



# St Lawrence CE Primary

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th June 2023

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

Dear Parent,

What a wonderful start to the last half term of this school year! The children have returned from their week off in great spirits and with a hard-working attitude; well done to all of them. I'm sure the sunshine and lighter days helps lift everyone's mood, but the children also lift mine as they greet me with smiles, waves and friendly hellos.

As we start this seven-week half term, I need to remind you of the expectations around school uniform. This should still be in-line with school policy, for example school shoes not trainers, except on PE days. We understand that you may not want to buy new shoes close to the end of term, however there are 6 more weeks before the summer holidays and we expect the children to continue to look smart as they are representatives of the school. We have school trips and visitors coming in, so it would be appreciated if everyone could continue to look smart in the correct school uniform every day. Thank you.

We will be writing to let you know more about staffing for next year soon, but please be assured that all staffing decisions are made with the best interests of the children at their heart. Over the coming weeks, we will introduce you to any new members of the Federation family, as we did with Miss Griffin and Ms Wilkinson at Tibberton this week. Thank you for the warm welcome Mrs Hemmings has received at St Lawrence; I know she is enjoying teaching Class 3 and being part of the family.

Next week we have our Healthy Lifestyles Week across the federation. Thank you to those of you who were able to contribute to some of the activities we have planned during the week. I'm sure you will hear all about them from the children, and we will send pictures on next week's newsletter as well as updating the websites. This is a great opportunity to put some of those healthy habits we all know about into practice, for example spending less time using devices and screens, getting out in nature more, making healthy food choices by checking sugar content, trying a new sport or mindful activity, etc. Please let us know any healthy swaps you are inspired to make at home so that we can celebrate them with you.

A big thank you to the PTFA at St Lawrence who gave up some of their half term to repurpose, repair and refresh one of our sheds so that the children have a beautiful nurture space to use. We are very grateful, and if you can't find me in the office, that's where I'll be! As part of their continued work to support the school, the PTFA are asking for tombola donations for the upcoming summer fair in exchange for non-uniform on June 16th. These donations could be unopened smellies, bottles, books or toys in good condition, sweets, etc. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the PTFA and supporting events like the summer fair (being held on June 30<sup>th</sup> this year) then do get in touch, they would love to tell you more about how they support the school and pupils.

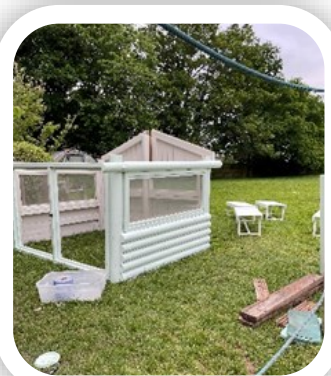
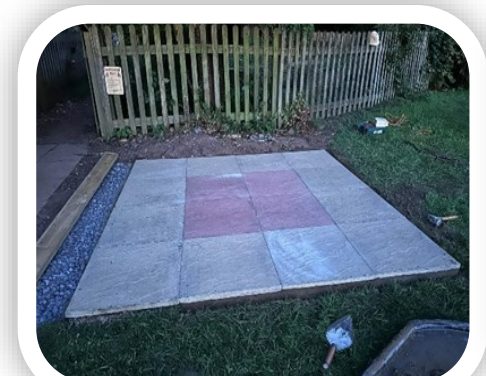
Wishing you all a happy and healthy weekend- and remember the suncream!

