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Headteacher's Spotlight

Huge thanks to everyone for the continued efforts to help our school to run the new systems smoothly, so that we can be open to all pupils. Attendance is high but understandably, some children are needing to be absent whilst Covid-19 tests are taken. Unfortunately, this process is proving lengthy and pupils, plus family members, must isolate until a Covid-19 negative test result is achieved.

We are going to be opening another gate at the end of the day, (Monday to Thursday) to alleviate any congestion at the front of the school. This gate is often referred to as 'ginnel' because it is the local name for an alleyway. As the ginnel is so narrow, it must only be used as a way out and never a way in.

Headteacher's awards are going to take the form of a letter home rather than a certificate. The letters will come via Parentmail.

We have booked an artist to create a mural on the huge, blank, external wall of the school hall (see photo below). The St Lawrence Way is going to feature strongly but we'll also be gathering ideas from the pupils too - why not have a chat about it this weekend?



I am delighted with how well our new Reception children have settled - they are behaving beautifully! We also have many other new pupils in other year groups this term, who are also impressing us with their attitude to school life. New parents might not realise, but at St Lawrence's we do love to hear ideas and suggestions of how we can make the school even better - just email me: head@st-lawrenceprimary.co.uk and we'll see what we can do.

Please can all drop offs in the morning be between 08:30 and 08:55. This allows for lessons with all pupils to start promptly at 09:00. If your time was outside of this window we trust you to adjust it. Currently between 08:35 and 08:40 it is quiet, so some parents might want to drop off at this time. Please just remember to keep 2m apart at all times. Pick up times remain the same.

Thank you.

Alan Brannen
Headteacher

School Photos 2020

Reminder!

NextGen Photography will be in school on Monday, to take individual children's portrait photos.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, the photographers will not be able to carry out family group sittings or family portraits with younger family members.

Please ensure that you prepare your child for their photograph and that he/she is wearing clean and smart school uniform.



Friends' News ...



Hello everyone

We hope you are all well and staying safe in these strange times.

Due to the restrictions that Covid 19 imposes we're thinking of new ways to fundraise for the time being. Please feel free to suggest any ideas that you may have.

Drop us a line if you have any queries, suggestions or to simply get to know us and what we do. It would be great to hear from you.

Email
friends.stlawrence@outlook.com

Thank you

Caroline Salisbury

Dates for your diary:

17 September	Julia Donaldson Day - Children will be taking part in activities in class.
21 September	Next Gen Photography Individual School Photos
7 October	Travelling book fair arrives in school
23 October	PD Day - School closed to children
26 October—30 October	Half-Term Holiday
1 December	YR - Y6 Flu Immunisations Consent form will be sent out in November
7 - 11 December	Y6 to Arthog Cancelled
21 December - 1 January 2021	Christmas Holidays
4 January 2021	PD Day - School closed to children
Thursday 1 April 2021	PD Day - School closed to children
2 April - 16 April	Easter Holidays

Book Fair

We have the "Travelling Book Fair" in school from Wednesday 7th October until Wednesday 14th October.

With the current Covid-19 situation, we will not be inviting parents into school to visit the fair, we will instead be taking the fair to each class bubble and if children would like to purchase a book/s please ensure they bring money with them.

We hope that the children will have a look at the fair as there are always some fantastic bargains to be had.



With today's newsletter:

* Nothing today!



COVID ADVICE

A joint message from Church Stretton Medical Practice and St Lawrence Primary School

We understand it can be difficult to know what to do if your child has new symptoms. We hope this short guide will assist you.

The main symptoms of COVID are

a high temperature - feels hot to touch on back or chest / measured over 37.8C

a new continuous cough - more than 1 hour at a time, or 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24hrs

a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste

If your child has one or more of these symptoms please arrange a COVID test and follow self-isolating guidelines.

You can book a test on nhs.uk/coronavirus, or if you do not have internet access, call 119.

Please continue to self-isolate until results are available.

Your child can return to school if

- the test was **NEGATIVE** *and* your child is well enough

- the test was **POSITIVE** *and* more than 10 days have passed since the start of their symptoms, *and* they are well enough

If they remain unwell after 10 days and had a positive test they should remain off school until recovered.

There is *no need* to call your GP to

- tell us you are self-isolating
- you have requested a test

GPs cannot order a test on your behalf.

If you are concerned about your child's health (COVID or other) then please contact your GP or 111 as normal. If you have queries about COVID symptoms you can call 111 at any time.

Other COVID symptoms in children.

It has been reported that children can have other symptoms related to COVID. This can include all the common childhood symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, headaches, aches and pains, stomach upset and tiredness.

If you are concerned about your child's health because they are significantly unwell you should contact your GP / 111 as normal.

At this time the government advice is that these symptoms do NOT warrant COVID testing or self-isolation. However if you are unsure please call 111.

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus for information on symptoms, self-isolation and testing.

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