



St Lawrence CE Primary

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2024

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

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second spring half term- we have seen all sorts of weather this week, from promises of spring to floods! Hopefully in the coming weeks the weather will settle and the children can enjoy outdoor learning more regularly. In the meantime, please keep sending your children to school with a coat and a jumper because we can't rely on the British weather.



The children have settled back in to school routines very well, and we are proud as always of their efforts and achievements. Please remember to share with us achievements outside of school too, as we love to share in their successes.

I would like to extend my thanks to the pupils and parents who were able to help at St Lawrence during the half term break- the quiet garden area is looking super and ready to be used, and I am looking forward to seeing the bulbs grow and the beds come into flower.

We are looking at possible dates to do some more work during Easter, and if anyone is able to spare an hour or two would be very grateful.

I hope you all enjoyed reading your child's interim report at the end of last half term. If you have any questions about how you can support at home, or what your child's next steps or targets are, please get in touch and the class teacher will be happy to arrange an appointment to talk to you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Nash



Have a Lovely Weekend

Celebrating success this week

AWARDS THIS WEEK GO TO....



Sophie - for being committed to her Eco role and giving up her own time to help in school

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 Miss Fisher has nominated **Alexa** for always showing respect by using beautiful manners.

The Spiritual Ambassadors this week have nominated—

Jack - for being kind and helpful towards others.

TEACHER AWARDS

Class One

Alexa - for an excellent understanding of mathematical language relating to height and length. Well done

Class Two

Alex - for contributing to class activities this week.

Theo - for designing a fantastic suspension bridge in English

Class Three

Ariana: For noticing that a friend was struggling without goggles at swimming and offering to loan him her goggles. Such a kind gesture!

Ethan: For asking such good questions during our firefighter visit and explaining what he knew. Well done!

Class Four

Isla - for amazing resilience when solving percentage problems.

Olivia - for fantastic progress with her arithmetic.

ATTENDANCE AWARD



Class 1 and 2 have won this week's Attendance Trophy with an attendance figure of 100%

Very well done!

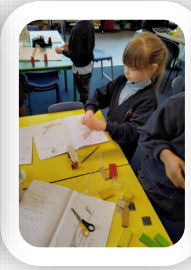
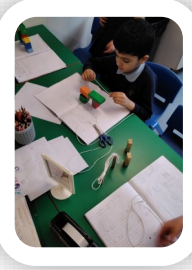


This week in class.....

CLASS 1



Class 1 have been exploring our new Topic for this half term "growing" This week we have been exploring the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar. From this we looked at the Lifecycle of a Butterfly and went on a Minibeast hunt. We found out that minibeasts like, damp and dark places. We also did a worm dance and counted how many worms came to say hello. The children have also been learning about Palm Sunday.



CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a fantastic first week back after half term. We have been designing and creating bridges in English to inspire our writing as well as kicking off our history topic of how did we learn to fly.

CLASS 3

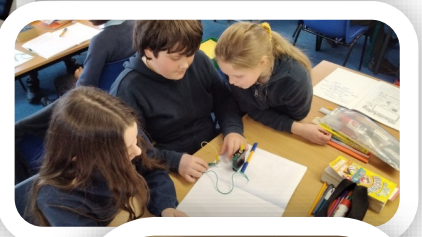
Another busy week in Class 3! On Tuesday, we welcomed firefighters from Shropshire Fire and Rescue. The children enjoyed finding out about the role of the firefighter and how to best keep themselves safe should they be caught in an emergency situation.



In Maths, we have been comparing measures and learning how to find equivalent lengths using metres, centimetres and millimetres. The children measured the height of each other in centimetres and placed them in order.

CLASS 4

This week class 4 have worked hard on understanding how to find a percentage of a whole number and apply this to problem solving. We have also investigated what circuits need to work and built our own basic circuits. On Tuesday, we welcomed 'Loudmouth' into school, who lead a workshop on keeping ourselves safe and the PANTS rule.



Our Achievements beyond the Classroom



This weekend Lottie competed in the Shropshire A A Sportshall Championships. She took part in 3 events and did amazing, Walking away with a Bronze medal in Hurdles and Silver in 2 Lap Sprint and standing Long Jump.



She has now been selected to be part of the U11 team to represent Shropshire in the Regional Sportshall Championships in March.

Sportshall

Well done Lottie





A message from the



Bring & buy sale and the quiet garden

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale and also came to buy. We raised £67.40 which was used to buy plants, bulbs, seeds and other gardening equipment for the quiet garden. A special mention must go to Sophie and Olivia D who thought of the idea and took the lead as part of the Eco team.

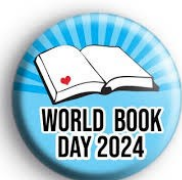


Over half term we did a great job of clearing the quiet garden and preparing it for spring. There is an instant splash of colour with pansies and primroses and the raised beds have been planted with various vegetables. Thank you so much to Mr & Mrs Perry, Mrs Corbett, Mr Nash and their families for all their help and volunteering their time.

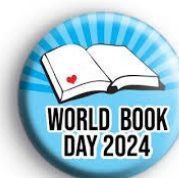




World Book Day Thursday 7th March



Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and will receive a World Book token to spend on a book of their choice at certain book retailers.

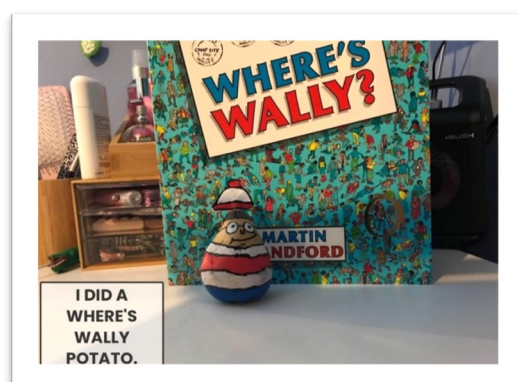


Children are invited to dress as a favourite book character. Please do not feel you need to buy an expensive costume- charity shops sometimes have pre-loved costumes in stock, or you could use something you already have, for example becoming a character who wears their own normal clothes, or designing a plain T-shirt with a book cover image.

