ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It does feel like time is flying here at St Lawrence CE Primary School! It is wonderful to see our Willow Class settling in and enjoying new friendships and experiences. This week has seen their first week of going into the hall for Collective Worship, and then joining the whole school for a Collective Worship in the church. They were all very grown up and respectful and the singing was amazing!

Oak Class went to Milestones Museum a couple of weeks ago and loved finding out about old toys and games – see the photos below. The children have also enjoyed teaching the other children on the playground games such as Tiddlywinks and Hopscotch. They have also enjoyed asking the staff about their favourite toys – it was good to reminisce!

This week, Sycamore Class spent the day at Fort Nelson. It sounded like a brilliant trip and they really showed the staff there how much they have learnt in class about World War 2. We even had a fantastic email sent from the Education Department about their trip – please see this with some photos further down.

On Geography Day we will be learning all about WWF and the work they do to support endangered animals. The children are passionate about looking after our planet for the future and WWF is great charity which helps to support this. If you would like to donate, please use the QR code to find our Just Giving page.

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Forrester at half term. She now has two grandchildren and wants to be able to spend time with them. We will really miss her as she has been such a part of our St Lawrence family and has supported so many children during her time at St Lawrence. Thank you so much for all you have done for us Mrs Forrester and we wish you well for the future. Please stay in touch!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Fiona Micklefield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES

For this half term, we have been focusing on:

- Our values – lighthouse
- Family – Year R curriculum concept & families in the bible
- Black History Month



WRITING FOR PLEASURE

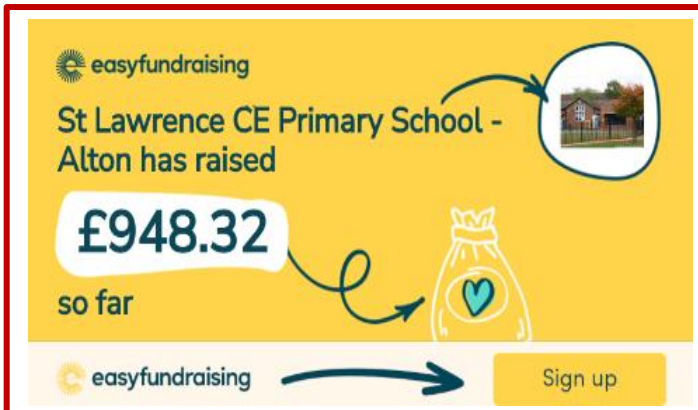
Each term, classes are given the opportunity to work together to write for pleasure for one afternoon. They can choose to write anything and can present it in any way they wish. Even the teachers join in! It is so important that as well as teaching the National Curriculum, we give our children the opportunity and freedom to write what they want at times to enthuse them and develop a love of writing. See Year 5 and 6 working together in the photo.



Love, Compassion & Respect

"Let your light shine!" Matthew 5:16

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QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE
w/c 7 Oct 2024

Year R – 97.33%
Year 1 – 96.9%
Year 2 – 96.21%
Year 3 – 99.39%
Year 4 – 96.76%
Year 5 – 92.19%
Year 6 – 94%

A photo of a "golden wonder" moment – a beautiful rainbow over the school from a parent



ATTENDANCE
w/c 14 Oct 2024

Year R – 94.44%
Year 1 – 96.17%
Year 2 – 91.67%
Year 3 – 95.62%
Year 4 – 97.39%
Year 5 – 97.57%
Year 6 – 87.04%

ALL STARS
w/c 7 Oct 2024

Year 1 – Benji
Year 2 – Nancy
Year 3 – Ben
Year 4 – William
Year 5 – Katy
Year 6 – Laurie

We have been notified that some pupils are playing on very outdated versions of TTRockstars. Please could you ensure that you check your **TTRockstars and Numbots** apps for any updates. It's important that children use the latest versions of the app and website to ensure they receive the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experiences. Some of the versions pupils are playing are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates. Thank you!

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

21 October	HMS Guitar Lessons
21 October	KS2 Dance Activity Club
21 October	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
22 October	Whole School Geography Day
22 October	Hawthorn – Dance
22 October	KS2 Football Activity Club
22 October	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
23 October	Woodwind Music Lessons
23 October	KS2 Drama Activity Club
23 October	KS1 Football Activity Club
23 October	Willow Class – Phonics and Prosecco Evening
24 October	Violin Lessons
24 October	Family Time
24 October	KS1 Dance Activity Club
24 October	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
25 October	Sycamore Swimming
W/C 28 October	Half Term
31 October	Deadline for Secondary Applications (Y6)
4 November	Inset Day
5 November	Return to School
5 November	Sycamore – Parent Consultations
5 November	Violin Lessons
5 November	KS2 Football Activity Club
5 November	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
6 November	Non Uniform Day ? House
6 November	Willow and Larch – Parent Consultations
6 November	Woodwind Music Lessons
6 November	KS2 Drama Activity Club
6 November	KS1 Football Activity Club

SYCAMORE CLASS AT FORT NELSON







Email from the Education Department:

"I just wanted to drop a quick email to let you know how brilliantly your year 5 class did today at Fort Nelson. They were all exceptionally polite, respectful, enthusiastic and came up with some good questions. I was also very impressed at their subject knowledge and willingness to have a go. Two students stood out further from this: one young lady in Able Squad who could tell me what ATS stands for (I did tell them in the introduction, but I have never had a pupil actually remember it before!) and another young lady in Charlie Squad who did the entire Home Guard Drill stood at either attention or at ease, eye's front as I had asked them, and she never dropped this position until I told them to fall out (only seen this a couple of times in my four years of facilitating this session).
The shop staff also commented that the whole class was one of the best-behaved and best-organized they have had in a very long time. The accompanying staff were fantastic too, the adults jumped right in with the activities and supported the children really well when needed. We wish you all the best for your academic year."

OAK CLASS AT MILESTONES MUSEUM







WILLOW CLASS VISITING ST LAWRENCE CHURCH





