



St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st December 2023

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

Dear Parents

We have reached the beginning of Advent- a hugely important time in the Christian calendar as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Advent is a gift that invites us to slow down, and enjoy the hope, joy and love that God offers us in his son.

Everyone is also busy preparing in school for nativities, services, parties and events - please check the dates section on the newsletter for more information; we are looking forward to sharing this festive time of joy with you all.

A plea again from me- most children are coming to school well wrapped-up and with layers to keep them warm during the day. There are, however, a few children without coats- we really must insist that all children wear a coat for outdoor play when the weather is cold and frosty.

As you know, Mrs Moore left her post as Head of school at St Lawrence last year and I have been acting as Head as well as Executive head for the first term. I am pleased to share with you some staffing changes that come into effect today, that will enable a more effective distribution of responsibility, and provide you with a clear route of who to speak to in both schools.

Mr Battrick has been appointed as Headteacher for both schools; this means he will work across both sites and be able to positively affect progress for all children. Mrs Hemmings (St Lawrence) and Ms Wilkinson (Tibberton) have been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at their base schools, and we are looking forward to widening the senior leadership team. I remain in my Executive headteacher role, so will continue to be involved with all pupils and families across the federation.

This means that we are able to provide the following in terms of a system for contacting school:

For general enquiries, please contact the school office.

For questions or queries about your child or their year group, the first port of call is the class teacher. If you are dissatisfied with the response or outcome, you can arrange to speak to the Assistant head.

If you need to complain about a member of staff or a system or incident outcome, then please contact Mr Battrick via either school office.

If you remain unhappy and feel the matter is not resolved, then you will be able to escalate this to me, in line with the complaints policy.

If you would like any further clarification, please just ask.

I will leave you with my warmest wishes for a happy weekend, whether you are putting up your tree, hanging lights, enjoying Elvish escapades, or taking a wintry walk.

Mrs Nash



Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Lottie – for her brilliant letter about how we could raise money to help others.

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 Skilton-Yates** has nominated **Niamh** for showing compassion towards her peers and for being brave when standing her ground.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Hattie - for always trying her best in everything she does. Well done Hattie.

Class Two

Alex - for a fantastic attitude towards his learning this week.

Y2 - Whole year group for smashing their assessments this week. Well done!

Class Three

All of Class 3 for their exemplary behaviour at the pantomime. Well done, Class 3!

Class Four

Beth - for a beautiful depiction of the nativity on a stained glass window.

Olivia – for a beautiful depiction of the nativity on a stained glass window.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



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

Very well done!



This week in class.....



CLASS 1

This week in Class 1, we have been learning about the story How to Catch a Star. We created our own trap to catch our star and used our phonic knowledge to label our picture. We have also continued exploring the planets in our Solar System and learning facts about Earth and Mars.

CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a very busy week, Year 2 have been working really hard on their assessments and I am very proud of you all. Year 1 have been continuing on with our learning on The Gruffalo and have worked hard designing and creating their own masks to retell the story. We have also been decorating the classroom ready for the countdown to Christmas.

CLASS 3

In forest schools, children have been polishing up their orienteering skills by using compasses to help with their creation of treasure maps.



Class 4



This week Class 4 have been investigating how stories are shown through art in Christianity.

We have looked at stained glass windows that tell the nativity story and created our own.

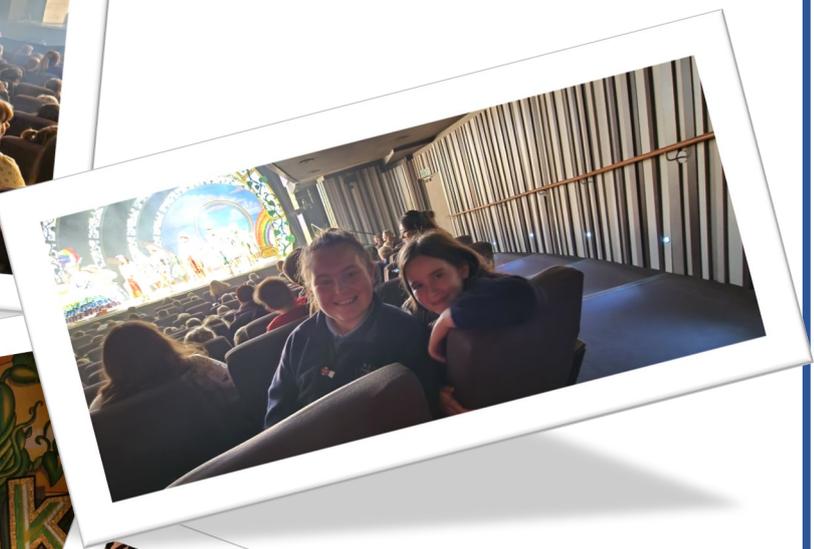


Pantomime trip



PANTOMIME TRIP

This week classes 3 and 4 visited the pantomime at Theatre Severn. All of the children really enjoyed the performance and we were lucky to have two children chosen to go up on stage at the end of the show!



Message from the ECO Team....



This weeks ECO Champions are.....

