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St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

Sadly, two members of staff leave us next week. Mrs Julie Powell has been a part of our school since 2008 and many children over the years have benefitted from her kindness and caring support. We are going to miss her so much; it certainly won't be the same without her loud laugh coming down the corridors. Miss Emma Price, formerly of Busy Bees Nursery since 2008 and more recently an EYFS teaching assistant, is also leaving us and will also be missed by all those children and their families who she has been closely involved with. We wish both Julie and Emma the best of luck in their new jobs. New members of staff have been appointed today and details will be shared in next week's newsletter.

After-school clubs, including the childcare club run by Crossbar Coaching, are proving popular and the children are enjoying a wealth of experiences. Please see separate information sheet about Mr Halford coming home with this letter. Mr Halford is proving to be extremely popular with the children and we are delighted to have him working alongside us. Remember to book your child's place at after school club for the next half term on sQuid.

Our superb petanque court installed by BFG Groundworks has seen a lot of action this week in a staff competition. Through to the semi-finals are Mrs Connacher, Mr Brown, Mr Castree and me.

Our attendance figure of 94.3% is lower than normal at this time of year but is actually much higher than the Shropshire average of 85.7% and the national figure of 86.7%. We are continuing to have Covid cases amongst pupils and their families but hopefully we are through the worst patch. I continue to be grateful to everyone for working together; finding a way through this strange and difficult term.

Mentor badges have been handed out in assembly today to this year's Y6 children who successfully gained a mentor role. Please see further information on our Mentor programme attached to this parentmail.

I am sorry to confirm that we are unable to carry out face to face parents' evening appointments. Your child's class teacher will call you as close to the time you have booked as possible. Please make sure you answer your phone, as the number will be withheld.

As we look towards Christmas, we are hoping to have a Nativity in school and KS2 Service in Church with parents present. We are also lining up our very first Staff Panto of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!



Alan Brannen
Headteacher

Friends' News ...

Huge congratulations to our first school lottery winner Sarah Clarke!

If you haven't already, don't forget to sign up there is a £20 weekly prize to be won and a national draw of £25,000! Details on reverse of this newsletter.

Volunteers needed!!

We have a set up an event at :

<https://signup.com/go/oCLpMJd>



You can choose a slot for volunteering on bonfire night! It's quick and easy. Just follow the link or scan our QR code. Friends will be providing the hot food and we need all the help we can get! Thanks to those who have already signed up.

Don't forget our Bags2school collection is next week! 20th October, bring your bags in the morning, a Friends volunteer will help you or you can leave it in the gazebo on the KS2 playground.

We will also be opening up the second hand uniform shop for you on 18th October and 8th November at the end of the school day. We have a lot of stock and we would love to see it being reused!

The Friends Team.

Baby & Childrens

NEARLY NEW



SALE



AT: CHURCH STRETTON PARISH CENTRE

ON: SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2PM - 4PM



Entry £1 to include a cup of tea or coffee



Grab a bargain!



To book a table contact Caroline on 07738 359404



In aid of... **STEPPING STONES NURSERY**



Little Acorns Pre-school

Dates for your diary:

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| 20th October | Bag 2 school collection (Bags will be distributed a few weeks before). |
| 20th October 3.30 - 6.30pm | Parents' Evening - Now via telephone calls |
| 21st October 3.30 - 6.30pm | Parents' Evening - Now via telephone calls |
| 22nd October | PD Day - School closed to children |
| 25th October - 29th October | Half term holiday |
| 2nd November - 3.30pm | Y5 Pioneer Centre Visit - Parent Information Session |
| 4th November - 5pm | Y6 Arthog Visit - Parent information session |
| 4th November 9am - 4.30/5pm | Y5/6 Visit to Bosworth Battlefield, Nuneaton |
| 19th November | Y1/2 Visit to Black Country Living Musuem |
| 25th November | Flu Immunisations YR - Y6 |
| 9th December - 9.30am | YR and Y1 Nativity |
| 9th December - 2.00pm | YR and Y1 Nativity |
| 13th December - 10.15 | KS2 Christmas Service at St Lawrence Church - Parents invited |
| 15th December | Christmas Dinner Day |
| 17th December - 10am | Carols in Church Stretton town |
| 20th December - 3rd January 2022 | Christmas Holiday |
| 4th January 2022 | PD Day - School closed to children |
| 2nd February - 4th February 2022 | Y5 to Pioneer Centre - 2 night residential |
| 18th February 2022 | PD Day - School closed to children |
| 21st February - 25th February | Half term holiday |
| 28th February 2022 - 4th March | Y6 Arthog |
| 11th April - 22nd April | Easter holiday |
| 25th April | PD Day - School closed to children |

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM

Please proceed to sQuid to book your child's place at After School Club for the next half-term. Please see further information attached to the newsletter Parentmail about our after school club.

The First Hour Sporting Activities for next half term will be:

Monday: Football
 Tuesday: Running
 Wednesday: Tag Rugby
 Thursday: Hockey
 Friday: Dodgeball



BACK FOR 2021

Adults £5
Children £1 (under 13)
Cash only on the gate

2ND LONG MYND SCOUTS

CHURCH STRETTON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

SAT 6th NOV 2021 - RECTORY FIELD - CHURCH STRETTON

Gates open 5pm - Fire lit 6.30pm - Fireworks 7pm

Hot food and licenced bar serving from 5pm

NO SPARKLERS PLEASE

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

ST LAWRENCE FRIENDS

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!
- Drawn every Saturday at 8pm

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
 and search for: St Lawrence CE

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older