ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term break. We have so many exciting things to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. Thank you to all the parents who made appointments to either see or speak on the phone to your child's class teacher. It is really important that we work together as a team to support the children in their learning.

In the last week before the end of term, the children all took part in our very first Poetry Slam organised by Miss Jones. Each class had a poem to memorise and then perform in the hall in front of the whole school. Mrs Lintott and Mrs Gaul were our judges for this one and the winners this time were Sycamore Class with their very poignant portrayal of "In Flanders Field." As the winners, they were able to order a book for their class. Well done everyone – a great effort and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for poetry. The poems performed were: Year R – Autumn Leaves; Year 1- Hurt no living thing by Christina Rossetti; Year 2 - Now we are six by AA Milne; Year 3 - Please Mrs Butler by Allan Ahlberg; Year 4 - Sick by Shel Silverstein; Year 5 – In Flander's Field; Year 6 – Matilda by Hilaire Belloc.

In the same week we also had Geography Day. The children are passionate about looking after our world. Each class had a different WWF 'Priority Place' to learn about and produced some fantastic work. Some of the classes mixed up to create an artwork inspired by the book 'The Crown' by Emily Kapff thinking about how we would want to leave the world. Year 4 had an informative biodiversity workshop from Scott Gudrich from Eco Streets Alton and they learnt so much. We also managed to raise £53 for the World Wildlife Fund which was fantastic.

There are times when parents ask us if they can share sweets with the class for their child's birthday and before we have asked parents to do this outside of the school gate. However, this does cause issues with space. If you do want to do this, we will now hand the sweets out at the very end of the day, the children will put them in their bags and will not be allowed to consume them in school nor without showing an adult. Please be aware that we have children with allergies in this school, so we can only hand out completely wrapped sweets which do not contain nuts. If you have any concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me.

When Miss Lancaster goes on maternity leave, Mrs Brown who already teaches Year 6 and Year 1 for PPA will cover Y3 PPA on a Thursday afternoon. She will have opportunity to meet the children before Miss Lancaster leaves.

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

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we are focusing on:

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

THANK YOU FROM MRS FORRESTER

"Thank you to the staff, parents and children for their kind gifts and messages. Totally overwhelmed! I will miss working with such a great bunch of people."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

(from a prospective Year R parent)

"I would just like to say thank you for giving up the time in your school day to show *** and myself around your wonderful school. We found it really insightful and were particularly impressed with the attitude to learning amongst the children. You get a real feel that the teaching staff, not only enjoy their job, but are proud of what they are doing and achieving. It is clear to us that you, yourself have a clear vision of where you are taking the school, as the ideas that have been implemented throughout are very consistent and teachers are wanting the best from each individual."





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"Let your light shine!" Matthew 5:16

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I can't believe we are in November; I feel it's now ok to talk about Christmas. We have a very busy half term coming up. All the children have drawn their self-portraits ready for the annual school tea-towel. Details of how to order them will follow shortly.
On 28th Nov we have a non-uniform day for donations for our Christmas raffle on 13th Dec at our Christmas Cafe. We will also be releasing details of our KS1 nativity costume hire; this will be the first year we have done this and we hope it will save families time and money.
Last half term our cafe raised £214.23 and the quiz night £389.75. Thanks for all your support.
Kate - PTA Chair

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 14 Oct 2024
Year R – 94%
Year 1 – 96.21%
Year 2 – 92.41%
Year 3 – 95.76%
Year 4 – 97.35%
Year 5 – 97.81%
Year 6 – 86.33%

ATTENDANCE
w/c 4 Nov 2024
Year R – 92.38%
Year 1 – 93.1%
Year 2 – 97.13%
Year 3 – 97.41%
Year 4 – 98.32%
Year 5 – 98.21%
Year 6 – 93.33%

ALL STARS
w/c 14 Oct 2024
Year 1 – Jack
Year 2 – Rory
Year 3 – Hannah
Year 4 – Hallie
Year 5 – Heidi
Year 6 – Summer

ALL STARS
w/c 21 Oct 2024
Year 1 – Fleur
Year 2 – Bertie
Year 3 – Freddie
Year 4 – Lara
Year 5 – Lillyrose
Year 6 – Priyanshi

ALL STARS
w/c 4 Nov 2024
Year R -Ffion
Year 1 – Aras
Year 2 – Ella
Year 3 – Layla-Rose
Year 4 – Ena
Year 5 – Esben
Year 6 – Isabelle

PE DAYS – AUTUMN 2
Monday: Maple
Tuesday: Hawthorn & Willow
Wednesday: Oak
Thursday: Larch & Beech
Friday: Sycamore - Swimming

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

11 November	HMS Guitar Lessons
11 November	KS2 Dance Activity Club
11 November	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
12 November	KS2 Football Activity Club
12 November	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
13 November	Alton Fire Station – Visiting Willow
13 November	Woodwind Music Lessons
13 November	Family Time
13 November	KS2 Drama Activity Club
13 November	KS1 Football Activity Club
13 November	Violin Lessons - Library
14 November	Larch - Dance
14 November	KS1 Dance Activity Club
14 November	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
15 November	Children in Need – more details to follow
15 November	Sycamore Swimming
18 November	Beech Class Trip – Butser Ancient Farm
18 November	HMS Guitar Lessons
18 November	KS2 Dance Activity Club
18 November	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
19 November	Flu Immunisation – Whole School
19 November	KS2 Football Activity Club
19 November	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
20 November	Woodwind Music Lessons
20 November	KS2 Drama Activity Club
20 November	KS1 Football Activity Club
21 November	Violin Lessons - Library
21 November	Larch - Dance
21 November	KS1 Dance Activity Club
21 November	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
22 November	Sycamore – Swimming – Water Safety
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