CLASS 3

Class 3 were nominated by Olivia D for their paper lanterns.



Also this week, Isla came up with an excellent idea to hold a celebration around our school Oak tree to mark National Tree Week (photos and more information to follow)

Photograph taken by Mrs Leon.



ST LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The schools Christmas post box will be located outside the school office from Monday 4th December until the end of term for pupils to post their cards to friends and members of staff. The post box will be emptied by the children daily.

Recycle - Bring your used Christmas cards in to school on Monday 8th January and we will recycle them for you.

Please ensure that the name of the child/teacher and their class number is marked on the envelope!





Christmas events.....



- Monday 4th December — Mufti Day - Children to come to school in Mufti in exchange for items for Christmas hamper.
- Thursday 7th - ECO Christmas craft event 1.30—3pm.
- Friday 8th - Christmas jumper day.
PTA — Film night 5.30pm.
- Tuesday 12th - Class 1 and 3 Theatre trip.
- Wednesday 13th - Parent appointments.
- Tuesday 19th - Class 1 and 2 Nativity 2pm at St Lawrence Church.
- Wednesday 20th - Christmas dinner in school.
- Thursday 21st - Carol service in St Lawrence Church at 1.30pm.
Last day of term.
- Friday 22nd - PD Day : School closed.

Merry Christmas



Invitation to our ECO Christmas Craft event

Thursday 7th December

1.30pm—3pm



We are inviting **ONE**
parent/carer into school

to make

2 eco Christmas crafts
with their child/children

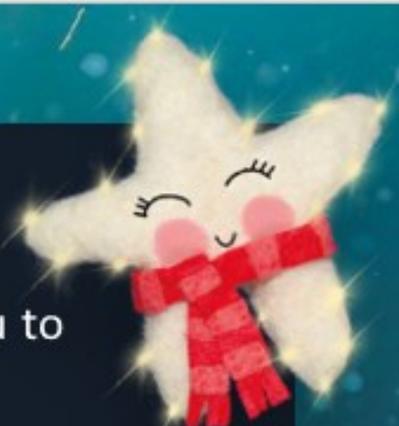


Please let the office know who will be attending
this event



Class 1 and 2...

To _____
Parents and Families of Class 1 and Class 2



We are so excited to invite you to

production of

the Twinkly Nativity

Here's everything you need to know
about our nativity performance!

DATE: Tuesday 19th December

TIME: 2PM

ANY EXTRA INFO: St Lawrence Church – You can arrive
from 1:30

Please bring your **loudest** round of applause
and your **biggest** standing-ovation shoes...

We're gonna bring some

twinkle
to your **toes!**





Christmas Dinner

SENCO Drop in session

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SESSIONS

Tuesday 5th Dec
09:00 - 10.30

This year Kay will be cooking the Christmas dinner on Wednesday 20th December.

The cost of a school dinner is £2.50 for class 3 and 4 pupils. Class 1 and 2 do not need to pay.

If your child **DOES NOT** require a Christmas dinner please inform the office by Friday 1st December so that Kay can order all the produce in time.

If we do not hear from you we will automatically put your child down as having a cooked dinner.

You are invited in to our SENCO drop-in sessions on Tuesday 5th December 9am to 10.30am to meet Mrs Osborne and discuss any concerns or to catch up on your child and how they are getting on in school.

Please note that there are no time slots given and there may be a small wait at busy times.



ONLINE SAFETY TALK

We are pleased to announce that second video is now available via this link <https://tinyurl.com/ParentOnlineSafetyTibLaw> or from the QR code below. As you will be aware, the online world moves quickly, and so we hope to help you keep on top of the new apps and language children are using, thereby helping you to keep your children safe online.

Especially important re: WhatsApp and knowing what your children are doing online and on devices.

If you have any questions or concerns after watching these videos, please get in touch.





Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
DECEMBER	
Friday 4th	Mufti Day
Wednesday 6th	Class 2 trip to Jackfield Tile Works
Thursday 7th	ECO Christmas Craft event 1.30–3pm
Friday 8th	Christmas jumper day PTA–Film night–tickets on sale
Tuesday 12th	Class 1 and 2 Theatre trip to Oakengates Theatre
Wednesday 13th	Parent appointments
Thursday 14th	Class 3 Trip to Think Tank
Tuesday 19th	Reception and Class 2 Nativity @ St Lawrence Church
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
Friday 22nd	PD Day–School closed
JANUARY	
Monday 8th	Back to school
FEBRUARY	
Friday 9th	Last Day of term
Monday 19th	PD Day–School closed
Tuesday 20th	Back to school



Back By Popular Demand

The Friends of
St. Lawrence Presents...

Christmas Movie Night

Friday 8th December 2023

17:30 – 19:30

**Tickets cost £3.50 and will include
drinks and snacks.**

Tickets will be available to purchase from
the school office from Monday 20th November.

Pyjamas
and
dressing
gowns are
encouraged!

All funds raised
will go towards
supporting the
children in
school

Movie
choices will be
made in school





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Open Week for current Year 5 pupils
22-25 January 2024

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Registration opens 1 December

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