

St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

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

Dear Parents

In a week where we have seen sunshine one day and floods the next, we have been busy as usual in school. The children are doing a great job in their learning, and we look forward to sharing their progress with you on October 27th via a new document we are developing, and then in the next half term when we have our Autumn term Parent Consultation meetings.

The children were wonderful in thinking about mental health on Tuesday and giving ideas of how we can all look after our wellbeing.

Harvest Service rehearsals are underway, and we look forward to seeing many of you at Church in the coming weeks before we break for half term.

The PTAs at both schools have now met and are always happy to have new members- just ask the school office for contact details. I would also like to say thank you to the PTAs for helping us with things like new recorders at St Lawrence, and new books via the Bookfest Award at both schools.



Wishing you a happy weekend
Mrs Nash

AUDITED SCHOOL ACCOUNTS 2022/2023

St Lawrence CE Primary School School Fund Receipts & Payments Account for year ending 31 August 2023			
Receipts	£	Payments	£
Current Account Balance 1/9/22	29,134.61		
Audit Fees	0.00	Audit Fees	324.00
Bank Interest	2.67	Bank charges	0.00
Bookfair	460.11	Bookfair	0.00
Clubs	1,827.50	Clubs	0.00
Best Practice	927.40	Best Practice	540.00
Donations	3,085.00	Donations	0.00
Little Oaks	26,756.50	Little Oaks	21,300.00
Class items	0.00	Class items	74.67
Fundraising	89.35	Fundraising	147.00
School Visits & Events	7,737.40	School Visits & Events	11,367.37
	40,865.93		33,753.04
		Current Account as at 31.8.23	36,247.50
	<u>70,000.54</u>		<u>70,000.54</u>

In accordance with the school fund guidance notes, I have examined the receipts and payments account, together with books, vouchers and documents relating to St Lawrence CE Primary School for the period ending 31 August 2023

Audit work approved by: **Robert Montgomery** Robert Montgomery (CMIA)
Audit & Governance Lead Manager

Date: 05/10/2023

In my opinion the records have been properly kept and the receipts and payments account is in agreement with the books, vouchers and documents submitted and the explanation given to me.



Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Freddie P— for lovely writing this week

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 Leon has nominated **Poppy** for showing courage as she is becoming more independent.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

HATTIE - for always trying her best and for always having a smile on her face.

Class Two

WILLIAM - impressing everyone with his phonics this week.

EOWYN - working really hard on her Character description this week.

Class Three

ELLA - for her fantastic attitude to all learning, with maths being particularly impressive this week!

EMILY — always shows a gentle kindness and encouragement to everybody.

Class Four

RILEY - for great editing skills in Computing.

OLIVER - great logical reasoning in maths.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 2 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 99.11%

Very well done!



This week in class.....

CLASS 1

Class 1 have had a very busy week this week. In phonics, we have continued learning our sounds (h,b,f,l). In Maths, we have been focusing on our numbers to 3, counting objects to 3 accurately and subitising. Our afternoons have consisted of a very wet and muddy exploration of our Forest School, we continued thinking about how we can manage our feelings and emotions.



CLASS 2



In forest school this week Class 2 made houses for The 3 Little Pigs. We worked together to carry the sticks safely and construct a house big enough. We even tried to blow it down like the Big Bad Wolf!



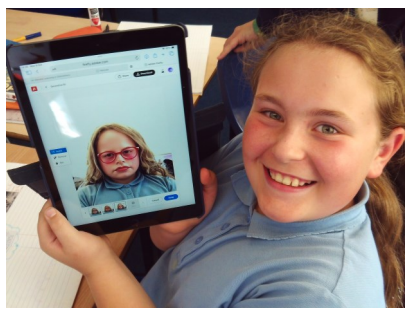
CLASS 3

In gymnastics, we have been working with a partner to build up a sequence incorporating shape, movement and balance, both on and off the apparatus.

We continue to investigate states of matter in science. This week we observed carbon dioxide bubbles lifting raisins to the surface of lemonade, proving that gas is lighter (less dense) than liquid.



CLASS 4



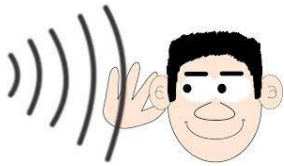
This week in computing, Class 4 looked at how easy it was to manipulate a photograph. The children thought about what impact edited photographs might have on society and how it feels to find out you have been deceived.



A child's week in St Lawrence....

I have been learning about our sounds and blending them into words.

Rory—Class 1



Class 2 have been learning about the weather in Science and nighttime.

We have also been doing sewing.

Ivy and Elsie.



We have been learning about Fairy tales with happy endings and bad endings.

