ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope this newsletter finds you well and settled into the Autumn term. We are super proud of all of our Willow children who are coming into school beautifully. There are lots of smiles when I pop into Willow Class and they are very keen to tell me what they are doing! I even had some fairy cakes delivered to my door yesterday! All of our children are working hard in their new classes and it is wonderful to see them all coming back refreshed from the holidays and ready to learn. If you are new to our school this term, please do make sure you say hello on the gate and ask any questions if you are unsure about anything – no question is ever too small here. If you aren't able to see the teacher on the gate, please send an email into the school office (adminoffice@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk) and they will forward this on to the teacher who will respond to you or phone you back.

You may have heard the children talk about "letting your light shine" since they came back to school. That is because we really want to focus on what it means to demonstrate our school values of Love, Compassion and Respect. We have been talking to the children about how letting your light shine can be when you're in the classroom, on the playground and out of school too. I have been using a lighthouse as a good visual prompt for the children so that they think about how they can let their light shine and also shine Jesus' light out into the world. There will be more information soon on how we want to celebrate our children and all that they are and all that they achieve.

I also wanted to make you aware that there will be some changes happening to our attendance policy in light of new Government guidance. Once the policy has been agreed at a Full Governing Body meeting, I will write to you to inform you of the changes and the guidelines that we have to abide by as a Hampshire controlled school.

Please can I request that if your child is going to be arriving at school earlier than 8.40, that they remember our school values of Love, Compassion and Respect and our expectations of behaviour. The churchyard is a very public place and children are very visible in their school uniforms at this time. If your child is on their own and needs any assistance, please can you remind them that they can buzz the gate and a member of staff would come out to help.

Mrs Parks and Mrs Shaw are organising a whole school Geography Day on 22nd October. Over the school year, we want to continue to highlight our curriculum subjects and this day has stemmed from a letter that came from Toby in Year 4. He told me how concerned he was about the impact that climate change is having on wildlife and so the children are going to have a fun day learning about different endangered species and what we can do to help. More details will follow but I wanted to highlight what a great example this is of our children knowing that they can "be the change" right now. Well done Toby – you have inspired us! 😊

Have a lovely weekend.
Take care, Mrs Fiona Micklefield

Some excellent tour guides ready to show you round the Y1 Toy Museum

(Do not touch!)



Science, Drama & History in Y1 & Y2







Matthew 5:16

Love, Compassion & Respect

"Let your light shine!" Matthew 5:16

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I can't believe we are three weeks into the new school year already. We have another busy year ahead with lots of events planned throughout the coming year.
We kick off the year with our annual cheese and wine evening followed by our AGM. Come along and see what we do on Thursday 26th Sept from 6pm in the school.
Our first PTA cafe of the term will be held from 3.15pm in the hall on Friday 4th October. Please can any cake donations (nut free) be sent in at drop off that day.
Kind regards, Kate (PTA Chair)

QR CODE FOR PTA EASY FUNDRAISING

ATTENDANCE w/c 9 Sept 2024

Year R – 100%
Year 1 – 98.21%
Year 2 – 97.93%
Year 3 – 98.18%
Year 4 – 98.82%
Year 5 – 97.19%
Year 6 – 95.67%

ATTENDANCE w/c 16 Sept 2024

Year R – 98.52%
Year 1 – 87.74%
Year 2 – 94.64%
Year 3 – 97.64%
Year 4 – 94.12%
Year 5 – 94.79%
Year 6 – 95.56%



THANK YOU ROTARY!
We have been awarded a £5k grant by The Rotary Club for our Alton Cluster FSW. They are enormously supportive and have given this money to support families with parenting, anxiety and SEN etc. It will help establish a resource bank of toys, books and equipment as well as support courses across this academic year. Above is a photo of two of our HT representatives with the Rotary Chair, Mrs Rosemary Arrowsmith-Oliver.

ALL STARS w/c 9 Sept 2024

Year 1 – Arthur
Year 2 – Rupert
Year 3 – Alexander
Year 4 – Sam
Year 5 – Bethany
Year 6 – Ayana

ALL STARS w/c 16 Sept 2024

Year 1 – Bao Anh
Year 2 – Mia
Year 3 – Jemma
Year 4 – Eden
Year 5 – Chloe
Year 6 – Kayden M

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION

Available to anyone without referral:

Alton Community Cupboard:

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
(Free adult, children & babywear)

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)

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

REMINDERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

23 September	HMS Guitar Lessons
23 September	KS2 Dance Activity Club
23 September	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
24 September	Amery Hill – Open Morning
24 September	Violin Lessons
24 September	Hawthorn – Dance
24 September	KS2 Football Activity Club
24 September	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
25 September	Amery Hill – Open Morning
25 September	Woodwind Music Lessons
25 September	KS2 Dance Activity Club
25 September	KS1 Football Activity Club
26 September	KS1 Dance Activity Club
26 September	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
26 September	PTA – AGM in school – all parents welcome
27 September	Sycamore – Swimming
27 September	Family Time
30 September	HMS – Guitar Lessons
30 September	KS2 Dance Activity Club
30 September	KS1 Multisport Activity Club
1 October	Violin Lessons
1 October	Hawthorn – Dance
1 October	KS2 Football Activity Club
1 October	KS1 Gymnastics Activity Club
2 October	Hawthorn – Portals to the past
2 October	Woodwind Music Lessons
2 October	KS2 Drama Activity Club
2 October	KS1 Football Activity Club
3 October	Oak – Milestones Museum
3 October	KS1 Dance Activity Club
3 October	KS2 Multisport Activity Club
4 October	Sycamore – Swimming
4 October	PTA Cafe