St Lawrence CE Primary NEWSLETTER Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had- the children have returned from their half term break with smiling faces, ready to learn. They have immersed themselves in all of the experiences on offer, from making bird feeders, to a Greek workshop, to expressing themselves for World Book Day, to building dens. It is heart-warming to see how well the children support one another in these different activities. This support was evidenced beautifully by the Year 6 pupils when they found out their Secondary school places this week; the pleasure they take in other people's happiness is a true testimony to the sort of wonderful people your children are growing to be. I have felt proud and honoured to share these different, sometimes difficult, times with the children this week.

We have had a visit from our new Christian Distinctiveness Advisor this week, and she was so complimentary of the schools and the children. She said she could feel the warmth and passion in both schools, and that they are both welcoming places to be. How lovely!

My apologies for the mix up over the date for Science Week dress up. This will be Monday 13th March, not the 10th. We have lots of exciting activities planned for that week, and are looking forward to sharing them with you via the websites and newsletters.

It is set to become colder again next week- please make sure children have suitable coats with them as we do try to get out whatever the weather.

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Nash.

In School News

We hope you have all had a good half term break and managed to spend some quality time together.



This week we begin our new exciting themes for Spring 2 and teaching staff will be sending out curriculum overviews (via SeeSaw) in the next few days for you to see the learning that will be taking place. For a quick snapshot please see the table below highlighting the topic question that will form the line of enquiry.

| Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 |
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| Where is that bear? | What would it be like to be royal? | Can you hear the rhythm of the rain? | What do we know about Charles Darwin? |
| Bear stories, learning about different bears around the world. | Linked to King Charles III Coronation and Royal family | (Rainforests, The Water Cycle) | Evolution & Inheritance Local Study |

We look forward to sharing with you some of the work produced over the next few weeks and the exciting opportunities that teachers have planned.

We celebrated World Book Day 2023 on Thursday 2nd March with children coming in to school dressed an array of fabulous costumes to celebrate their uniqueness. The theme of the day was 'Dress to Express' and children were discussing equality and diversity as they learned more about the different protected characteristics. Texts were carefully chosen to support children's understanding and promote engaging discussions.

Carefully chosen texts





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 Barker** has nominated **luy-Rose** for showing courage in swimming and being recognised for her achievements by The Telford and Wrekin Leader..

Class One

Grace - for having such an excellent attitude to learning this week.

Class Two

Ewuradwoa - for her wonderful behaviour.

Eric - terrific maths work this week.

Class Three

Harlow - for her excellent poem about Peace

Emily - for expressing herself and speaking about her World Book Day outfit enthusiastically

Class Four

Daniel - for his fantastic maths.

Izzy - for her fantastic maths.

House point winners

This week the winning house is St David's with a staggering 85 points.

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

| HOUSE NAME | POINTS THIS WEEK | POINTS IN TOTAL |
|------------|------------------|-----------------|
| St David | 85 | 588 |
| St Patrick | 53 | 588 |
| St Andrew | 54 | 635 |
| St George | 39 | 595 |

ATTENDANCE AWARD



We would like to give a special mention to those children who have received **100%** attendance since September. This is a great achievement and would like to say well done to the following: – Baaba, Sofia, Evie J, Arthur E and Freddie C.

Those receiving 99% attendance also need a mention as this figure is incredible - Kofi, Lottie, Drew, Ariana, Ewuradwoa, Freddie P and Ivy J.



Class 4 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an an attendance figure of 98.67%

Very well done!



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Trying new and exciting things is an integral part of growing up.

We launched 10 by 10, our campaign to encourage children to try ten things before the age of 10 for this reason.

Each 10 by 10 activity opens a child's eyes to the world, builds their confidence and lets them have fun. They could even help a child discover a talent or ignite a passion they did not know they had.

Since the launch, around 1,000 children have created a 10 by 10 account, and many more are trying activities through their school. More than 300 children have also taken up the free-swimming offer.

Thank you to all parents who have created an account and are helping their children to try each of the ten activities.

Those families who have a child with a 10 by 10 account can now visit Attingham Park for a reduced price until Friday 31 March 2023.

The reduced tickets will be £5 per adult and £2.50 per child.

When you arrive at Attingham Park you will need to show your child's 10 by 10 account page on your phone to get the reduced entry.

Having visited a few schools, it has been great to see so many children taking part and having a go at each of the ten activities.

We look forward to the end of the school year when we will acknowledge all the children in year six who have tried each activity.



Councillor Shaun Davies (Labour) Leader, Telford & Wrekin Council



Councillor Shirley Reynolds (Labour) Cabinet Member for Children.

Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Families



activities and offers:

10by10.telford.gov.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 whooping £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