



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: 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week this week. There has been lots of excellent learning and some of the classes have managed to enjoy getting outside as part of their topic and science work.

Next week is a busy week in school celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week and Online Safety Day on Tuesday. The children will be working on a whole school project to share with you based on what they learn about staying safe online. The theme this year is "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online". Please encourage your child to talk to you about their online activity and what they think about online safety.

St Lawrence School Value

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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...

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome.

Question: What makes someone inspirational?



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 **93.9%**

The national attendance was **93.4%**.

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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-specific-infectious-diseases). 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.

Fun4us Club

At Fun4us afterschool club we always have lots of activities on offer like arts and crafts, football, playdough, boardgames and a homework area. This week several children decided to build a shop. Children from all year groups then enjoyed playing together, buying and selling toys and books!

Contact the school office if you would like to book your child a place at Afterschool Club.



This week at St Lawrence....

Year 4 have been on a mini beast hunt in our environmental area this week. They found all sorts of creatures including centipedes, woodlice, a hibernating bumble bee and even some newts!



Celebrations

The Stars of the week are...

Robins Class – Annaliesa Tierney

Woodpeckers Class - Joshua Birch & Oliver Hornibrook

Kingfishers Class – Erin Standage & Dolcia Tierney

Owls Class – Elliot Pemberton

Kites Class – Sophie Koucha & Lucy Lamplough

Eagles Class – Melody Bastick & Sebastian Cisibi



Owls Class received the attendance award this week with 99% Well Done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

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



Things you might be interested in



STRONGER BEGINNINGS


Have you just started investigating whether your child has got additional needs?

Are you feeling confused and don't know where to start?

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
AT THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE-
(TEACH ROOM), MK42 7EB
10:00AM - 12:00PM**



Signpost me



Is this you?

"I'm worried about my son's development."

I need support for my family but I don't know what is available.

I need support for my family but I don't even know where to start!

SEND, EP, DFE, EHCP...what does it all mean? There's Too many acronyms I don't understand

Stronger Beginnings

9th Feb , 10am-12pm
At CDC Teach Room
In Kempston



Would you like to play in an orchestra?

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FOUR HUBS ORCHESTRAL JAMBOREE 2024

Do you play a string, brass, woodwind or percussion instrument at pre-grade and grade 1 standard ?

Then this free music making day could be for you!

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**Sunday March 17th
10am-4pm**

**Shenley Brook End School
Walbank Grove, Shenley Brook End
Milton Keynes, MK5 7ZT**

<https://forms.office.com/e/Ha8sxE2hAU>

Bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk