



St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023

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

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break. It has been a joy to see the children back in class, energetic and happy to be learning and playing with friends this week; it already feels like we have been back for weeks as the children settle so well back into school routines.

At St Lawrence, it was a pleasure to accompany Class 4 on their trip down a mine- this really was an adventure, with us having to wriggle through caves to get a real feel for being underground. I know that other classes across the federation are busy planning immersive and exciting experiences for their children, and I look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

We have also welcomed Mr Mullinder to the team this half term, who has already been a hit with the children and will be able to offer after school clubs each day he is in the school. He will also support with lunchtime activities, so there will be plenty of opportunity for your sporty youngsters to get involved. Mr Mullinder's appointment has meant some changes to PE days, so please make sure you check any Seesaw or ParentMail communications for information about this. We are reviewing which other clubs we can offer, and hope to have more information for you soon.

Rightly, we have had a focus on Remembrance this week, and what it means to give your life for others. We have remembered all those people who take risks to keep us safe, and have said thank you for their bravery and dedication to protect. Thank you for the donations we have had for the poppy appeal, this does mean a lot.

Wishing you a peaceful and reflective weekend,
Mrs Nash

Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying

The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Rasella : for her independent writing and blending in her head.

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 Mountcastle** has nominated **Florence** continually showing courage by always trying her best even when she finds something tricky.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Elsbeth : for trying hard to hear and blend sounds in words. Well done.

Class Two

Freddie : for working incredibly hard in phonics this week.

Esmae : for working hard on her handwriting this week.

Class Three

Harlow: for giving thoughtful and accurate answers to questions about 'light'.

Faith: for answering Guided Reading questions using full, clear sentences.

Class Four

Alexis : for showing great courage and bravery in the caves.

Oscar : fabulous suggestions as what might happen next in our class book.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 3 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98.86%

Very well done!



This week in class.....

CLASS 1



This week in Class one we have been exploring Guy Fawkes and Bonfire night. The children have been writing about the sounds fireworks make, they have used chalk and glitter to create their own firework pictures and created bonfires using natural materials in our Forest School session. We have also been learning about Circles, triangles and position in Maths and discussed the importance of poppies and Remembrance day.



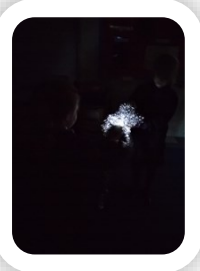
CLASS 2



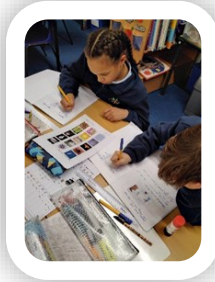
Class 2 have been looking at money this week - we have been playing games to help us learn our coins and notes.



CLASS 3



In Class 3, we have started our new Science topic 'Light'. Today we were investigating whether objects should be described as light sources (producing light energy) or light reflectors (only light up or shine when a light source is shone on them). We tested our theories in the dark!



CLASS 4



Class 4 had an amazing time on Monday, caving in Llanymynech. They showed great resilience, facing the challenges with courage and determination.

Our Achievements beyond the Classroom



Four of our children from the Federation were invited to feature in Councillor Shaun Davies' Christmas video. This film will be used on the council's social media channels and sent out to residents to wish them a happy Christmas.

Mrs Nash transported the children to Southwater One Library today where filming took place.

Look out for our budding stars on Councillor Shaun Davies' social media channel in the near future.

Well done everyone!



Message from the ECO Team....

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Team....



Cut Your Carbon is our month-long carbon-cutting challenge. Taking place throughout November 2023, the campaign challenges young people and their families to complete nine simple actions that will reduce their carbon footprint.

Cut Your Carbon is a great way to learn more about the carbon emissions connected to everyday actions and how we can reduce them by making small, manageable changes.

The school Eco team would like everybody to get involved by having a go at some of the simple ways to cut your carbon. Please send your entries of how you have cut your carbon into school by Monday 27th November via either See Saw or print off any photos and writing about it. You could make a poster, drawing or information sheet about it.

All children who take part will receive recognition for taking part as well as some extra prize winners who have tried especially hard to cut their carbon (selected by the Eco team).

Any questions, please ask the Eco Team or Miss Fisher.

Thank you and get cutting that carbon!

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CARBON**



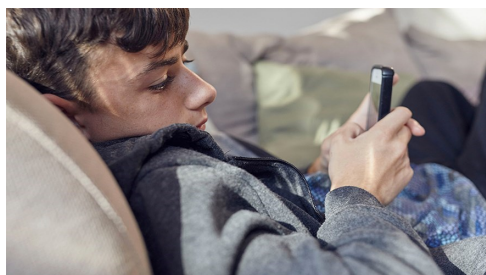
Online Safety



Support and tips to help you keep children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

Please click on the links below for advice on online safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

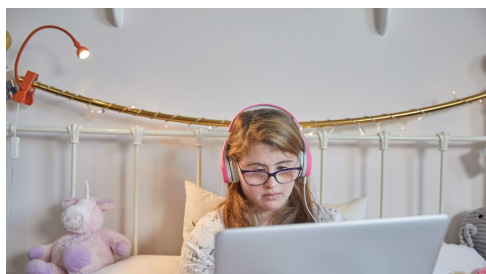


Online games

Advice for parents to understand the risks of online games and help your child play safely.

www.nspcc.org.uk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>



Six features to help keep your child safe on YouTube

An overview of the safety features and parental controls to help keep your child safe on YouTube.

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Let's keep kids safe online



Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
NOVEMBER	
Monday 6th	Back to school / Class 4 Trip to Copper Mines
Monday 13th	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Heights and weights
Wednesday 15th	Friends of St Lawrence AGM
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
Wednesday 20th	Christmas dinner in school
Thursday 21st	Carol service in St Lawrence Church—1.30pm St Lawrence Church carol Service - 7pm
Thursday 21st	Last day of term
JANUARY	
Monday 8th	Back to school





Our Armed Forces risk everything to protect our way of life.
Your poppy shows you care and helps to continue their vital work.

The Poppy Appeal will be in school with items to purchase
from Monday, 6th November until Friday, 10th November.

All items are available for a suggested donation.

Thank you for your support





We're supporting

BBC

**Children
in Need**

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER

BBC Children in Need's vision is that all children and young people in the UK have a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to fulfil their potential.

All children can come to school in something spotty for a minimum donation of £1.00

Please do not go out and buy something especially, homemade items are just as good!

To start our fundraising we have Pudsey pin badges, Pudsey and Blush pin badges and bracelets for sale at £1.00 each.

Yellow and Brown classic Pudsey ears £2.50 each.



Sale starts from **Thursday 5th October**