



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Newsletter: 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year at St Lawrence. The children have settled well into their new classes and have made a great start to their learning. We have loved welcoming the new children into our Reception class and they seem to have already settled in very well. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to our new families that have joined us this year. It is lovely to see new faces and hope you have been made to feel very welcome. We are all looking forward to a great school year ahead. We hope this newsletter will keep you updated with everything going on in school.

St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is respect. God teaches us that all people were created differently for reasons that we may not always understand. Regardless of how we perceive other people to be, we are all God's creations, and it is God's will for us to show respect to everyone.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12



Dates for your Diary

All dates for the school year can be found on the school website.

Please click [here](#) to access them.



Celebrations



The Stars of the week this week are...

Woodpeckers Class - Naomi Commons & Charlotte Ince

Kingfishers Class – Louie Lewis & Fallon Taylor

Owls Class - Elliot Pemberton & Jude Richards

Kites Class - Lucy Lamplough & Isaac Ryan

Eagles Class - Maisy Wilcox & Izosa Omosigho

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.
- Please remember to name all of your child's school uniform, including coats, hats, shoes and P.E kits.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking your car for drop off and pick up. These are busy times of the day and we want to ensure that the children are safe and that our neighbours are still able to access their properties. Please remember that we do not have permission to use the cemetery car park.

Attendance

Attendance in schools since the pandemic has seen a dramatic drop however we know that face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. The government has issued new guidance to schools to support in increasing attendance.

The government now class absence from education as a safeguarding concern and request that schools treat it this way which may result in social care involvement where concerns are raised.

If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will work with you to find out if there is any support that can be offered. Please keep us informed of absences and where planned absences cannot be avoided, please ensure you complete a leave of absence request beforehand. Please note, we cannot authorise any holiday requests unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Who can I contact?

If you have any queries about your child and their education, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. They will be available at the classroom door each day at the start and end of school.

If you need to speak with a member of staff about SEND, behaviour or safeguarding, please contact the following members of staff:

SEND – Mrs Ashford (Owls Class)

Behaviour – Mrs Smith (Penguins Class)

Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin

Lost Property

We are already seeing the lost property pile growing even though we are only 5 days into the new school year. Please ensure all of your child's uniform is named so that if your child does leave anything around school, we can easily reunite them with their property.

Staff will be checking uniform on a regular basis for names. If they notice that something is not named, they will write your child's name in their belongings with a Sharpie pen

Picture News

The story and question that the children will be thinking about next week is...

In Canada, the government in the province of Ontario is set to pass a new law that would make it compulsory for children aged 12 and under to wear lifejackets on boats.

Question: Should lifejackets be compulsory for all on open water?



Uniform

All children are expected to arrive for school smartly dressed in the correct uniform every day. Uniform shows that we are all part of the same community. If you are unsure of our uniform expectations, please visit the [school website](#) where you will find all the information you will need. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Blackburn in the school office.

Things that maybe of interest.....

Bedford Borough Family Hubs Launch
Saturday 9th September 2023
10.00am to 12.00pm

Fun activities for all the family and the opportunity to meet representatives from services supporting families across Bedford

- Magician and Entertainer •
- Face painting • Bear hunt •
- Stay and play • Planting •

Queens Park Family Hub,
Marlborough Road, Bedford MK40 4LE

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