



Newsletter

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Dear Parents

You said, we did...

Thank you to all those parents who contributed to the Parent Survey in January. It was very useful to see your views. It has also been beneficial to hold informal conversations with parents regarding how the school is improving and gaining feedback on the changes that have already been implemented. Please continue to give us feedback so that we can continue to develop and improve. Some of the key themes that were a result of the survey are tabled below. We hope this helps to demonstrate some of the things that we have been doing to improve outcomes for your children.

You Said...	We did...
We need more consistency with homework.	Homework expectations are now consistent throughout the school. Please see the homework leaflet accompanying this newsletter.
We need more information about the data contained in the interim reports.	We will be holding a parents information evening on assessment throughout KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 20 th March 2019 at 6.00 p.m.
Who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads in the school?	Information is contained in this newsletter as well as the newsletter dated 10 th October 2018.
What does support look like for children with SEND?	For those children that require additional support beyond Quality First Teaching, Parents will be informed about the Additional Support Plans that have been drawn up. These will be shared with parents on a half termly basis and updated accordingly. Any parents that have children on the SEND register are able to ask to see their child's SEND file.
Cleanliness of toilets and supply of soap needs to be improved.	A new cleaner has been employed to enhance cleaning routines.
Improve communication.	We are holding a Parents Forum on Wednesday 6 th March 2019 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm to gain parents views on how communication can be improved. Please do come along. We will also be sharing a half termly dates list on the newsletters. These will also be displayed in the entrance to the school and on the KS1 playground.

Ofsted Update Meeting

We will be holding an Ofsted Update meeting on Tuesday 26th March 2019 at 2.45pm. This will be an opportunity to update you on the progress made against the key improvements and progress that the school is making. Please feel free to come along. If you are unable to make it we will also share the slides after the meeting.



Y6 visit to Bletchley Park

Eagles had an amazing trip to Bletchley Park last term and below is a synopsis of their visit, written by Savannah:

“On the 24th January 2019 Eagles (Year 6) went to Bletchley Park for a trip linked to our topic Code Breakers. Once we arrived at the Bletchley Park they went straight to the workshop and broke some codes just like the people who worked there had to do during the war. They even got to touch an Enigma Machine that was used during the war! After that, they had lunch and they then split up into smaller groups for a self-guided tour. They went into different huts. One hut contained the famous ‘Bombe’ machine that was invented by Alan Turing to break the codes sent by the Germans. Another hut, Hut 8, had Alan Turing's desk. After a bit of self-guided time, the children went on a guided tour of the grounds. It was all very interesting and they learnt a lot of great facts. All children highly recommended it and would definitely like to go back”.

Story Telling Week

To culminate our Story Telling Week, it was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school to read with small groups of children. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories that you brought with you and others that they chose. Thank you to everyone that gave up their time that day. The children really benefited from this experience.



Book Fair

We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone that visited the book fair that week. We raised a whopping £719.46.

This gave us commission of £371.68 to spend on books for our school.

Safeguarding

At St Lawrence we take our responsibilities to safeguard children very seriously. We are committed to ensuring that all our children and young people feel safe; that children, parents / carers and staff are able to talk about safeguarding concerns and feel assured that they will be listened to; and that all staff are aware of, and implement safeguarding procedures and guidance including what to do if they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of harm. The welfare of our pupils is paramount.

If you are concerned about any member of our community, please do not hesitate to come and speak me as the designated safeguarding lead or Mrs Cromey-Hawke as the deputy designated safeguarding lead.

Children achieving 50 Things

A number of children have now achieved their Bronze (10 things) certificate towards the 50 things to do, as detailed below. There are some children who are very close to achieving Silver (20 things). A lot of photos have been brought in and are currently being displayed in the hall. If you think your child has achieved any of the 50 things, don't forget to tell the class teacher.

50 Things – Bronze Achievement

Hawks: Devon

Owls: Alice, Roxy, Jude, Ty

Eagles: Tiiani B, Zac, Florence, Freya, Louie, Chloe, Amelie, Harley, Oliver K, Caitlin, Sonny, Katie, Tianni J, Joshua, Sofia, Hope, Liana, Oliver, Ryan, Beau, Savannah, Isabella, Dylly

Star Dome

The children from Years 1, 2, 3 & 5 thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Leicester Space Centre and their Star Dome. The children listened to ancient stories about constellations, thought about where light comes from and found out what the Greeks believed. Each session ended with a wonderful tour of the night sky. We would love to be able to share some photos, but all sessions took place in complete darkness!

Packed Lunch boxes and bags

Please ensure that all packed lunch boxes and bags are collected at the end of the school day. We are seeing an increasing amount being left on the lunch trolleys. If your child brings their lunch in a plastic carrier bag, these too need to be taken home. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Term Dates 2019-20

A copy of the term dates for the next academic year will be sent out by Parentmail.

Vision Questions

The newly formed Chellington Federation Governing Board are in the process of looking at the federation vision. The Federation vision is a public declaration that the federation uses to describe the high-level goals for the future—what we hope to achieve if we successfully fulfill our organisational purpose or mission. We have started this process by asking the children and the staff for their input by asking three questions. We would also like to ask you these same questions in order to gain your valuable input.

There will be boards available during Parents Evening on Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April. Please feel free to add your ideas and answers to the following questions:

- What is important for our school?
- What do we do well at our school?
- What can we be better at?

Alternatively, if you would like to email school with your ideas, please send an email to admin@st-lawrenceschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bush
Headteacher

Term Dates

18/02/19 Spring Term 2 commences

05/04/19 – End of Spring Term

08/04/19 – 22/04/19 – Easter break (children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April)

Important Dates

Friday 22nd February 09:00 Family Praise

Tuesday 26th February - Owls Class Visit to Sacrewell Farm

Friday 1st March – PSCO Visit – Safer Internet

Wednesday 6th March – World Book Day Dance works

Wednesday 6th March 18:00 – Parent Forum / Communication

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day class based activities

Thursday 7th March KS2 (Years 3&4) Spring Sports Festival – Lincroft Academy

Thursday 14th March Year 5 Boys Football Tournament – Kings Oak Primary

Thursday 14th March – 18:00 KS2 SATs Information Evening

Tuesday 19th March – Years 5 & 6 Big Spring Sing, Corn Exchange, Bedford

Wednesday 20th March – 18:00 KS1 / KS2 Assessment Information Evening

Tuesday 26th March Years 5/6 Girls Football Tournament - Kings Oak Primary

Tuesday 26th March 14:45 – Ofsted Update Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April – KS1 (Years 1&2) Spring Sports Festival – Sharnbrook Academy

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April – Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 29th March – Interim Reports

Friday 5th April – Easter Church Service/End of term

