

St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

It was a beautiful, bright morning for our annual remembrance service at the war memorial surrounded by the Stretton Hills. As always our pupils behaved impeccably and listened respectfully to Rector Steve and Curate David as they reminded us that:



*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Very sadly, I need to inform you, that Mrs Malone has been offered a new job and an exciting opportunity at another school and leaves to start it later this month. I know this will come as a shock for parents and pupils (as it did to staff) who all adore her. She is irreplaceable; but we'll try our best to find people on the team to cover everything that she does - a tough challenge! In particular, we'll all be pulling together in the summer term to put on an end of year performance, which Mrs Malone has always directed superbly. It won't be the same without her, yet the show must go on!

Alan Brannen

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Friends' News ...



Huge thanks to everyone who helped on Saturday to make our Bonfire BBQ run like clockwork! We raised an amazing £1500!

Our next fundraising event will be at the Frost Fair at Mayfair on Saturday 25th November and then later the same day we will be out on Sandford Avenue selling burgers and sausage baps. Do come and support us. If you'd like to lend a hand for an hour, that would be great too! The more money we can raise, the more we can enhance our children's school journey.

Don't forget we will be opening the uniform shop next week at pick up time Monday - Thursday.

Our Christmas crafts fair will be after school on Friday 8th December, save the date! Again, if you can volunteer to help on a stall please get in touch, we'd be so grateful.

Governor update - Autumn term

Since my last update, governors have been involved in our annual surveys to gain an insight into the opinions of the three most important groups within our school community: the pupils, the parents and the staff. Each provides a valuable view of the school from a different perspective. It has been lovely to read the opinions and feedback from each group, often complimenting the others. There is so much positivity within the responses, and in a time where budgets are being squeezed and resources stretched it is heartening to hear.

Of course, work continues within the finance committee to move towards a balanced budget, and within the curriculum committee to do our best to ensure that standards of teaching remain as high as they have been. We continue our work this term into investigating the possibility of joining a MAT.

This month we have said goodbye to our Local Authority Governor, Tom Blackwell. Tom has been an active and diligent governor and I would like to pass my thanks on to him for his work. We are also saying goodbye to one of our Community Governors, Esme Turner, at the end of the term. Esme has been a governor for around 10 years now and has dedicated so much of her time as Safeguarding Link and as Chair and Vice Chair. We welcome Steve Redmond as our new Vice Chair. If you know someone in the community who you think has the skills and time to be one of our new community governors, please ask them to get in touch with me at emily.russell1@st-lawrenceprimary.co.uk. We would be particularly interested in hearing from those with skills in finance, law or safeguarding.

Emily Russell

CHILDREN IN NEED 2023 FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

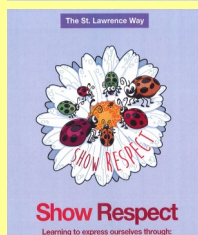
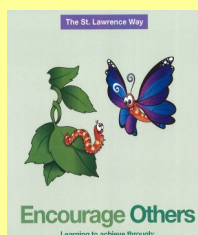
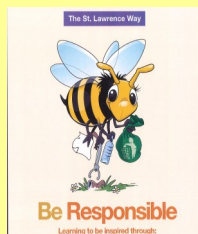
Pyjama Day

Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas! for a suggested donation of £2.

Cookie Sale

Cook will be baking some Children in Need 'spotty' Cookies. These will be of sale at Breaktime for £1.00 each.

Don't forget some pennies to buy a cookie too.



Dates for your diary:

14th November - 2pm	Safer school meeting—All welcome
17th November	Children in Need
20th November—am	Yr—Y6 Flu Immunisation
8th December - 3.15—5.30	Friends' Christmas Craft Fair
12th December - pm	Reception Santa Sports Workshop at Church Stretton school
14th December—9.30 or 2.15pm	Reception and KS1 Navity The Innkeeper's Breakfast
19th December - 10am	KS2 Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church - Parents welcome
Weds 20th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Weds 20th December 5.30pm—6.30pm	KS2 Christmas Carols and Songs around the tree is the KS2 Playground Reserve date 21st December
22nd December - am	Cinderella performance in school
22nd December 2pm	Whole school singing around the Christmas Tree in Church Stretton's square
25th December-4th Jan '24	Christmas holidays
5th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January 2024	PD Day - School closed to children
8th January-12th January	Y6 Arthog residential
21st - 23rd February 2024	Y5 Pioneer Centre residential

Prayer for the week

As we gather together this weekend to remember:

We remember with thanks, those who have given their lives in service of others.

We remember with sadness, the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict.

We commit ourselves to be peacemakers and peacekeepers wherever we can.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FAIR

FRI 8TH DECEMBER
3.15PM - 5.30PM
In the school hall.

Christmas Jumper Sale
Crafts
Food & Drinks
Raffle
Games

Tokens for crafts will be available to buy on entry.
Most crafts will cost 1 token.
2 FREE tokens
will be given to all children by Friday 8th!

Pupil Premium Funding

The pupil premium is funding allocated to schools for the specific purpose of boosting the attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils. Funding is given to schools in addition to main school funding and is allocated for each child who is currently receiving Free School Meals, those who have received FSM in the past and for those children who have been in care.

If you have not previously informed us then please do let us know if your child has ever:

- * been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years;
- * is a child of a member of the serving forces (or has been in the last 4 years);
- * been looked after for one day or more;
- * been adopted;
- * left care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order.

Please email or speak to a member of our admin team.

Charity number: 1061049
Company number: 5507951

MAYFAIR FROST FAIR

Saturday 25th November 2023
10.30am to 4pm

MAYFAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE, CHURCH STRETTON

CRAFT STALLS
FOOD, DRINKS AND CAKES
PENGUIN TRAIL
FAMILY ACTIVITIES
ENTERTAINMENT
VINTAGE VEHICLES

FREE ENTRY

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Part of the Church Stretton Town Christmas Fair and Light Switch-on