ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Family Time last week. We are really proud of the community we are building here at St Lawrence and hope you enjoy coming in to visit. We will keep changing the day to allow as many of you as possible to attend over the school year.

Thank you for supporting Children in Need again this year. We managed to raise £340 – what a fantastic amount!

This year, we are developing the use of Pupil Voice and in doing so we have many children holding positions of responsibility such as Global Ambassadors, EDI Heroes (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion), Health & Safety Inspectors, Play Leaders and Collective Worship Crusaders. Mrs Brown is working with a new group of children called the Eco Champions. They are working on obtaining the Green Flag Award which we hope to achieve by the end of the summer. As part of this, they are going to be meeting and working with some members of the Eco Church Team from the Parish of the Resurrection. This is an exciting new partnership in the community.

More classes have had trips out and visitors in to enhance their curriculum this half term. Year R had an exciting visit from Jason Barnes, the fireman; this week, Year 3 went on a school trip to Butser Farm as part of their history topic and Year 5 will be enjoying a visit from the Spring Dance Company later in the half term to enhance their topic on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. As part of this, I have seen some wonderful drama work with the children investigating what life was like as an evacuee. I felt quite emotional hearing the soundscapes they added to their freeze frames. They clearly understood what these children went through. See photos below of a couple of freeze frames.

We have welcomed two new TAs this half term – Miss Emily Stefan is working with Year 6 to give continuity for when Mrs Pittaras leaves in December and Miss Sinem Cinar is working with Year 4 and is temporary until May half term. Mrs Parker is retiring at Christmas and we will miss her but she has offered to help on school trips and be a reading volunteer which is great news for us! We are currently advertising and will update you when we have more news.

Miss Lancaster will be leaving to go on maternity leave next Friday 29th November and we wish her all the best and look forward to some exciting news in December! Mrs Brown will be covering her PPA time in Year 3. She taught the class last year which will ensure good transition.

Important reminder: we are a nut free school and there must be no products containing nuts brought into school e.g. peanut butter etc. Thank you for your co-operation.
I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Take care, Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we are focusing on:

- Saints
- Remembrance
- Transformation
- Advent
- Incarnation (Christmas)









Love, Compassion & Respect

"Let your light shine!" Matthew 5:16

Year 5 World War 2 evacuee freeze frames

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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA: It's been a busy couple of weeks with lots of you ordering tea towels; orders have now closed. As soon as the tea towels have arrived they will be sorted ready to go to the classes for children to take home. We will send a message once we have a confirmed date.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the Christmas hamper raffle, at 50p a ticket. Tickets can be picked up via the school office, from your PTA class rep or via a PTA member at various days on the school gate.

Thursday 28th November is a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation for the Christmas hamper raffle. Suggested items are chocolate, Christmas sweets, treats, craft items. Anything Christmas related will be gratefully received. The PTA will be putting the hampers together on the evening of 28th and we will send pictures of all the hampers via the class Whatsapp groups.
Thanks as always for your continued support.
Kate - PTA Chair

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 11 Nov 2024
Year R – 98.67%
Year 1 – 91.38%
Year 2 – 97.59%
Year 3 – 96.97%
Year 4 – 96.47%
Year 5 – 97.81%
Year 6 – 98.33%

ATTENDANCE
w/c 18 Nov 2024
Year R – 97.04%
Year 1 – 92.8%
Year 2 – 96.96%
Year 3 – 91.58%
Year 4 – 95.42%
Year 5 – 95.14%
Year 6 – 95.4%

ALL STARS
w/c 11 Nov 2024
Year R – Joshua
Year 1 – Archie
Year 2 – Freddie
Year 3 – Frankie
Year 4 – Aubree
Year 5 – Maisie
Year 6 – Hisham

ALL STARS
w/c 18 Nov 2024
Year R – Molly
Year 1 – Jemima
Year 2 – Albert
Year 3 – Max
Year 4 – Addy
Year 5 – Josie
Year 6 – Mackenzie

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

25 November	HMS Guitar Lessons
25 November	KS2 Dance Activity Club
25 November	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
26 November	KS2 Football Activity Club
26 November	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
27 November	Woodwind Music Lessons
27 November	KS2 Drama Activity Club
27 November	KS1 Football Activity Club
28 November	Non School Uniform – Donation – PTA Christmas Raffle
28 November	Violin Lessons – Library
28 November	Larch – Dance – (Main Hall)
28 November	KS1 Dance Activity Club (Main Hall)
28 November	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
29 November	Sycamore – Swimming
2 December	HMS – Guitar Lessons
2 December	Library Club – 6 x Sycamore Pupils
2 December	KS2 Dance Activity Club
2 December	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
3 December	Sycamore - Spring Dance Company
3 December	KS2 Football Activity Club
3 December	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
4 December	Woodwind Music Lessons
4 December	KS2 Drama Activity Club
4 December	KS1 Football Activity Club
5 December	Hawthorn – Fishbourne Roman Palace
5 December	Violin Lessons – Library
5 December	Larch – Dance (Main Hall)
5 December	KS1 Dance Activity Club
5 December	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
6 December	Sycamore – Swimming
9 December	HMS Guitar Lessons
9 December	KS2 Dance Activity Club
9 December	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
10 December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10 December	Maple – Visiting St Lawrence Church
10 December	Family Time
10 December	KS2 Football Activity Club
10 December	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
11 December	Woodwind Music Lessons
11 December	KS1 Nativity Performance
11 December	KS2 Drama Activity Club
11 December	KS1 Football Activity Club

FIREMEN VISITING WILLOW CLASS







BEECH CLASS VISITING BUTSER FARM