During the day, we will have different book-related tasks for the children to complete. We will also be holding a book swap. Children are welcome to bring a book into school that they no longer want, and swap it for a different one. This will take place during the afternoon of the day.

We are running two World book Day competitions- one is an Extreme Reading Challenge, and more details will come out to you closer to the time. The other is a creative competition, to be completed at home, if you and your child would like to take part.

We would like you to turn a potato into a book character, or an empty shoe box into a scene from a book. The choice is yours, and the more creative the better! There will be prizes for the best entry from each year group.





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:

March 7th, April 11th, May 9th, June 24th.

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



POLITE NOTICE

During swimming lessons can we please ask for children not to bring to school aerosol deodorant cans. Please make sure your child has roll on deodorant if they wish to bring any.



PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN ONLINE

WhatsApp is a popular tool with adults and children, however more and more young people are reporting that they are upset through conversations or screenshots taken during a conversation, which are then used on other platforms for unkind reasons.

If you click on the link below the page has a great 6 minute read all about WhatsApp, explaining clearly the positives as well as the pitfalls to watch out for in protecting our children online.



<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp#:~:text=WhatsApp's%20main%20purpose%20is%20to,relatively%20safe%20social%20media%20app.>



Dates for your Diary.....

DATE	EVENT
MARCH	
Friday 1st	Year 5 girls—A taste of High School at NGHS
Monday 4th	Class 2—Cosford trip
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Thursday 7th	3.30pm Woodland Worship
Monday 11th	Start of Science week in school—Dress up as a scientist
Tuesday 12th	Class 3—Chester trip—Roman Experience
Friday 15th March	Choir—Telford Sings @ Charlton School
Wednesday 20th	Choir – The Newport Big Sing @ Burton Borough
Thursday 21st	Year 5—Orienteering @ Adams Grammar Year 6 - Computer Coding lesson with parents (9.30am)
Friday 22nd	9.30am—Easter Service in St Lawrence Church Last Day of Term
APRIL	
Monday 8th	Back to School
Thursday 11th	3.30pm—Woodland Worship
Friday 19th	Cricket Engagement Day all classes (Children to come in PE Kits)
MAY	
Thursday 2nd	School closed to pupils—Polling Day
Monday 6th	School closed—May Day
Thursday 9th	3.30pm Woodland Worship
Friday 24th	Last Day of Term
JUNE	
Monday 3rd	Back to School
Tuesday 4th	Class and Group photographs
Wednesday 5th	Class 2—Chester Zoo - Details to follow
Thursday 6th	Class 3 & 4—Millichope Countryside classroom day— Details to follow
Monday 24th	3.30pm—Woodland Worship
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th	Year 6 Bikeability—Details to follow



Lilleshall

NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

Lilleshall National Sports Centres 'Big Open Weekend' is coming up on the 16th & 17th March 2024. We have put together a range of activities that people are able to come and have a go at for free with the aim of encouraging physical activity amongst all ages. Please see below a rough timetable of what the weekend will look like.

Saturday 16th

Day starts: 11am

Day end: 4pm

Activities available:

- Nature Trail (11am-4pm, Nature trail maps available at reception)
- Squash courts & Table Tennis (11am-4pm)
- Badminton (11am-4pm, x3 badminton courts set up, just turn up and play)
- Newport Cycling club – Static roller unit (in door cycling)

Archery – no experience required (11am-1pm, **minimum age of 8 for this activity**, to tie up loose hair and wear closed toe shoes to avoid disappointment)

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16th-17th March

BIG

Open Weekend

Explore our facilities
for FREE





Protect, care and invest
to create a better borough



SOUTHWATER DROP IN



Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library - children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family Hubs information



Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support





The Explorer's Club! Passport To Adventure

An afternoon of exploration and fun! Learn new skills, make new friends and experience exciting journeys, until our end destination brings us together again for a fun-filled party!

Saturday 16th March 2024
Time: 1pm - 4pm

**Venue: ICC 8 Centenary Square,
Birmingham, B1 2EA**

Open to
all children
age 4-8
years old

- Open to all 14 Virtual Schools
- 11 spaces available per Virtual School
- All carers must stay for the duration of the event - families welcome!
- Young person must rank their chosen workshops 1-3 and will be given instructions on the day to which 2 workshops they will be experiencing.

Workshop 1 - Storytelling with Jake Evans!

Join real life explorer, Jake for some mythical, legendary and prehistoric tales! Also, experience what it is like to perform your own story with the help of friends. A vibrant, exciting session sure to whisk you away to places you never imagined! Jake has performed in schools, museums, libraries, festivals, and many other weird and wonderful events and venues across the country and the world.



Workshop 2 - Explore the world of musicals with Lucy and Jessie Hart!

Join West End professionals Lucy and Jessie for drama games, singing and dancing! Learn a song in just one hour, exploring your voice, dancing shoes and limitless confidence! Lucy and Jessie have performed both in the West End, across the UK, and have been part of some of your favourite international musicals!



Workshop 3 - Mycelium map painting with Hipkiss and Graney!

Create a large-scale landscape inspired by micro-organisms and mycelium fungus! Imagine, paint and navigate a giant map made up of minerals, nutrients, creatures and geographical elements.



Hipkiss and Graney create outdoor artworks and events, inviting the public to join them to make, learn and play.

Book your choices now

www.wmvscicfoundation.org.uk