Bea— Class 3



Class 4 have been learning about prime numbers, 1970's lifestyle and Tim Peaks journey to space.

Ivy-Rose



Our Achievements beyond the Classroom



Harlow had a gymnastics competition last Sunday and was placed 1st and 4th in her categories.

Well done Harlow!



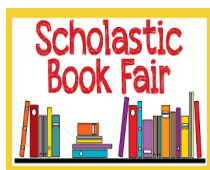


It's Book Fair Time!



We will be holding a Book Fair from Wednesday 11th October to Monday 16th October in school.

We will be inviting parents into the school hall with their child to buy books at the end of the day when children are collected. To ensure that there isn't too many people in one place we have allocated a day for each class.



Friday 13th October - Class 3

Monday 16th October - Class 4

Tuesday 17th October - Class 1

Wednesday 18th October



If you are unable to come in with your child to see the books you can send your child in with some money in a named envelope on their allocated class day where teachers will help them purchase their books before the end of the school day.

The Book Fair is organised by Travelling books bringing a selection of the very best books to inspire and entertain young readers. Any books purchased will earn free resources and books for school.



Our Harvest Festival has been organised for **Friday 27th October** at St. Lawrence Church at 1.30pm. Each class will make a small presentation so we hope that parents will be able to join us in church on this afternoon.

Once again we are asking for kind donations of food for Harvest and then this will be packed and taken to Telford Food Bank to support families in our local area.

A member from [Crisis support](#) will be coming in to school to lead an assembly on Tuesday 17th October with a focus on the work undertaken in our local area.

**Telford
Crisis
Support**

If you are able to make a donation of tinned or sealed goods we would be most grateful. Items would need to be brought in to school on **Friday 27th October** so we have them packed and ready for delivery.

We would like to set an aspirational target of 100 items again like last year - lets see if we can work together to achieve this!

Thank you all for your support.

Severn

Training & Schools Alliance

Train to Teach in Telford with Severn Training & Schools Alliance!

Severn Training & Schools Alliance (STSA) is based in Telford. They offer Primary (4-11) and Early Years (3-7) PGCE Lead School Partner Route initial teacher training, with their partner, the University of Chester. Candidates need to have a degree, plus GCSE 4-9 or equivalent in English, Maths and Science to apply, and successful completion of the course provides candidates with QTS and a PGCE.

Now recruiting for September 2024, if successful in gaining a place trainees can look forward to a training year which will include two contrasting placements in Telford schools in two different key stages, and curriculum and academic training sessions with their whole cohort delivered in Telford by trainers who are not only experts in their particular field but familiar with Telford & Wrekin schools. Many STSA Associate Teachers secured permanent employment within Telford schools following successful completion of the course last year.

Interested or know someone who may be? STSA hold weekly online information sessions, each Tuesday evening during term time from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. This informal session will give you the chance to have all your questions answered. For more details visit the website, www.stsa.uk, email the team on stsa@taw.org.uk, or telephone 01952 387237.

Half Term Activities in Telford & Wrekin Libraries

Diwali Craft

Get ready to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights by making your own paper lantern and Diya to decorate your home.
Suitable for children aged 4-11 years.

Newport Library Tuesday 31 October 2-3pm

Southwater Library Wednesday 1 November 2-3pm

Wellington Library Thursday 2 November 2-3pm



Local Author Book Launch

Pete White will be launching his first three books in the Enchanted Kingdom series.

The books are:

The Blacksmith's Struggle

The Anxious Knight

The Sorcerer's Secret

Pete will read and talk about the books

Signed copies will be available.

Suitable for children aged 3-7

Southwater Library Friday 3 November 11am-1pm

Book your free place at www.telford.gov.uk/libraires



Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
OCTOBER	
Thursday 12th– Wednesday 18th	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 17th	Individual Photographs
Thursday 19th	Class 1 Trip – Wonderland
Monday 23rd	New starter 2024 parent visits
Friday 27th	Harvest Festival Service in St Lawrence Church 1.30pm
Friday 27th	Last day of term
NOVEMBER	
Monday 6th	Back to school
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Heights and weights
Wednesday 15th	Odd Sock Day - details to follow
Friday 17th	Children in Need—own spotty clothes.
Tuesday 21st / Wednesday 22nd	New starter 2024 parent visits
Thursday 30th	Class 3 and 4 Theatre trip to Theatre Severn
DECEMBER	
Friday 8th	Christmas jumper day
Tuesday 12th	Class 1 and 2 Theatre trip to Oakengates Theatre
TUESDAY 19th	Reception and Class 2 Nativity - Details to follow
Thursday 21st	Carol service in St Lawrence Church—1.30pm
Thursday 21st	Last day of term
JANUARY	
MONDAY 8th	Back to school