



# 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: 12<sup>TH</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here at St Lawrence. The children have continued to work really hard and behaviour around school has been exemplary. I have had the pleasure of showing prospective parents around school and they always comment on just how calm and settled the learning environment is and how well behaved the children are. Well done everyone!

We have some exciting events taking place this term including the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham which the choir have been working really hard to learn all of the songs for. We also have Mental Health Awareness Week and Safer Internet Day, all of which are important dates in our school calendar. Please be sure to keep an eye on the school calendar so that you do not miss anything.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and will see you all next week.

## St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Love.



This week the children have been thinking about what love is and what it might look like to different people and the different relationships, they have.

They also listened to the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

### 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



### Picture News

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

A study from the University of Valencia in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading on a screen.

**Question:** Is an e-reader better than a book?



### Christingle

The children came home last week with a Christingle collection 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.



## This week at St Lawrence...

Woodpeckers Class have been enjoying their reading corner.



## Dates for your Diary

All dates for the school year can be found on the school website. Please click [here](#) to access them.



## Celebrations

This week our attendance award goes to Kingfishers with 99% attendance- Well Done

The Stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Albert O'Brien Crowhurst & Amiyah Stevens

Woodpeckers Class - Chidera John Musa & Elsie Swallow

Kingfishers Class – Adelina Tucina & Louie Lewis

Owls Class – Paris Jackson & Cameron Rizzo

Kites Class – Hollie Ryan & Oliver Roberts

Eagles Class – Lily-Mae Stanley

Well Done Everyone!



## Attendance

We are always trying to improve our attendance in school as we know that when children are in school regularly, they can get the most out of their learning. This week our school attendance was **96.6%**

The national attendance was **91.6%**.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. The NHS also publish advice for parents and carers which can be found [HERE](#). Please refer to this if you are ever unsure or call the school office.

## Online Safety Newsletter...in case you missed it.

*The second online safety newsletter from Alan McKenzie (online safety guru) was sent out via email this week. If you missed it you can find it on the school website.*

*As a reminder, the #WakeUpWednesday guides that are sent out are also available on the school website.*

*We hope you are finding these useful and that they include information that is helpful to you in keeping your child safe online. If you are ever worried about your child's online activity, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher in the first instance or speak with one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs Bush or Mrs Nicklin.*



# You Might be interested in....



Want to feel more confident raising your sons?

Then, join our:

### "Raising Boys" webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to gain more understanding of violence against women and girls (VAWG), the challenges boys might face around this and develop your confidence to discuss the topic with them

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding male roles and new challenges
- Providing a space and platform for discussion
- Understanding the pressures that boys & men face
- Learning how we can change our narrative to help

To reserve your place and register for the Zoom link, email:

[jo@lawc.org.uk](mailto:jo@lawc.org.uk)

This webinar is fully funded by the Home Office in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police as part of the Safer Streets 5 initiative.

Luton All Women's Centre  
Charity No. 1101754



Want to feel more confident to talk to your child about the challenges they face and how to keep themselves safe?

Then, join our:

### 'Parenting 24' webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to learn more about violence against women and girls (VAWG), how it can start and develop and how to discuss this with your child (male or female).

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm**

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding what VAWG is, who is affected and how
- Providing a space and platform to discuss why it is a problem
- Learning how to talk to our children about VAWG
- Raising our girls and boys in 2024

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## GET INVOLVED

**FREE TASTER SESSION!\***

Join us at Castle Theatre for our weekly youth dance and drama classes for ages 6-18 years.

**DANCE** MONDAYS - (TERM: 15 JAN - 25 MAR)  
A fun-filled high energy class, where you will learn a mix of Commercial, Jazz and Contemporary dance styles.

**DRAMA** TUESDAYS - (TERM: 16 JAN - 26 MAR)  
Our drama classes are aimed at building performance skills in a fun and friendly environment.

**NOW BOOKING**

FEBRUARY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

- COMMERCIAL & CONTEMPORARY
- the adventures of **MARTELLA** PLAY IN A WEEK
- ACTING & AUDITIONS

01933 270 007 [castletheatre.co.uk](http://castletheatre.co.uk) **CASTLE THEATRE** Weltonborough

\*Free dance or drama taster sessions available for all new members, contact Box Office for more information.

## Bedford Steel Pan Academy

Weekly evening classes  
Delivered by Abdul Williams

**Thursdays**  
@ Goldington Academy

4:15pm - Goldington Students  
5:45pm - Ages 9-16 (£4 per session)  
7-8pm - Adult class (£8.50 per session)

No previous experience needed

To sign up please go to our website...  
**BedfordMusicHub.org.uk**