



# St Lawrence CE Primary

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024

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

Dear Parents

Happy new year, and welcome back to a new term. We are so pleased to see everyone back at school, smiling and working hard. The children have been wonderful this week, full of news from their Christmas holidays and impressing us all with their speed at settling back into school routines.

Thank you for your support, and for your kindness in the shape of cards and gifts to the staff, at the end of last term- it was a very long and busy term, and I'm sure the children were tired after all their hard work. The performances were wonderful at both schools, and I hope you were able to join us for at least one of our Christmas events.

We are looking forward to the federation residential in a fortnight- the staff are working hard to make sure that groups and rooms are arranged fairly, and that the children not taking part will also be well catered for in school.

Our Christian Distinctiveness Advisor joined us at both schools this week, and was so impressed by the children's happy attitudes, and the warm welcome she received; she even said it was enough to make her want to get back into teaching- although we're not surprised as we truly appreciate spending time with your children every day. We have our reading workshops coming up soon, so please sign up and spend some time with us enjoying books and thinking about the world of reading.

The weather is due to be even colder next week, so please ensure that your children have a warm coat, and also hats and gloves, so that they can enjoy their time outside. If we do have to close for snow at all, please remember to check the local radio stations, as well as school websites and your parent mail accounts. If any of your details have changed, please update them with the school office so that we can get hold of you should we need to.

With best wishes for a safe and peaceful weekend,  
Mrs Nash



# Celebrating success this week

## AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....

### HEAD TEACHER AWARD

Amelia (Y6) for leading worship in church 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 Mountcastle** has nominated **Alexa** for always being respectful and compassionate towards others.

### TEACHER AWARDS

#### Class One

Alyena— for outstanding letter and number formation this week. Well done

#### Class Two

Freddie P - for his fantastic attitude towards his learning this week.

Esmae - for working so hard on her beautiful handwriting.

#### Class Three

Darci – for fantastic English work. Darci used fronted adverbials perfectly at the beginning of her sentences to describe illustrations from our class text. Well done!

William -for working so hard to further improve his handwriting. Well done, Will!

#### Class Four

Olivia D – Great progress with rounding whole and decimal numbers.

Kofi – Great interviewing techniques to find the facts for a newspaper story.

### ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 3 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 98%  
Very well done!



# This week in class.....

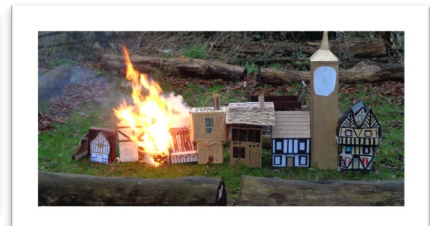
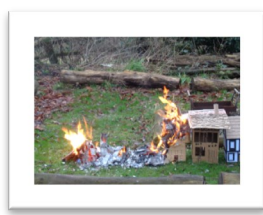


## CLASS 1

Class 1 have had a fabulous start to the term. We have started our new topic for this half term "Where is that Bear?" and have been reading We're going on a Bear hunt. We have explored the story by retelling events, thinking about the characters and making our own stick puppets. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 5 (composition, representing and subitising) and in Topic we have been looking and learning about different types of Bear.

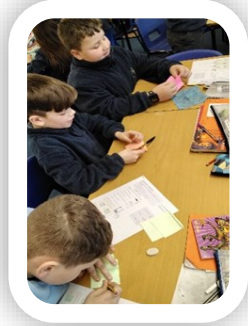
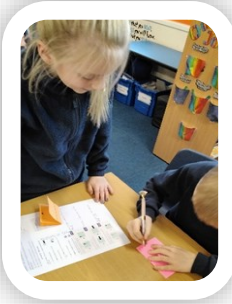
## CLASS 2

Class 2 have got straight back into learning after our Christmas break - we have met the Bog Baby in English, we have started learning about multiplication in maths and we have kicked off our new Geopgraphy topic of Hot and Cold Places. We have also been using the Ipads to create a piece of art in ICT, and on Monday we finally recreated the Great Fire of London with our fantastic home projects.



## CLASS 3

This week in Class 3, children were learning about animations during our computing lesson. They made simple flip books to help gain an understanding into how animations and moving pictures are created.



## CLASS 4

This week in class 4 we have used VR headsets to explore the remains of Ancient Greek sites in Greece. The children looked at what the Acropolis is like today and virtually stood on Mt Olympus!





# A message from the



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.

The Little Green Pantry sent them to a specialist recycling plant in Devon where they were sold and the money then sent to macmillan cancer.

It's time to start collecting again. Please send your empty tubs in by Friday 9th Feb.



Last year The Little Green Pantry collected 196 tubs, lets help them on their way to collect more this year.

Thank you!



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



We are going to launch Woodland Worship sessions once a month at school, from 3:30-4pm, starting in February. The aim of these gatherings is to be together, to appreciate the world we have been gifted, to link to God through nature, and to reflect on our spirituality.

Worship sessions will link to the seasons, and will take place outdoors in our wooded area.

The dates we have planned are:

**February 8th, March 7th, April 11th, May 9th, June 24th.**

You are all welcome to gather with us, and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's Wear it Red Day

In February, Midlands Air Ambulance hold a charity day called Midlands Air Ambulance Charity's Wear it Red Day to show their love this Valentine's Day.



**Midlands  
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On Friday 9th February, we're asking children to wear red, to show their love for Midlands Air Ambulance Charity – and if possible students could bring £1 in each, I'm sure we could raise an astonishing amount of money.

The campaign in February 2023, in just Worcestershire, managed to raise £6,500 for the charity, covering the cost of two helicopter missions and two critical care car missions. Midland Air Ambulance are hoping they can reach or even beat that total this time round, by involving all schools across the 6 counties they cover, so please help us in making the day a huge success!

### POLLING DAY - Advance notice for childcare.



St Lawrence Primary school will be **closed** to the pupils on

**Thursday 2nd May**

due to it being used as a Polling Station by the local Council.



# Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
<b>JANUARY</b>	
Monday 8th	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 22nd– Friday 26th	<b>Year 5/6 going to Manor Adventure–Residential trip</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Monday 5th	<b>Chinese Dance Workshop</b>
Thursday 8th	<b>3.30pm Woodland worship</b>
Friday 9th	<b>Last Day of term</b>
Tuesday 12th	<b>Class 3 trip to Chester</b>
Monday 19th	<b>PD Day–School closed</b>
Tuesday 20th	<b>Back to school</b>

## **SPRING TERM 2024**

Term begins Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

PD Day Monday 19th February

Term ends Friday 22nd March

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Term begins Monday 8th April

May Day Monday 6th May

Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term ends Friday 19th July

## **PD DAYS**

Monday 19th February

Monday 22nd July





## Information on measles and MMR

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Spending 15 minutes with someone with measles is enough to get the virus. Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days. If you've not been vaccinated against measles you can be at risk, but it's most common in young children. Someone with measles can spread the virus up to 4 days before a rash appears, and up to 4 days after.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure you and your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are unsure if your child is up to date with all their routine vaccinations you can check their Red Book (personal child health record) in the first instance. If you are still not sure, or if you need to bring your child up to date with their vaccines, you should contact their GP practice to check and book an appointment.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room. More information on measles can be found [here](#) and information on the MMR vaccine can be found [here](#).



# CHETWYND DEER PARK

# 5K FUN RUN

# & WINTER WALK



**Sunday 25 February 2024**  
**PARK OPENS 9.30am**

**5K FUN RUN STARTS 10.30am | CHILDREN 11.30am**  
**Entries to race & park are online only via QR CODE**

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