

St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

Please forgive me, but I need make a few requests and give some reminders in this Spotlight. Here goes:

- 1) Please can parents/carers avoid using the staff car park unless accessing the disabled space.
- 2) Holidays in term-time cannot be authorised in any circumstances.
- 3) Pokémon and football cards are only allowed in school on Mondays.
- 4) Toys, cuddlies etc. should not be brought to school unless a teacher has requested that they be brought in for a particular activity.
- 5) Pupils must swim on the allocated day as this is part of our curriculum, unless a request has been made via our form and is approved by myself or Mr Brown.

We are continuing to recycle pens, batteries, Cathedral City and Babybel cheese wrappers, crisp packets and ink cartridges but can no longer take toothpaste tubes. Crisp packets and other plastic packaging can now be recycled at the local Co-op, so they no longer need to be brought in to us.



Be Responsible
Learning to be inspired through:

The Local Authority will soon be carrying out essential repair work on the school roof. This has been planned to take place whilst the school is open with assurances that it will be completely safe and not disruptive.



Encourage Others
Learning to achieve through:

We are looking for another parent governor - please read the message from our Chair of Governors and the paperwork coming out with this newsletter.



Show Respect
Learning to express ourselves through:

One of our Y5 pupils, Olly Pountney, has written a very powerful and thought provoking poem for Remembrance Day. I hope you enjoy reading it.

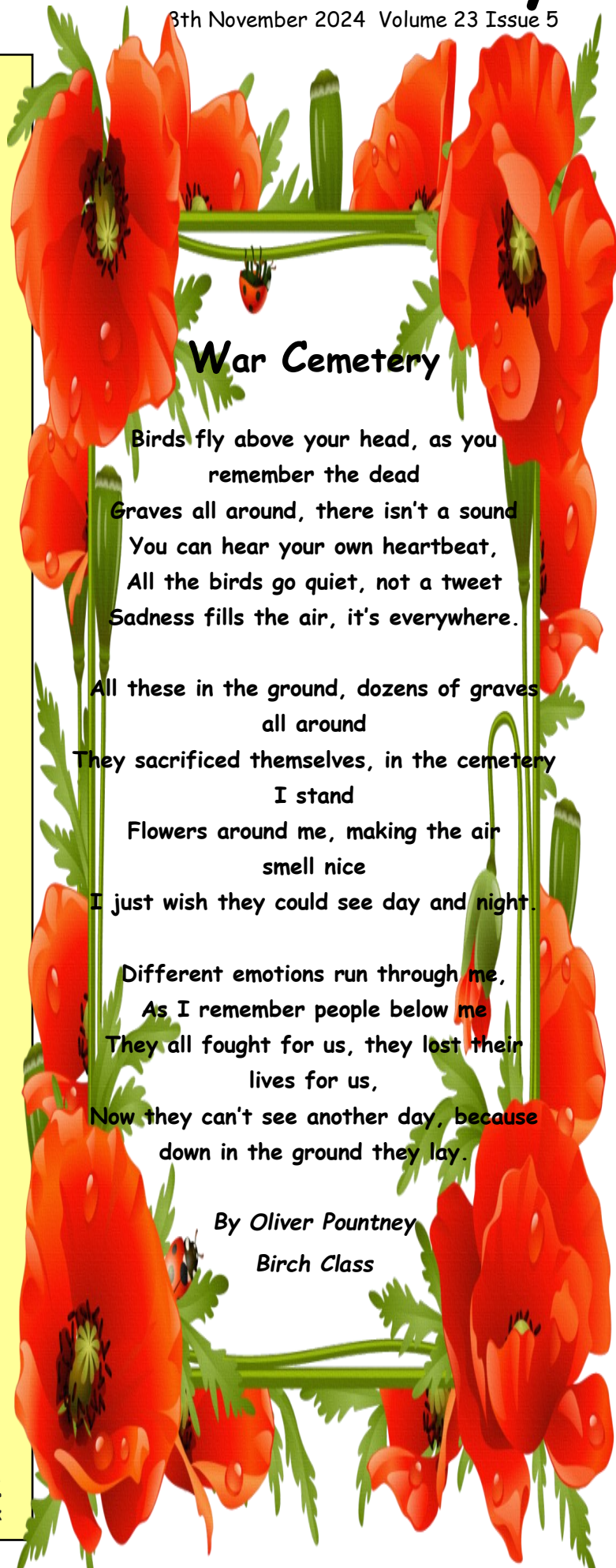


Try Our Best
Learning to be confident through:

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

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War Cemetery

Birds fly above your head, as you
 remember the dead
 Graves all around, there isn't a sound
 You can hear your own heartbeat,
 All the birds go quiet, not a tweet
 Sadness fills the air, it's everywhere.

All these in the ground, dozens of graves
 all around
 They sacrificed themselves, in the cemetery
 I stand
 Flowers around me, making the air
 smell nice
 I just wish they could see day and night.

Different emotions run through me,
 As I remember people below me
 They all fought for us, they lost their
 lives for us,
 Now they can't see another day, because
 down in the ground they lay.

