



Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the spring term, I would like to update you on a couple of staff changes taking place. We have appointed a School Business Manager, Mrs Pauline Johnson, who joins us on Tuesday 23rd April and she will be responsible for the Finance, HR and Health and Safety functions across the Chellington Federation. Mrs Johnson is currently a Business Manager at a school in London and she will bring a wealth of experience to this role. Her time will be split across both St Lawrence and Christopher Reeves schools.

Mrs Barker, Finance Assistant, leaves us at the end of this week. Mrs Barker joined St Lawrence 18 months ago on a fixed term contract and was instrumental in setting up new procedures to ensure the smooth running of the school's accounting process. Unfortunately that contract has now come to an end and I am sure that you join me in wishing Mrs Barker all the very best for the future.

We have had a busy half term since the last newsletter and I am delighted to share with you some of the activities and trips that have taken place:

Owls visit to Sacrewell Farm

Year 3/4 had a wonderful time at Sacrewell Farm at the start of this half term as part of their topic on Farming. They had the opportunity to tour a working flour mill and also go on a tractor ride around the farm to develop their understanding of different land uses.



We were very lucky with the weather and even managed a picnic lunch. The children were ambassadors for the school, conducting themselves incredibly sensibly throughout the day. Well done Owls.



Big Spring Sing

Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Big Spring Sing held at the Bedford Corn Exchange on 19th March 2019. The children sang a range of songs from the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat along with six other schools from Bedford Borough.

The children worked incredibly hard to learn all of the repertoire and were, again, ambassadors for our school in the way they conducted themselves and sang. Well done to all those children who took part.

We are already looking forward to the Sing On concert in the summer term that Year 3 and Year 4 will be taking part in.

Mother's Day Celebration

We had a wonderful Friday afternoon with all of the Mums and Grandmas that attended our Mother's day celebration. Thank you to everyone that attended, the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time with you and we loved singing the special song for all of you mums out there.

Here are a few photographs of the children enjoying arts and crafts with their mums.



PE Days

Please note that some classes have changed their days next term to fit in with swimming or other sporting commitments. PE days during the summer term will be as follows:

Robins	Tuesday / Friday
Penguins	Monday / Wednesday
Hawks	Monday / Thursday
Owls	Monday / Tuesday
Kites	Tuesday / Wednesday
Eagles	Wednesday / Friday

Class Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 25th April to take the class photographs. Please ensure that all children come to school in full uniform that day. If it is a PE day, children should bring their PE kit with them.

KS1 SATs Information Evening

Year 2 parents are invited to an information evening on Thursday 25th April at 6.00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to look at examples of test papers and ask any questions that you may have.

KS2 (Years 3 & 4) Swimming Lessons

Children in Years 3 (all of Year 3) and 4 commence a 6 week block of swimming lessons on Monday 29th April. The children will depart school at 1.10 p.m. by coach for an hour lesson from 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. Children should come to school in their school uniform throughout the six weeks and bring their swim bag containing swim wear, hat and towel. There are still a number of permission slips and contributions to the cost of transport outstanding. Children will not be able to take part without permission. At the end of the 6 week block of swimming lessons, the children should then come into school in their PE kits every Monday until the end of the year for their normal PE lesson.

High Sheriff Visit

We are very privileged to be welcoming the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, Meryl Dolling, to St Lawrence Primary School On Thursday 2nd May. During her visit, she will give a talk to the children and also take a tour of the school. Prior to the date, the children will be carrying out some research on the role of the High Sheriff so that they will be able to ask questions during her visit and some of the school Council will help with the tour. We will share photos and news of her visit in the next newsletter.

Reading books

We will be collecting in all colour banded, school reading books over the Easter holidays so that we can carry out a book sort and reorganise the books throughout the school. Please could you make sure that all reading books are in school by this Friday to enable this to happen. This will mean that your child will not bring home a reading book for the Easter holiday, however please continue to encourage your child to read books that they have at home.

Class Blogs

As part of our efforts to keep you updated about what is going on in school, after the Easter break we will be starting to write a weekly class blog. These will be posted on the website on the class news pages. They will be updated on a Friday afternoon and the children will take an active role in writing the blogs with their teacher. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting learning that has been going on in school each week.

100% Attendance

During the spring term, 33 children achieved 100% attendance as follows:

Robins	Isla C, Tyler, Bradley,
Penguins	Melody, Grace, Chelsea, Elsie-Mae, Callum
Hawks	Crina, Devon, Phoebe, Dylan, Denas, A'ishah, Lola-Belle, Jacob K, Dilan, Charlie, Paco
Owls	Poppie, Roxy, Maiya, Madeline, Megan, Ellie, Shay, Gabriella
Kites	Tyler, Daniel, Imogen, Bethany, Chantell
Eagles	Amelie

Children achieving 50 Things

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
YR: Hollie Y1: Lily-Mae, Quintis, Callum, Melody, Luke, Megan Y3: Patrik Y4: Thomas Y6: Rokai	Y2: Devon Y3: Roxy Y4: Alice, Jude, Ty	Y4: Jude, Ty Y6: Tiiani, Zac, Florence, Freya, Louie, Chloe, Amelie, Harley, Oliver, Caitlin, Sonny, Katie, Tianni, Joshua, Sofia, Hope, Liana, Oliver, Ryan, Beau, Savannah, Isabella, Dylly	Y4: Jude, Ty	Y4: Jude, Ty

House Points Winner

The winner of house points for the spring term is Franklin .
The trophy was presented to the house captains during Celebration Assembly.

