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# St Lawrence Weekly

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## Headteacher's Spotlight

Today was Mrs Malone's last day at St Lawrence's and in a special assembly this morning we made her cry recounting memories from the past seven years. We had about 20 former pupils join us with most of them having been in six of the amazing end of year shows directed by Mrs Malone:

Bugsy Malone, Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Mary Poppins & Oliver.



When I asked who had ever had first aid from Mrs Malone, nearly every child's hand went up! Our school just won't be the same without her, though we will still be having a musical performance in the summer - a plan for us to try and follow is being left behind.

Mr Meason will be helping Mrs Betton in the school office but please can parents be understanding that we will have even less capacity to deal with issues. Indeed there could be times when the phone won't be answered or the hatch manned - we just haven't got enough staff anymore. As I am teaching Oak Class in the mornings (Monday to Thursday) it is very difficult to make decisions on issues that are sprung upon us. Please can any requests for absence, non-participation in activities as well queries about events be sent via email to both head and admin as early as is possible. Sometimes discussions need to take place and these are becoming harder to fit in with everyone squeezed for time. Sadly we are needing to lose more members of staff and the lovely and wonderful Mrs Clilverd will be next to leave us at the end of this term. We'll keep doing our best and if any parents/carers can volunteer to help in classrooms please get in touch. Equally, when we don't get something quite right, can I ask that we work together to sort the matter informally, as this works so much better than the complaints process which is upsetting for staff and time-consuming (especially for our poor governors who don't get paid for their efforts).

Alan Brannen  
 Headteacher

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## Friends' News ...



Please don't forget to return your goodie bags by Monday, 4th December. Your support with this is greatly appreciated!

We're still in need of Christmas jumpers for our preloved stall at the Christmas Crafts Fair. If you have any surplus to requirements, please feel free to drop them off at the school office.

Thanks to everyone who supported our uniform shop. However, we've noticed an influx of hoodies in the lost property. Please remember to label your child's hoodie so that we can return it to you. If you're in need of additional uniform, don't hesitate to reach out. Simply email us or send a message via Facebook, and we'll do our best to help.

Christmas Crafts Fair - Save the Date! Get ready for festive fun at our Christmas Crafts Fair on Friday, December 8th, straight after school. Each child will receive two free tokens to use on crafts or delicious treats.

## Christmas at St Lawrence

### Wednesday 20th December Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday 20th December we would like children to come to school in non-uniform, wearing a Christmas jumper if possible. Christmas lunch will be served, with Christmas music playing in the hall.

We would like all children to have a Christmas dinner. However, if your child will

**not** be having a dinner, please can you let the office know by Monday 11th December. If we do not hear anything, we will presume your child **will** be having a school dinner and will be charged for this on your sQuid account.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Roast Turkey & Chipolata Sausage  
 Veggie Toad in the Hole (v)

SERVED WITH...

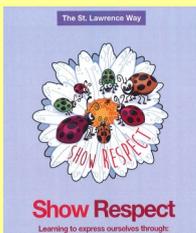
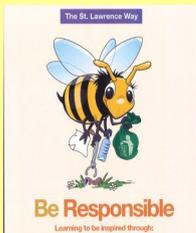
Stuffing Balls, Baton Carrots,  
 Fresh Sprouts, & Garden Peas,  
 Roast & Mashed Potatoes

FOLLOWED BY...

Festive Cupcakes  
 Christmas Biscuits



Fresh Dining



## Dates for your diary:

8th December - 3.15-5.30	Friends' Christmas Craft Fair
12th December - pm	Reception Santa Sports Workshop at Church Stretton school
14th December-9.30 or 2.15pm	Reception and KS1 Navity The Innkeeper's Breakfast
19th December - 10am	KS2 Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church - Parents welcome
Weds 20th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Weds 20th December 5.30pm-6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Carols and Songs around the tree is the KS2 Playground Reserve date 21st December
22nd December - am	Cinderella performance in school
22nd December 2pm	Whole school singing around the Christmas Tree in Church Stretton's square
25th December-4th Jan '24	Christmas holidays
5th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January-12th January	Y6 Arthog residential
21st - 23rd February 2024	Y5 Pioneer Centre residential

