



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: 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second week back of the term has been a busy one with plenty of excellent learning in all classes. We are already seeing some great progress from all of the children. It has been lovely to have our youngest members of the school (Robins Class) here all week. They have settled so well and are getting used to the school routines.

This week we had a visit from Coram Life Education who delivered some PSHE workshops linked to our new PSHE topics. The children thoroughly enjoyed these and were very knowledgeable about the subjects covered. Well done Everyone.

St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Respect. This week the children were thinking about how we can value differences. They listened to the story of the Roman Centurion about how others can show respect even when there are differences between them.

The prayer that was shared is as follows:

*Open our eyes to value each person that we meet.
Help us to recognise what we have in common
and RESPECT what makes each of us unique.
Amen.*



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 – George Richards & Margo Adams

Kingfishers Class – Xaya Hendricks-Dyer & Ella-Mae Stevens

Owls Class – Frankie Kent & Kaiya Murrer

Kites Class – Brody Monaghan & Bradley Kipling

Eagles Class – Harry Brodie-Conybeer & Callum Page

Safeguarding - Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass.

This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school PRIOR to the start of the next school day when they have been called to a domestic incident.

If you are ever worried about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact the school Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Bush and Mrs Nicklin



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

St Lawrence School Council

Introducing the St Lawrence School Council 2023/24 as voted for by their class friends.

The school council will be meeting monthly with Mrs Ashford and Mrs Nicklin to discuss all matters that are important to our pupils and to arrange fun events.

The first meeting was held today and the children would like to focus on improving the selection of books in our school library. They have come up with the wonderful idea to ask our families to donate any good quality used children's books they may have lying around the house. They have asked that donations are brought to the school office in a plastic bag labelled school council. The children would like to thank you in advance for your support.

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...

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete (RAAC) used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Question: Is a school more than just a building?



St Lawrence School Council Members 2023 / 24



Robins

Evie and Albie



Owls

Paris and Elliot

Woodpeckers

Oliver and Eva



Kites

Ella and Alfie



Kingfishers

Erin and Fallon



Eagles

Melody and Barren