



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break over the festive period and managed to spend time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to be back at school with the children this week and seeing how well they have settled back to the new school term. Behaviour has been exemplary and all classes have started the year well with their new topics. You can find the topic overviews on the class pages of the school website.

Today we held our Christingle service which was a wonderful opportunity to come together and share in the message of Epiphany, as well as remembering all those children who are less fortunate than ourselves. Your child will bring home a Christingle box with them today. If able, please donate some spare coins to the Children's Society. The boxes should be returned to school by Monday 22nd January.

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 (Woodpeckers Class)
Safeguarding – Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin



St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Love.

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Colossians 3:12

This half term we will explore the ideas of noticing a need, being a good neighbour, putting on the right attitude and having the courage to care



We need your help...

The spring term is a good time to reflect on our practise and gain feedback from everyone involved with the school. We value your feedback as a tool for improvement and hope that your views can be used constructively to improve outcomes for your children at St Lawrence Primary School. Over the next couple of months there will be a number of surveys that will be sent home for your consideration. Please take some time to give us your views and make any suggestions for improvement.

Results of these surveys will be shared with you in due course.

Thank you in advance for your time.



Interim Reports

Your child will be bringing their Autumn term interim report home with them today. This outlines your child's attainment, progress and effort for last term in reading, writing and maths. We are committed to keeping you informed as to how your child is performing at school. Teaching and learning is a collaborative endeavour between home and school and the better informed you are as parents, the better placed you are to help. Should any elements of the report be unclear or of concern, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance and they will be happy to help.

Christingle Celebration

Thank you for sending an orange in for your child to create a Christingle. The service was truly magical. Today your child will have come home with a Christingle box. These are to collect donations in for the Children's Society to support those children that are in need. If you have any spare change that you could donate, it would be much appreciated. The boxes will be collected by Reverend Peter at the end of January. Please return your box to school by **Monday 22nd January**. Thank you for your support.



Picture News

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

Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers.

Question: Have 'emojis' become an important part of communication?



Christingle

