



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: Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderful start to the new school year at St Lawrence. The children have settled well into their new classes and have made a great start to their learning. We are looking forward to welcoming the new children into our Reception class on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to our new families that have joined us this year. It is lovely to see new faces and hope you have been made to feel very welcome. We are all looking forward to a great school year ahead. We hope this newsletter will keep you updated with everything going on in school.

Dates for your Diary

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



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



Bedford Borough
Safeguarding Children Board

St Lawrence School Value

This half term our value is Generosity. Throughout the half term, the children will be learning about Loving others as we love ourselves, Giving sacrificially, Giving cheerfully and caring for creation. The children will celebrate Harvest and learn about giving as God gives.

"Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:31



A Few Reminders

- All morning snacks should consist of either a piece of fruit or vegetable.
- Water bottles need to be filled with water only please.
- Please remember to name all of your child's school uniform, including coats, hats, shoes and P.E kits. This will help the children to be **Responsible** for their own belongings.
- Please be mindful of our neighbours when parking your car for drop off and pick up. These are busy times of the day and we want to ensure that the children are safe and that our neighbours are still able to access their properties. Please note that we do not have use of the cemetery carpark and you may receive a fixed penalty notice, should you choose to park there. This is out of our control.

Attendance

Attendance Matters



Attendance in schools since the pandemic has seen a dramatic drop however we know that face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. The government has issued new guidance to schools to support in increasing attendance.

The government now class absence from education as a safeguarding concern and request that schools treat it this way which may result in social care involvement where concerns are raised.

If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will work with you to find out if there is any support that can be offered. Please keep us informed of absences and where planned absences cannot be avoided, please ensure you complete a leave of absence request beforehand. Please note, we cannot authorise any holiday requests unless there are extenuating circumstances. Thank you for your support.

Uniform

All children are expected to arrive for school smartly dressed in the correct uniform every day. Uniform shows that we are all part of the same community. If you are unsure of our uniform expectations, please visit the school website where you will find all the information you will need. If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Blackburn in the school office.

Picture News



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

Story: Space agency, Nasa, says the two astronauts, Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore, stuck on the International Space Station won't return to Earth until next year.

Question: How can we respond to unexpected events?

Things you might be interested in

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IMPROVING FITNESS & LEARNING SELF-DEFENSE

2 WEEK FREE TRIAL

LOCATED IN
The Pemberton Centre
H.E. Bates Way
RUSHDEN

SESSIONS
Saturday 14th September 2024
11:00am
then every Saturday thereafter

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SCAN FOR OUR WEBSITE

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
RACETIME RESULT

The Bedford Junior Aquathlon
Swim & Run
Sunday 13th October 2024
Bedford Park & Robinson Pool

www.bedford.gov.uk/aquathlon

FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

TASTER SESSIONS:



DODGEBALL
FOOTBALL
WEST END KIDS



W/C 9th SEPTEMBER 2024

3:20-4:20PM AT ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY
SCHOOL.



These free taster sessions are open to both boys and girls of all abilities from St Lawrence Primary School in School Year 1 – Year 6 (Year 2 – Year 6 for West End Kids). To book a place for your child please visit our website below:

www.randd-coaching.co.uk