ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have been very busy in and out of school. On 16th January, we took part in the Alton Cluster Swimming Gala. This is the second time this has taken place and this year we did even better! We were in the large schools' category and in true St Lawrence style, our children showed amazing team spirit and came a brilliant 3rd place. A big thank you to the team who represented our school:
Year 3: Dominic, Luna, Corallie and Ben
Year 4: Toby, Izzy, George and Phoebe
Year 5: Esben, Amaiya, Arthur and Bethany
Year 6: Eleanor, Mackenzie and Lucas. (A big thank you to Eleanor & Lucas who swam extra lengths for their Year 6 team)

I was so proud of all of them; not only for their effort, enthusiasm and swimming skills but above all for their sportsmanship and encouragement of not only their team but all the others too. We had members of staff from two separate local schools remark on how polite, well behaved and encouraging our children were. Thank you! You absolutely shone your light during the whole event. A big thank you also to Miss Panther who organised our school team.

This week was the first week of our Fair Trade fortnight organised by Mrs Parks and the Global Ambassadors. Family Time kicked off our celebrations and learning and it was lovely to see so many of you joining in with a range of Fair Trade activities in the classroom. The rest of the Fortnight includes a Fair Trade quiz organised by our Global Ambassadors, a mix up of learning afternoon and a trip out for Larch Class to the local Co-op to complete a Fair Trade Treasure Hunt. Mrs Parks and the Global Ambassadors will lead a Collective Worship next week to share with the rest of the school.

Year 5 had a visit from the Young Shakespeare Company on Thursday. They had an amazing time and loved learning all about the plot and characters from A Midsummer Nights Dream. They contributed ideas brilliantly and had the opportunity to join in with the story by taking on different roles. They yet again showed what stars they are and what fantastic talent we have at St Lawrence.

Some of you may have heard that Rev Andrew Micklefield has got a new job as Canon Treasurer of Winchester Cathedral. This means we will be moving house to Winchester but it does mean that I can stay in my job here at St Lawrence which I am very pleased about! Andrew has been a fantastic supporter of the school since 2007 and has been on the Governing Body for 11 years. We are very grateful for all he has done for the school over this time. We will have the opportunity to say goodbye to Andrew on his last Collective Worship with us on 6th March.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Take care, Fiona Micklefield

MESSAGE FROM BUSY BEES NURSERY

Please do not park in the parish centre car park as their parents need to be able to pick up and drop off their young children.



Our amazing Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala team!





COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we are focusing on:

- Epiphany
- Jesus' miracles
- Fair Trade Fortnight
- Light

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PE days for Spring 1

MON	Y1 & Y6
TUES	Y4 & YR
WED	Y5
THURS	Y2
FRI	Y3

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:

Now we are in January preparations are underway for the Summer Fair that will be held on Friday 27th June. We are currently building a list of volunteers to help on the day. If you would be interested in helping, even to help on a stall for half an hour, then please drop an email to the school office. We are also starting to collect raffle prizes. If you work for a business or can donate a prize for the raffle, please can you contact us via an email to the school office.

Our next event with be our café to be held in the school hall straight after school on Friday 7th February. Please can any cake donations (nut free) be dropped off at school in a morning. Just a reminder that any cake tins/trays etc not picked up at the café will be left in the school reception area to be picked up.

Thanks Kate (PTA Chair).

ATTENDANCE
w/c 13 Jan 2025

Year R – 98.3%
Year 1 – 97%
Year 2 – 95.86%
Year 3 – 97.5%
Year 4 – 92.94%
Year 5 – 96.77%
Year 6 – 93.45%

ATTENDANCE
w/c 20 Jan 2025

Year R – 97.41%
Year 1 – 98.89%
Year 2 – 94.64%
Year 3 – 97.22%
Year 4 – 98.69%
Year 5 – 97.49%
Year 6 – 91.19%

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 13 Jan 2025

Year R – Kai
Year 1 – Bena
Year 2 – Brae
Year 3 – Dominic
Year 4 – Orla
Year 5 –Amaiya
Year 6 - Pip

ALL STARS CLUB
w/c 20 Jan 2025

Year R – Sullivan
Year 1 – Holly
Year 2 – Antoni
Year 3 – Ophelia
Year 4 – Toby
Year 5 –Joycee
Year 6 - Owen

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION

Available to anyone without referral:

Alton Community Cupboard: Open on:

Monday 12pm-1pm.
Tuesday 7pm-8pm.
Wednesday 12pm-1pm.
Thursday 7pm-8pm.
Friday 12pm-1pm.
Saturday 12.30pm-1.30pm (excluding market Saturdays).

Alton Clothes Bank: Open Tues 9.30am-11.00am, St. Mary`s Church

GLOW – a group for Key Stage 2 children in St Lawrence Church every Thursday afternoon 3.15-4.15pm

Messy Church – Alton Methodist Church (1st Saturday of the month at Alton Methodist Church)

Collective Worships - All welcome - Thursday mornings in St Lawrence Church 9.00-9.30am

Teddies – A toddler group on a Monday morning in term time in the church for free play, activities, music, stories and prayer. 9.30-10.30 but someone is there in the church from 9.00am.

REMINDERS

27 January	HMS Guitar Lessons
27 January	Beech – Vedic Society Hindu Temple
27 January	KS2 Dance Activity Club
27 January	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
28 January	KS2 Football Activity Club
28 January	KS1 Dance Activity Club
28 January	Maple – Dance – (Main Hall)
29 January	Woodwind Music Lessons
29 January	KS2 Drama Activity Club
29 January	KS1 Football Activity Club
30 January	Violin Lessons – Library
30 January	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
31 January	Beech – Swimming
3 February	HMS Guitar Lessons
3 February	KS2 Dance Activity Club
3 February	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
4 February	KS2 Football Activity Club
4 February	KS1 Dance Activity Club
4 February	Maple – Dance – (Main Hall)
5 February	Maple – Zoolab visiting
5 February	Woodwind Music Lessons
5 February	KS2 Drama Activity Club
5 February	KS1 Football Activity Club
6 February	Violin Lessons – Library
6 February	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
7 February	Beech – Swimming
7 February	PTA cafe
10 February	HMS Guitar Lessons
10 February	KS2 Dance Activity Club
10 February	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
11 February	Internet Safety Day
11 February	KS2 Football Activity Club
11 February	KS1 Dance Activity Club
12 February	Woodwind Music Lessons
12 February	KS2 Drama Activity Club
12 February	KS1 Football Activity Club
13 February	Violin Lessons – Library
13 February	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
14 February	Beech – Swimming
17 – 21 February	Half Term
24 February	Back to School