrew	21	733
St George	9	691

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 4 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an an attendance figure of 97.78%

Very well done!



Our Achievements beyond the Classroom



Elsie & Harlow with their medals that they won at their gymnastics competition last weekend.

Well done girls!



Funniest Joke Competition



Q:What did one maths book say to the other maths book?

A: Don't disturb me, I've got my own problems.



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Voted by the pupils at St Lawrence



Rotary Young Writers Competition

We are proud to announce that Graciella's entry in the Young Writer competition was selected as winner of this year's Junior Section at the Rotary Club's District judging stage. She will now go through to the National final at the end of this month.

Well done to Graciella for this achievement. I am sure you will agree that it is such a beautiful poem, extremely poignant,

Peace

Peace is like a dove, soaring freely in the blue, Settling in a nest before leaving for somewhere new.

Peace is a tranquil space, quiet from any sound, Disturbance is not peace, but mindfulness surrounds.

Peace is not conflict, so no guns are around, Harmony means peace, so only love is allowed.

Peace is like a knot, securely interwound, But just like a knot can be quickly unwound.

Peace is something that should come in abounds, Not lives lost and families at war, just to be profound.

Peace is like a treasure chest, hidden in a mound, Made securely and filled with delight, it makes joy renowned.

Peace is freedom, peace is therefore roused, It makes the world right, it makes everyone proud.

Peace is a gift, not to be searched for and to not be unfound.

Written by Graciella Y6, St. Lawrence CE VC Primary School