By Oliver Pountney
 Birch Class

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th November - 11am	Whole school to Church Stretton War Memorial to observe 2 minute silence
Tuesday 12th November	Bags 2 School
Tuesday 12th November	Pine Class to Red House Farm & Wenlock Edge
Thursday 14th November	Birch Class to Red House Farm
Tuesday 19th November	Nursery to Red House Farm
Thursday 21st November	Y6 Height and Weight check
Thursday 21st November 7.30pm	Friends Meeting at The Kings Arms All Welcome
Friday 6th December - 3.20pm - 5.30	Friends Christmas Fair in school
Thursday 12th December 9.30am & 2pm	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances at Max two adults per child to one or other performance
Monday 16th December 10am	KS2 Christmas Service in Church - KS2 Parents welcome to attend
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Extravaganza Day to include Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 19th December - 4.15pm	KS2 Singing Club Performance around the Christmas Tree at school
Friday 20th December - 11am	Whole school singing Christmas carols in Church Stretton Town Square
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025	Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	PD Day - School closed to children
10th-14th February 2025	Y6 to Arthog
12th-14th February	Y5 to Pioneer Centre

Friends' News ...



Friends are meeting on Thursday 21st November at The Kings Arms in Church Stretton, please come along with any ideas and meet the team!



Massive thank you to all that helped or attended our movie night in October!

Special thank you to Shrewsbury Cineworld, Tesco Shrewsbury Branch, D W Simmons Fruit & Veg and Coop Church Stretton for donating towards the snacks, drinks and lunchboxes

We made a Grand Total of £524.25



To all our customers, volunteers and anyone else that donated time or money, thank you so much for making the food tent such a success.

Together with your efforts we made a whopping £1,840 for St Lawrence Primary School



CHILDREN IN NEED 2024

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Pyjama Day

Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas! for a suggested donation of £2.

Cookie Sale

Cook will be baking some Children in Need 'spotty' Cookies. These will be of sale at Breaktime for £1.00 each.

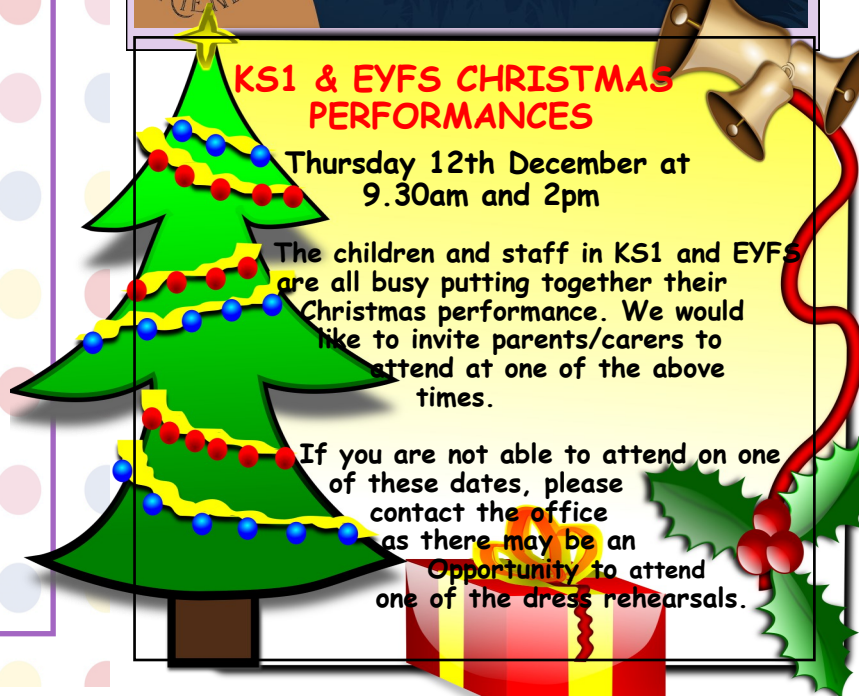
Don't forget some pennies to buy a cookie

KS1 & EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Thursday 12th December at 9.30am and 2pm

The children and staff in KS1 and EYFS are all busy putting together their Christmas performance. We would like to invite parents/carers to attend at one of the above times.

If you are not able to attend on one of these dates, please contact the office as there may be an opportunity to attend one of the dress rehearsals.



A message from our Chair of Governors ...

Governors met earlier this term for the first full meeting of the new academic year. A chance to reflect on the previous year including the fantastic OFSTED report, and to unpick results, as well as plan the year ahead. In particular the parents survey with so many positive comments was a pleasure to read. There were constructive suggestions including many parents who clearly want to see more of their children's time in school. In response to this, sessions are already being planned for the year ahead to involve parents. Our school has such a wealth of experiences and activities to offer pupils, from farm visits and swimming to forest school and residentials, that governors feel the school needs to promote itself more widely. We will be looking to form a group of interested governors, staff and parents to help with this, keep an eye on the newsletter if you are interested in getting involved.

Governors meet in full once a term and committees meet either termly or half termly. All governors bring with them varied skills and backgrounds and is this that makes a good governing board. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor so please have a think about whether you have the time and skills to form part of the board. Parent governors bring with them the experience of being a parent at St Lawrence, rather than being a spokesperson for all parents. Their perspective is key as parents have an insight that other governors may not have. If you are interested in standing as a parent governor or know someone that you would like to nominate then please get in touch. We also have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. As a Church of England school we have three foundation governors who are active members of the Parish with strong Christian beliefs and an interest in being involved in the school. If you know of anyone who may be interested they can get in touch with Rev. Steve Johnson to discuss further. Thank you to Mr Brown who has now finished his 4 year term as staff governor, and welcome to Mr Reynolds who takes on the role.

Emily Russell

Friends' News ...



All children
will receive 2
FREE tokens
to spend at
the fair!

Christmas Crafts Fair

Friday 6th December

3.20pm - 5.30pm in the School Hall

Crafts, Games, Raffle, Refreshments

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Lawrence CE Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

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Tuesday 12 November 2024 by 9am

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