Mrs Nash

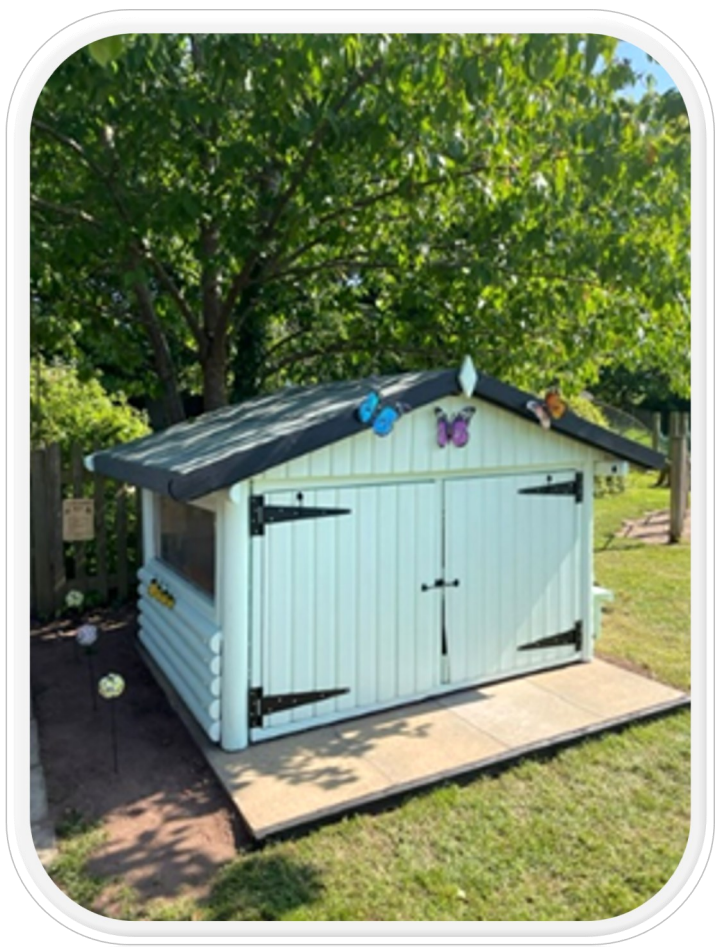
# Wellbeing Shed



Throughout this school year, it has been the school council's vision to turn a dis-used hut on the playing field into a Wellbeing Shed – a place where children could go during break and lunchtimes to colour, read or just take some time out from the activities on the playground. During half term, our wonderful PTA made their dreams a reality by giving several days of their time to renovating the structure. They dismantled the old shed, laid slabs down for new flooring, and rebuilt the shed before painting, decorating and furnishing it. On Monday, our school council officially opened the Wellbeing Shed with the whole school giving them a huge count down from ten. The whole school community would like to take this opportunity in thanking the PTA for their time and dedication with this project. It looks incredible and we couldn't be more grateful. Thank you so very, very much. See pictures below for before, during and after pictures, a photo of the proud school council with unveiling the new Shed, and children from some members of the school PTA who also helped out last week.



# Wellbeing Shed



A big thank you to the Friends of St Lawrence for the planning, as well as the families (including past and present pupils) who gave up a very long Tuesday and multiple evenings during half term. Please can we also give thanks to Darren and the team from Dobbies. They donated £120 worth of cushions, as well as compost and flowers for the hanging baskets, as they have done twice a year since 2020. Without Dobbies we wouldn't have the front of school looking so nice, nor would we have the fantastic wellbeing space that we now have in school.

We must remember to thank the school council for sharing their views and coming up with the idea for the shed, as well as helping choose the colour scheme.

The Friends would also like to give thanks to Mrs Standish for taking the time to share the vision for the wellbeing shed with the Friends and being available to answer queries during the planning phase.

Emily and Grace picking up the flowers, along with two members of the Dobbies team.



# NSPCC Childhood Day 2023



Today our children took part in running/walking a mile to raise money for the NSPCC. This entailed our children doing 10 laps of our school field which equalled to their 1 mile. Everyone who took part did exceptionally well completing the mile, well done to all!

Thank you to everyone who sent money in. We raised £54.00 for the NSPCC.



## Sports Day CHANGE OF DATE

We would like to confirm that Sports Day is going to be held on Monday 26th June in the morning, weather permitting. An alternative date has been provisionally booked in to the diary which is Monday 10th July.

Parents are most welcome to be enthusiastic spectators and we will welcome you on to the school field. Please ensure on that day that children are dressed in Sports kit wearing trainers and have a sunhat and bottle of water with them.

## School dinners

This is an advance notice of an increase in the charge for paid school meals from September 2023.

The price of a school meal will be £2.50 a day, an increase of 5p a day.

Just a reminder about outstanding debts. If you cannot pay online, please bring the cash in to school. Childrens account numbers for the new system are now available from the school office.



## School photographs



The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th June to take photos of Year 6 leavers and classes.

The photographer will then return in October to take individual photographs of pupils.

## Leavers' Assembly

This Years leavers assembly will take place on **Thursday 20th July** in St Lawrence church where we will say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the very best in their Secondary school. This assembly is only open to parents/carers and family members of our current Year 6 cohort.



## Half term sponsor event

If your child took part in the May half term sponsored event, could we please ask that all sponsor money be sent in to school in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.





# Our Achievements beyond the Classroom



Lily and Evie have achieved another badge in gymnastics



Max wants to let everyone know he has completed stage 6 in his swimming



## Well done everyone!



# 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 Hemmings has nominated Class 3 for their fantastic effort in learning multiplication tables.

### Class One

Ivy—fabulous retelling of the Story Handa's Surprises.

### Class Two

Faith—showing a positive attitude in her learning for her comprehension activities.

Ella - for focusing independently when writing a recipe for a hungry animal.

### Class Three

Rafael - for his excellent effort in maths.

Finn - for his fantastic simile poem.

### Class Four

Sophie - fantastic WW2 Art work

Ruben - insightful words used in RE lessons

### House point winners

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

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

HOUSE NAME	POINTS THIS WEEK	POINTS IN TOTAL
<b>St David</b>	29	934
<b>St Patrick</b>	18	885
<b>St Andrew</b>	18	988
<b>St George</b>	18	876



### ATTENDANCE AWARD

Class 1 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 100%

Very well done!

# Dates for your diary.....

JUNE	
Monday 5th	Back to school
Friday 9th	NSPCC National Childhood Mile
Wednesday 14th	School photographs (Groups and classes)
Monday 26th	Sports Day (AM) (10th July - Reserve day)
Wednesday 21st	KS2 Football @TCAT Details to follow
Thursday 22nd	New starter taster morning Year 6—Big Bang Fair at NEC
Wednesday 28th	Burton Borough Transition Day
Friday 30th	St Lawrence Summer Fair 3.15pm -6pm
JULY	
Mon 3rd / Tues 4th	Ercall Wood Transition Day
Wed 5th / Thurs 6th	New starter taster days
Thursday 13th	Year 5/6 Outdoor Countryside experience @ Harper Adams
Friday 14th	Chance to Shine (PM)
Thursday 20th	Year 6 Leavers assembly (PM)
Friday 21st	Last day of term





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SHOW

# WIN

A BABYBEL LIGHT CHEESE, APPLE & GRAPE SNACK PACK FOR EVERY CHILD IN YOUR SCHOOL AT THIS YEAR'S NEWPORT SHOW!



Local business, Karsten Prepared, are giving every school child the chance to help win a tasty, healthy snack for their whole school in September as they return from the summer holidays.

**Karsten are hosting a fruit-shy from 10am - 4pm in the Festival of Food on the countryside terrace**

Children can win a token for their school by toppling fruit from the shy stall, the school with the most tokens at 4pm will win!

