



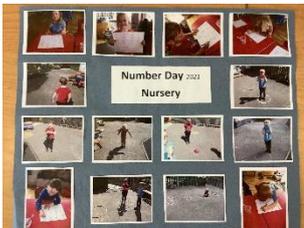
We are now half way through the Summer term and hopefully the sun is beginning to shine. The children have been working so hard in class and we are all very proud of them. We have been lucky enough to have experienced some class workshops and have a few more booked in for the next half term. I would like to thank you all for your continuous support throughout these tricky times and we look forward to seeing you after the half term break, which will hopefully be another step back to normality.

Our value next half term is courage

Having courage helps children to persevere against challenges, and in the process it raises their self-esteem. When children feel good about themselves and see that they have the personal power to make courageous choices, they are more likely to lead personally satisfying and successful lives.

Number Day

On 7th May the children came to school wearing numbers in support of the NSPCC's Number Day event. Throughout the day, the children took part in various number and maths activities, including an escape room type activity, which they all enjoyed very much. In total we raised £77.00.



Contact Tracing

Schools continue to play an important role in contact tracing for those pupils and staff who are attending school. Where pupils test positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation. Therefore, if your child develops symptoms on Saturday 29th May or Sunday 30th May and this results in a positive test result, you must notify Mrs Morris via email so that we can identify and contact possible close contacts. Please use the following email addresses to report a positive case:

jmorris@st-lawrenceschool.co.uk
admin@st-lawrenceschool.co.uk

Staffing

After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Hebden as our new HLTA. We have also welcomed Mrs Fewster and Mrs Halfpenny to our MDSA team.

Lateral Flow Test Kits

Reminder to order home kits

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Mental Health and Wellbeing Day

The children in Years 1 to 6 all took part in a Mental Health and Wellbeing Day. There was a session in the morning encouraging children to have a healthy diet and to look after themselves physically and mentally. The day finished with a session in the afternoon where the children were put to the test with circuit training. Fun was had by all!



Cricket Workshop

The children in Years 1 – 6 all took part in a cricket workshop led by chance to shine a national cricket charity. This was a fantastic experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed their session.



Reception Play

Robin's class have had great fun acting out the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' this week. They did very well learning their lines, singing the songs and acting out their parts. Well done Robins.



A Few Reminders

- All morning snacks should consist of either a piece of fruit or vegetable.
- Water bottles need to be filled with water only please.
- Now that the warmer weather is finally starting to arrive, children will require a sun hat and sun cream should be applied at home prior to school please. Staff are not able to apply sun cream.
- Please remember to name all of your child's school uniform, including coats, hats, shoes and P.E kits.
- Adults are still required to wear face coverings during school drop off and pick up, unless you are medically exempt.
- Please arrive at your child's drop off and collection time and leave the school premises promptly, to avoid congestion on the playground.
- The Parish council has asked that we politely remind parents that the cemetery car park at the top of manor lane is for the use of cemetery visitors only and should not be used by parents/ carers during school drop off and pick up.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property at the moment. Most of which consists of jumpers and cardigans. If you know that your child has lost something, then please contact the school office and we can arrange a time for you to come in afterschool and have a look through the items.

Update from Bedford Borough regarding Covid-19 symptoms.

Cases of the Indian variant of covid-19 are on the rise in Bedford Borough. If your child displays one of the top three symptoms, loss of taste/ smell, cough or temperature, please do not hesitate to get them a PCR test. We are also advising children with a head ache, sore throat or fatigue to stay at home in the first instance, as these can be an early indicator of Covid-19. If none of the top 3 symptoms appear it is fine for the child to return to school once they are fit and well again.

R&D Sports Clubs

R&D will be back in school after half term offering the following Afterschool Sports Clubs.

Football

Dodgeball

American- Football

Spaces are limited.

Bookings need to be made directly with R&D.

Booking forms have been sent out via Parentmail however, if you require a copy please contact the school office.



Dates for your Diary

09.06.2021	Y5 & Y6 Cricket Workshop
14.06.21 – 19.07.21	Y6 Swimming
10.06.2021	Tokyo Workshop Y1-Y6
14.06.2021	Book Fair
17.06.2021	Skipping Workshop
28.06.2021	Y3 & Y4 Nene Wetlands Trip
06.07.2021	Transition Day
07.07.2021	Y1 & Y2 Irchester Trip
08.07.2021	Y6 Bletchley Park Trip
07.06.2021 – Staff Training day	
08.06.2021 – Children return to school	
22.07.2021 – Break for Summer Holidays	