



# 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: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had this week with many wonderful events taking place! It was great to see everyone dressed up as their favourite book character yesterday as part of our celebrations for World Book Day. The children looked amazing. We also had a number of children (and parents) who decorated a potato as a book character. Well done, they look brilliant! It has also been wonderful this afternoon to welcome so many Mums and other female relatives into school to help celebrate Mothering Sunday. There were lots of different art and craft activities taking place and so many smiley faces. Thank you for attending.

Next week is another busy week as we look forward to Science week. The children will be working with their class teachers to organise their thoughts about which animal is the greatest, ready for a whole school debate on Thursday...we can't wait to see what views they have in store for us. Also, don't forget to have a go at making a paper aeroplane for homework ready for our flying contest on Tuesday! Have a wonderful weekend.

## St Lawrence School Value



This half term, our value is Justice.

This week the children have been thinking about the restorative justice practices that we use in school and how we can use them independently to ensure everyone has a voice and things are concluded fairly.

*"Learn to do right. Seek Justice." Isaiah 1:17*

## 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 have been thinking about this week is ....

Ministers have confirmed plans to ban the use of mobile phones in English schools and have released guidance for headteachers.

**Question:** Should mobile phones be banned in all classrooms?



## Christingle Collection

Thank you to everyone that returned their Christingle boxes in January. Reverend Peter has informed me that in total we raised £91.96. Thank you for your generosity. The money has been sent to the Children's Society who work to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect.



## Safeguarding

### Early Years - Online Safety Starts Early

Internet Matters have a wonderful set of resources on their website specifically for schools and parents of early years children. The resources are a 4-episode series covering good habits, being mindful, device safety and digital chats.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>



## Parent Survey

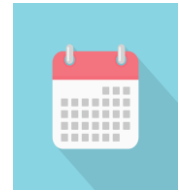
This week a link to our parent survey was sent out via ParentMail. We really value your feedback and would appreciate as many people as possible taking a few minutes to complete it. The link to the survey is as follows:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck6tjdUTzrZratWiRTPspIfWQRlwzWpCzKnQNhm7cEyoKcA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSck6tjdUTzrZratWiRTPspIfWQRlwzWpCzKnQNhm7cEyoKcA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

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



## World Book Day

Yesterday we celebrated world book day!



## World Book Day Potato Competition

Well done to everyone that entered our world book day potato decorating competition. The entries this year were fantastic! Below are pictures of our competition winners. All of the winning children will receive a 50 book of their choice.

### Robins Class



### Woodpeckers Class



### Kingfishers Class



### Kites Class



### Eagles Class



### Parent Winner!





# Things you might be interested in

**SAVE THE DATE**  
BRING A PICNIC AND JOIN US FOR

**COUNTRY DAYS**  
Nature Day Courses for Young People in Bedfordshire

**FAMILY FUN DAY 2024**  
SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 12pm-4pm

The Leys Nature Reserve  
Pavenham Road, Felmersham  
Bedfordshire, MK43 7EX

To get involved or for any more information please email us at [info@countrydays.net](mailto:info@countrydays.net)

There will be lots of local stalls, games and amazing raffle prizes

**The Bedford Junior Aquathlon**  
**Swim & Run**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Bedford Park & Robinson Pool

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[www.bedford.gov.uk/aquathlon](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/aquathlon)