

St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

Our school office has unfortunately been flooded following a blocked drain and work has begun to clean and dry it out, but this will take several weeks. It's a bit of mess and the last thing we needed on top of our budget issues.

Governors will be making decisions on how best to make savings, but there is no doubt we will need to cut down on much of the support we provide and pay for. Is there a way to keep it going with less expenditure? For example, our ingenious drop-off system in the morning involves a cost to pay for the member of staff who stops cars parking in four bays. Could a parent volunteer do this role (08:45 - 09:00 every morning)? Can anyone help with gardening, reading with pupils, litter picking, break duties etc.

Have you spotted our 'Green Flag' flying high at the front of the site? We are officially an Eco-school!

Well done to our cross-country runners in Y1-Y4. Superb results for the following pupils:



Bradley Davis Y3 1st
 Max Morris Y3 3rd
 Huxley Overs-Morrell Y4 2nd
 Archie Forsyth 3rd
 Elsie Frankel Y2 1st

A superb poem has been written by Logan Pockett (in the style of Christina Rossetti) reminding us to care for nature:

**Hurt no living thing,
 Bluebird in the trees,
 Nor falcon flying high,
 Nor hawk nests in sight,
 Nor kestrel catching fish,
 Nor robin eating berries,
 Nor owl out hunting in the scarlet sky.**

Have an enjoyable weekend.

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 Headteacher

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Friends' News ...

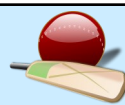


Thank you so much for all of your support at the uniform shop this week! The preloved uniform shop continues to be a success. If you have any uniform you no longer need please do think of us and donate it to the shop.

We are looking ahead to upcoming events and we will need volunteers for bonfire night please. We provide the food for the popular local event and it's one of our biggest fundraisers so we need as much support as we can get. Thank you!

We have decided to reschedule our AGM as we weren't successful in getting enough people to the previous date. Date and time TBC.

Best wishes,
 Friends'



Anyone for Cricket?

We are running some cricket sessions at William Brookes School Sports Centre for **girls only** Years 4-6 and are looking to open it up outside of our normal club network. The sessions are softball based for all levels - beginner to hard ball player.

Sundays: 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th October

1.45pm until 3.30pm - Cost £20 for the 4 weeks.

All sessions will be led by SCB County Age Group coaches.

Players will need to wear appropriate cricket training kit or sports clothing for the sessions (ideally club or school playing/training shirt, with tracksuit trousers or shorts).

If children would like to attend, please complete the google form below. Shortly after completion your daughter will be added to a group via Spond

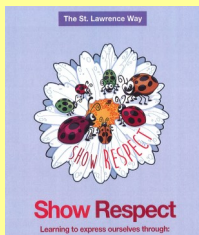
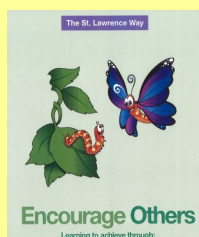
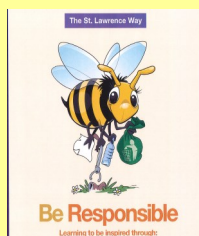
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If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself via the details below:

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Dates for your diary:

2nd October - am	Whole school Harvest Festival at St Laurence's Church. Parents of Reception children and new starters in September 2023 are all welcome to attend.
4th October - 5pm	Parent meeting—Arthog 2024 Parents & children can attend.
5th October - pm	Y5/6 Cross country at Carding Mill Valley
3rd October - 3.15pm	Parent meeting - Pioneer Centre 2024
3rd October - 9th October	Travelling Book Fair Arrives in school
12th October - pm	Y1/2 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
17th October - pm	KS1 Invasion Games sporting event at Church Stretton School
18th October	PSP Meetings (SEND children)
24th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
26th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.20pm
27th October	PD Day - School closed to children
30th October - 3rd Nov	Half -term
14th November - 2pm	Safer school meeting
7th December - pm	Y3/4 Dodgeball at Church Stretton school
12th December - pm	Reception Santa Sports Workshop at Church Stretton school
19th December - 10am	KS2 Christmas Service at St Laurence's Church
22nd December - am	Cinderella performance in school
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

