



# St Lawrence CE Primary

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st December 2023

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

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of the Autumn term- it seems like we're being blown towards Christmas this morning! We have truly enjoyed working with you this term, and watching the children flourish and grow. This year's Nativity and Carol Services are among the best I have ever seen, and we have been so proud of the children for taking part in these events and representing their classes and schools so well.

Thank you for your ongoing support, it is much appreciated by the whole team. We understand that we don't always get everything right and that pleasing everyone is impossible, but we endeavour to listen and work together, in the best interests of your children. If you haven't yet had chance to complete the Forms survey (link in last week's newsletter) then please do- your views are important to us.

I hope that you all have a peaceful, fun and festive Christmas holiday; we look forward to seeing you in January- we return on the 8th. Please remember, if this time of year is difficult for you, you are not alone- reach out and we will be happy to support you.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Nash



## Important reminders....

### **HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME.**

If you request for your child to be absent from school during term time due to family holidays, please can you complete a holiday form from the school office.

### **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness please inform the school office by 9.30am on the first day of absence so this can be recorded correctly.

Thank you.

# Celebrating success this week

## HEAD TEACHER AWARD.....

the whole school for working so hard throughout the long autumn term.

Huge Congratulation to Poppy and Sophie who won the St Lawrence Football Kit designer competition.

As you can see a fantastic effort by both girls. Here they are pictured with their winning designs and their prizes.



## Message from the ECO Team....



Did you know these are not able to be recycled by your usual household recycling as they require specialist treatment. They take approximately 500 years to break down.

The ECO team would like to collect as many of these empty tubs next half term and Miss Fisher will drop them off to The Little Green Pantry in Wellington.

Thank you!



# stay

Preventing Homelessness & Supporting Brighter Futures

Lottie, Oliver and Soraya who are some of our Spiritual Ambassadors accompanied Mrs Nash yesterday to “Stay in Telford” where they donated a hamper for the vulnerable and homeless people.



Stay has been a specialist charitable housing provider and a provider of person-centred support for homeless and vulnerable people in the Telford & Wrekin Borough, for over 30 years.

Stay began life in November 1997, when Telford Christian Council Supported Housing (now operating as Stay) was established. The charity was set up after a number of young people turned up at local churches asking for help as they had nowhere else to go. The name ‘Stay’ however was known in Telford for some years before that time through the original “Stay Project” at Wesley House in Oakengates, which was opened in 1990.

The former Methodist chapel that had fallen into disrepair was refurbished by volunteers from local churches (ably assisted by Anneka Rice and the Challenge Anneka TV programme) and opened its doors as a place of refuge and help for young homeless people in the town.

Today, they support over 1,000 homeless and vulnerable people each year. As a small charitable housing provider, they are focused on supporting people facing significant life challenges. Stay are a safety net and springboard for people across the Borough of Telford. They catch people when they need help and support them to thrive.





THE  
READING  
AGENCY

## Winter Mini Challenge



### Winter Mini– Reading Challenge

Keep reading through the Christmas holiday and into the New Year with the Winter Reading Challenge. Go on to the Reading Agency website to sign up and access lots of activities.

The Reading Agency has today announced that they are teaming up with the [Youth Sport Trust](#) again for this year's Winter Mini Challenge, a free reading adventure. The Challenge encourages children to keep up their reading over the winter holidays and offers rewards and prizes for continuing to read.

During the school holidays, some children experience a 'dip' in their reading skills. The Winter Mini Challenge is on a mission to change this by providing a way for children to keep reading for enjoyment outside the classroom. Accompanying resources which can be downloaded through the digital platform will help families and teachers to provide free and fun activities over the holiday.

The Winter Mini Challenge will run until 19 February.

#### How it works

Welcome to the Winter Mini Challenge, a reading challenge running from 1 December 2023 to 19 February 2024!



##### 1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account



##### 2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review



##### 3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock rewards for your reading including a new online badge and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!

Bring your certificate into school when you have finished so that we can share your success in assembly





# Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Thursday 21st	<b>Last day of term</b>
Friday 22nd	<b>PD Day—School closed</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Monday 8th	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 8th	4pm Manor Adventure Parent meeting @ Tibberton Primary
Wednesday 10th	Class 3 swimming lessons start for 10 weeks
Monday 22nd— Friday 26th	Year 5/6 to Manor Adventure
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Friday 9th	<b>Last Day of term</b>
Monday 19th	<b>PD Day—School closed</b>
Tuesday 20th	<b>Back to school</b>

