



St Lawrence Weekly

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Headteacher's Spotlight

We are expecting all 265 pupils to return next week - exciting! Our Operational Plan is just as it was in the autumn term with just a few tweaks - please study it. Importantly, we need all children to have arrived by 08:50 in the morning (gates will open at 08:30) and the pick up slot is between 15:00 and 15:15 (2 hrs earlier on Fridays). Even with 103 pupils in school the car park has been busy, so we really, really need lots of families to walk to and from school to ease congestion. Please do it if you can - extra fresh air and exercise.

Breakfast Club is back and opens at 07:45 each day. Remember to book if you need places! There'll be no after school care and governors will need to decide whether this provision should be brought back in September. After school clubs could return in the summer term! Please don't worry about uniform if children have outgrown items - we'll be totally sympathetic for the rest of the school year. Children who have had a birthday in lockdown can wear non-uniform on a day of their choice!

I must ask parents not to fret about children having fallen behind academically - to do so could be damaging to their self-worth and self-esteem. We'll be ensuring 'catch up' and 'recovery' happen subtly and through a positive process - we have no intention of extending the school day or teaching in the holidays, as this would be counterproductive to morale and happiness (pupils and staff). We have superb and experienced teachers and support staff at our school and I am very confident that they'll work wonders over the months and years to enable accelerated progress to occur across the school. Our children will be just fine providing we keep calm!

Once again, can I thank and praise all parents, grandparents, big brothers/sisters and others who have supported children at home with remote learning. My wife is one of these and is looking forward to our three returning to school next week - I know what you've been experiencing! I don't think it has ever been clearer just what wonderful places schools are for quality education, social interaction, sport and fun!

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. Testing kits can be obtained through your employer, if they offer testing to employees; by collecting a home test kit from a local test site or by ordering a home test kit online, but please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes. If you have any queries about tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open from every day from 7am - 11pm. Please note that children of primary school age (and below), without symptoms, are not being asked to take a test.

STEP UP SHROPSHIRE

Where to collect your rapid lateral flow home test kits

If you have ordered free rapid lateral flow test kits, you can pick them up from the following sites:

- London Road Car Park, Shrewsbury, SY2 6NS
- Beatrice Street Car Park, Oswestry, SY11 1QW
- Smithfield Car Park, 25 Lower Galdeford, Ludlow, SY8 1RN

Test kits will be available for collection between 1.30pm - 7pm

HANDS FACE SPACE

www.shropshire.gov.uk

The new trees have arrived on site, Mr Castree and Mr Meason are busy planting them!

See you all on Monday!

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We love Carers!

Messy Church
In a bag

This month your
Messy Church in a Bag
will be delivered to your house!

Click [here](#) by **Friday 5th March**
to receive your bag full of
craft and activities.

Stretton Parish

Pastoral Newsletter from Mrs Robinson and Mrs Forster

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Stay
Safe Be
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Hello everyone

We hope that you and your children are feeling positive about the return to 'normal' school next week. This week's newsletter is dedicated to highlighting the ways in which the Pastoral Team here at St Lawrence's can support you and your family over the coming weeks and months.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

With best wishes *Mrs Robinson and Mrs Forster x*

The Strettons Food Bank

**FOOD BANK IS OPEN EVERY FRIDAY
FROM 2.30pm TO 4pm
AT ST LAURENCE'S PARISH CENTRE,
CHURCH STREET, CHURCH STRETTON,
SY6 6DQ**

**BUT IF YOU NEED FOOD URGENTLY
PLEASE USE CONTACT DETAILS
BELOW**

**If you have any queries please
phone or text 07561-693870
or contact Mayfair Community
centre – 01694 722077**

The Pastoral Support Team at St Lawrence's can offer:

- ✓ 1:1 sessions covering a wide range of issues such as:
 - low self esteem
 - handling anger
 - worrying
 - emotional literacy – identifying and handling feelings
 - friendship difficulties
- ✓ Advice on sleep, general mental wellbeing, family relationships, foodbank/food poverty, housing
- ✓ Access to courses such as Understanding your Child/Teen
- ✓ Signposting to specialist services such as Autism West Midlands, BEAM* and the BeeU* pathway with advice from school SENCo
- ✓ Support in seeking referrals to other services such as BeeU and Young Carers Trust, for example
- ✓ Support for referrals to Shropshire public health nursing service
- ✓ Access and guidance to bereavement services, counselling services
- ✓ Access to online services such as Kooth
- ✓ Access to Early Help support from our in-house Family Support Worker
- ✓ ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions with Mrs Forster who is a registered ELSA with the Shropshire Educational Psychology Service

*NB BeeU is the new name for CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and BEAM is an Emotional Health and Wellbeing drop in service



We also work alongside Kay Brophy, a psychologist and creative therapist, who spends one day a week supporting children and their families in our school.



ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TO FRIENDS AT ST LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL.



EASTER RAFFLE



50p per raffle ticket available at family shopper!

5 prizes to be won! All on display at Family Shopper



Raffle will be drawn on Good Friday, 2nd April @Family Shopper.

Hello!

This week we held our AGM. Thanks to all who attended. We now welcome some new committee members and thank the old ones for their input and help last year. We will be arranging a bags 2 school collection just as soon as we can once school re-opens. so if you have had a clear out please bear us in mind. Soon, we will also be collecting used printer ink cartridges, to raise a little money and to save a few more things from landfill. Any brands will be accepted. Please start saving yours and watch this space for more information on where the collection bin will be situated. Thank you