UNITED PACK PONY CLUB PRESENTS AN

AUTUMN FUN RIDE

From Walcot Hall, Lydbury North
What3Words - snorenosedivewoes
with the kind permission of Mr and Mrs R Parish

1ST OCTOBER, 2023
APPROX 9 MILES
10AM FIRST HORSE - 1PM LAST HORSE
£20 - Adult £15 - children 12yrs & under



OPTIONAL JUMPS PHOTOGRAPHER AND CATERING ON SITE

Entries via Horsemonkey (£5 discount online) or taken on the day

Prayer for the week

Dear God

Thank you for the wonderful world you created for us.

Help us to be responsible and do our best to look after the world, each other and ourselves.

Amen



Stretton Parish

As part of our harvest celebrations
Stretton Parish is hosting a

HARVEST HOEDOWN

FEATURING THE ODD SOCKS CEILIDH BAND

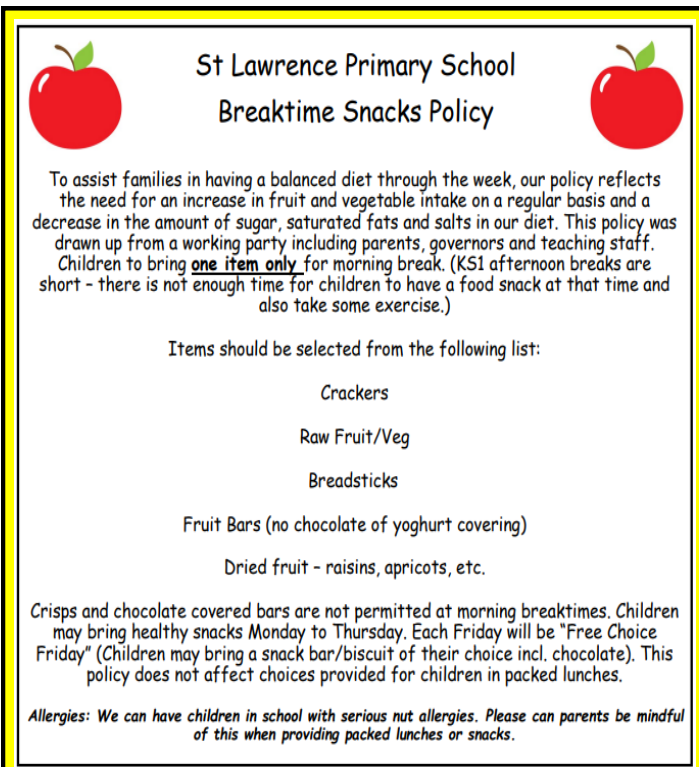
Saturday 30 September
6pm-9pm

St Laurence Church, Church Stretton

Tickets: £6 per adult
children free (up to two per adult)

A simple harvest supper will be served
Donations gratefully received on the night for the supper

Book tickets via www.strettonparish.org.uk
or call the Parish office on 01694 724224
or use this QR code



St Lawrence Primary School Breaktime Snacks Policy

To assist families in having a balanced diet through the week, our policy reflects the need for an increase in fruit and vegetable intake on a regular basis and a decrease in the amount of sugar, saturated fats and salts in our diet. This policy was drawn up from a working party including parents, governors and teaching staff. Children to bring one item only for morning break. (KS1 afternoon breaks are short - there is not enough time for children to have a food snack at that time and also take some exercise.)

Items should be selected from the following list:

- Crackers
- Raw Fruit/Veg
- Breadsticks
- Fruit Bars (no chocolate or yoghurt covering)
- Dried fruit - raisins, apricots, etc.

Crisps and chocolate covered bars are not permitted at morning breaktimes. Children may bring healthy snacks Monday to Thursday. Each Friday will be "Free Choice Friday" (Children may bring a snack bar/biscuit of their choice incl. chocolate). This policy does not affect choices provided for children in packed lunches.

Allergies: We can have children in school with serious nut allergies. Please can parents be mindful of this when providing packed lunches or snacks.