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### Christmas Lights Switch-On with Rotary Tree of Light

**Saturday, 25th November 2023**

**10.30am-4.00pm**  
Mayfair Community Centre Frost Fair

**1.00pm-4.00pm**  
Santa's Grotto with tea and cakes  
in the Silvester Horne Institute

**From 1.00pm**  
Christmas Fair including Food, Crafts &  
Fairground Rides in Sandford  
Avenue, High Street and Churchway

**From 3.00pm**  
Music, Food and Drink in The Square  
Compered by Robbie Tooth with  
children's competitions

**4.00pm**  
Messy Church Light Adventure  
At St. Laurence's Church

**5.15pm**  
Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sponsored by Church Stretton  
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**MAYFAIR  
FROST FAIR**

**Saturday 25th November 2023**  
**10.30am to 4pm**

MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND  
HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE, CHURCH STRETTON

CRAFT STALLS  
FOOD, DRINKS AND CAKES  
PENGUIN TRAIL  
FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
ENTERTAINMENT  
VINTAGE VEHICLES

**FREE  
ENTRY**

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EASTHOPE ROAD, CHURCH STRETTON, SY6 6BL  
Part of the Church Stretton Town Christmas Fair  
and Light Switch-on

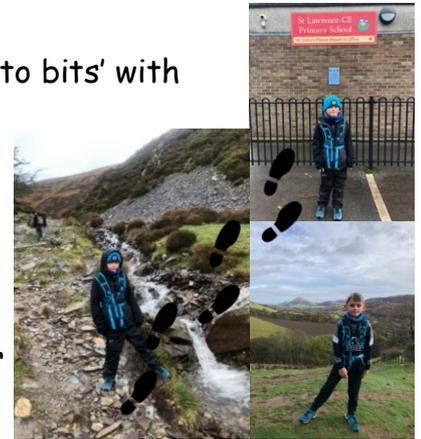
## Well done Louie!

A few months ago, Louie asked his Mum and Dad if he could raise some money for the school PTA.

Last weekend, Louie and his Mum, Kelly, completed a 7 mile sponsored walk over the Longmynd. Louie raised a fantastic £800 for the PTA.

Louie is 'chuffed to bits' with how much he raised for the school.

We are hugely impressed too and thank Louie for doing this for his school!



## Prayer for the week

Dear God

As we gather as a community to turn on the Christmas lights this weekend, thank you for the light that you have created.

Thank you that you saw that your beautiful world needed another kind of light.

Thank you that you sent Jesus to be a light to the world.

Please help us to be lights to those around us.

Amen

YOU ARE INVITED TO

# DONATE THIS CHRISTMAS

WE ARE FAST APPROACHING A MAGICAL TIME OF YEAR. HOWEVER, FOR SOME CHILDREN IT IS SPENT IN HOSPITAL RATHER THAN AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILY.

THANKS TO MANY DONATIONS LAST YEAR I WAS ABLE TO TAKE HAMPERS INTO THE CHILDREN'S WARD & THE CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY WARD AT PRH WHICH PROVIDED ESSENTIALS FOR PARENTS WHO DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK WHAT THEY MAY NEED TO PACK FOR THE UNEXPECTED STAY AHEAD OF THEM.

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO DO THIS AGAIN THIS YEAR AND SO I AM ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF ESSENTIALS. THIS CAN BE TOILETRY ESSENTIALS, POT NOODLES OR MUG SHOTS, TINNED FOODS, GRANOLA BARS OR CEREAL BARS, PORRIDGE POTS/ SACHETS, SWEET TREATS (MUST BE IN PACKETS)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANY OF THE ABOVE OR HAVE IDEAS OF YOUR OWN WHICH YOU THINK WOULD MAKE A PARENTS STAY LESS STRESSFUL PLEASE BRING IN TO SCHOOL BY THE 14TH DECEMBER

BEST WISHES NICOLA