

# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

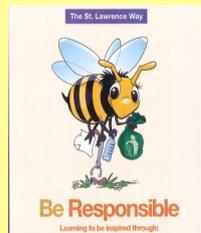
Our School Council met on Monday and the democratically elected reps from each class (and Mrs Wallis from Fox) agreed on the following improvements for our 'School Grounds':

- More trees
- More flowering bushes to attract bees and butterflies.
- Another pond
- Two herb gardens
- A bird hide
- More bird and bat boxes
- Hedgehog homes
- A wildflower meadow
- Wildlife log piles

All of these additions will help us in our quest to become an Eco School. If any parents want to get involved with these projects, they should get in touch!

Many of our pupils only want to write in pencil to avoid creating plastic waste from pens that are hard to recycle. We are therefore going to be handing out 'super pencils' to those who would ordinarily gain 'super pens'. We have found some amazing pencils which seem to have everlasting lead.

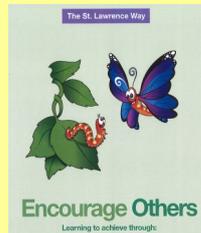
Mrs Allen-Brown's Singing Club has recorded an original song about water and the importance of keeping our waterways clean and free of pollution for the good of the planet. The song and video will soon be available to watch on Seesaw and it is also going to be entered into a competition organised by Severn Trent.



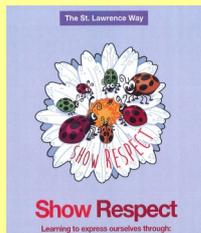
Our KS2 Explorers walked up Cardingmill Valley after school today, all the way up to the waterfall. I'm delighted to report that we found no litter polluting the river!



I'm sure Greta Thunberg would be impressed with the efforts of our pupils! Phoebe Pote has written the biography for Greta and wins a £5 book token. Is anyone going to write a biography for Stephen Hawking? - he's the only one left to do.



Times tables tests for all pupils take place next Wednesday! Awards for knowledge, speed and progress will be made.



Watch out for American spellings in Wordle now that it is owned by The New York Times. You might want to check out Nerdle, which is Maths version.



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## Friends' News ...

Hello,



Thank you to everyone that volunteered and supported our uniform shop last week, it's becoming more and more successful! It will be open again after half term. If you have any white school t-shirts we can still accept those, and any other donations will be gratefully received.

Don't forget our Bags2school date, 8th March! Use your own bags for this collection please, there will be leaflet reminders sent home. To find the full list of what is accepted head to their website: bag2school.com or take a look at the flyer being sent home today.

We still have plastic cups, plates, bowls, and jugs for hire. We only ask for a small donation and it's an eco friendly alternative. Contact us friends.stlawrence@outlook.com.

The Friends' Team

## Safer Schools



In 2011, our school was accredited a Safer School. This is a school security initiative created by West Mercia Police and supported by Shropshire Council. It includes the following.

- Forming a Safer School group representing the school.
- Implementing basic security measures applicable at all schools i.e. property marking, and visitor passes
- A pro-active approach to security/safety measures for the site/building and/or protecting assets.
- Establishing a procedure for surveying perceived issues i.e. an unauthorised thoroughfare or, recording incidents i.e. anti-social behaviour, vandalism. Any recorded information is then analysed, and appropriate measures implemented.
- If there are any projects to be undertaken, they are prioritised.
- Following the implementation of a project, its success is monitored.
- PSHE or education of pupils as per the Safer School pack.

To maintain the accreditation, we have held regular Safer School meetings since our accreditation, and we plan to hold a future meeting. Part of the Safer School process is gathering the views/concerns of parents/carers. If you have views/concerns, including any positive observations, please could you forward them in writing by 1st March 2022 so they may be considered at a Safer School meeting. The focus is the school grounds/site.

Thank you.

## Dates for your diary:

18th February 2022	PD Day - School closed to children
21st February - 25th February	Half-term holidays
28th February 2022 - 4th March	Y6 Arthog
8th March	Bag to school collection
9th March	Y3/4 visit to The World Museum in Liverpool
9th March	Reception & Y6 Height and weight check
18th March	Red Nose Day
7th April	Annual Reports to be sent out
11th April - 22nd April	Easter holiday
25th April	PD Day - School closed to children
16th - 17th June	Y4 Camp including Creative Outdoors providing activities

## Data Collection Sheet

We are today sending home a "Data Collection Sheet". The form shows the information we hold about your child on the school computer system. Could you please check that all the information is up to date-especially contact phone numbers.

Please ensure you fill in the 'photograph student' field in the parental consent area so that we have your up to date consent for your child's photo and video image to be used for anything related to school on the internet and other media outlets. Please be advised that the Data Exchange field is a mandatory requirement.

If any other amendments need to be made, please make them clearly on the form and return the form by **Thursday 17th February**.

Thank you

## EYE TESTS

Poor eyesight can cause learning and behavioural problems, which might be blamed on other things. This is especially true for young children, who may find it difficult to explain the difficulties they are having with their eyesight. They may not even be aware they have a problem at all.

Please ensure that your child has an eye test every year (free for children) and that if they wear glasses, their eye prescriptions are still suitable.

## **PARKING IN THE LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK & SCHOOL CAR PARK**

If you are not a **BLUE BADGE HOLDER**, please **do not** park in the disabled spaces in the Leisure Centre Car park or our school car park. These are designated only to be used by persons in possession of a blue badge. When these spaces are taken by other people (not blue badge holders) it causes problems.

**Please, THINK before you PARK**

Thank you

## Oyez! Oyez! Pantomime Returns

All Stretton Amateur Dramatics Society  
proudly presents

# Aladdin

Join us for a magical night of adventure

All Stretton Village Hall

7.30pm 24/25/26 February 2022

2pm on Saturday 26th February

Tickets: Sandford Hardware or Alison Hartshorne: 723060  
www.ticketsource.co.uk Adults £7 Children £4