We now have a new trophy cabinet in the main entrance hall where the house cup is displayed.

Congratulations to Franklin!



Out of School Achievements during last term:

Phoebe – Hawks – Stage 4 Swim England Award

Madeline – Owls – Cubs Level 2 First Aid

Isabelle H – Kites – Cubs Level 2 First Aid

Congratulations to all!



Pocket Toys

Following a few upsets during lunchtimes of children who have either lost their pocket toy or it has broken, I have taken the decision to stop pocket toys from being brought into school after the Easter holidays. It has also been the case that many of the toys have grown from pocket toys to toys that no longer fit into pockets! We have recently been working hard to provide the children with more activities during play and lunch times and feel that there is plenty for the children to do during these times of the day without the need to bring in their own toys from home. Your support in this matter would be much appreciated.

Packed Lunch boxes and bags

It has come to light that children are not putting their lunch boxes on the trolleys in the mornings and are taking them into the classrooms. Please remind children to put their lunch boxes onto the trolleys and they will then be taken into the hall straight after Collective Worship.

Lunch boxes and bags are still being left on the trolleys at the end of the school day. Please ensure that they are collected as the lunch boxes can attract bugs, especially in the warmer weather. 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.

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously at this school and the safety of our children is of paramount importance. If you are ever worried about the safety of a child, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Bush or Mrs Cromey-Hawke.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing children back in school for the start of the summer term on Tuesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bush
Headteacher

Term Dates

23/04/19 Summer Term commences

27/05/19 – 31/05/19 – Half Term

19/07/19 – End of Summer Term

Important Dates

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April – Hawks Class Visit to Roald Dahl Museum

Thursday 25th April – Class Photos

Thursday 25th - KS1 SATs Information Evening 6.00 p.m. in the School Hall

Friday 26th April – Family Praise 9.00 a.m.

Monday 29th April – KS2 (Years 3&4) Swimming Lessons commence (6 weeks)

Thursday 2nd May – High Sherriff of Bedfordshire Visit

Monday 6th May – School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday

13th – 16th May – KS2 SATs Week

20th – 24th May – KS1 SATs Week

Tuesday 21st – Children Starting School September 2019 – Parents Evening 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 23rd May – Years 5 & 6 Multi-Sports Competition – Sharnbrook Academy

Thursday 23rd May – PTA Uniform Sale

Friday 24th May – Family Praise 9.00 a.m.

Friday 24th May – PTA School Disco

Friday 24th May – Break for half term

Monday 3rd June – Children return to school

3rd – 7th June – Y6 Residential Trip – Isle of Wight

w/c 10th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

w/c 10th June – Starting School Induction Stay and Play Visits

Monday 10th June – Years 5&6 Quadkids – Bedford Athletics Stadium

Thursday 13th June - KS1 (Years 1&2) Multi-Sports Competition – Riseley Primary

Friday 14th June – Years 5 & 6 Tennis Competition – Riverside Tennis Club, Bedford

Friday 14th June – Whole School Father's Day Celebration 2.00 p.m.

Monday 17th June – Year 4 Kingswood Residential Information Evening 6.00 p.m.

Friday 21st June – Family Praise 9.00 a.m.

w/c 24th June – Starting School Induction Stay and Play Visits

Wednesday 26th June – Years 5&6 Rounders Competition – St Lawrence

1st – 4th July – Year 5 Bikeability

Wednesday 3rd July – KS2 (Years 3&4) Sing On – Bedford Corn Exchange

Friday 5th July – School Sports Day

9th – 10th July – Y6 Transition Days – Sharnbrook Academy

Wednesday 10th July – Whole School Transition Day

Wednesday 10th July – Whole School Working Together Transition Meetings

Thursday 11th July – End of Year School Reports sent home

Friday 12th July – Whole School Trip to Hunstanton

Friday 12th July – Nursery School Trip to Stanwick Lakes

Monday 15th July – Parents invited to view school books/speak to class teachers following end of year school reports

Tuesday 16th July – Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings – Red Group

Wednesday 17th July – Nursery Parent Consultation Meetings – Blue Group

Wednesday 17th July – Teddy Bears Afternoon Picnic – Reception & new children starting school

Y6 Leaver's Celebrations:

Wednesday 17th July – 6.00 p.m. – Y6 Performance

Thursday 18th July – Leaver's BBQ

Friday 19th July – Leaver's/End of Year Church Service

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