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Headteacher's Spotlight

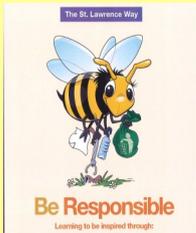
Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we only returned to school last week - the Christmas break seems such a long time ago. I think this particularly happens in schools, where so much happens on any one day or even in any one hour!

My personal challenge for 2022 is to carry out a programme of stretches every day; Mrs Bollom is going to donate an item to the foodbank every time she shops at a supermarket shop and Mr Williams is going to try and swim 200m in less than 5 minutes. What's your challenge?

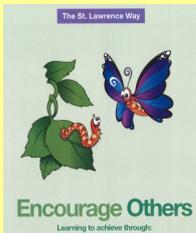
I have awarded Ben Thomas with a £5 book token for being the first to submit a wonderful, short biography of Usain Bolt to accompany one of our posters around school. Further book tokens will be given out for best 200 word biographies written on the following influential people: Charles Darwin, Mother Teresa, Anne Frank, Stephen Hawking, Mahatma Ghandi, Greta Thunberg, Albert Einstein, JK Rowling, David Attenborough and Martin Luther-King.

We will be taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of this week. Many families will want to take part at home, so sign up at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>. Last year (2021) the top ten birds spotted in the UK were: House Sparrow, Blue Tit, Starling, Blackbird, Woodpigeon, Robin, Great Tit, Goldfinch, Magpie and Long-tailed Tit. I wonder if the list will change this year?

Mrs Parsons is about to go into her third trimester of pregnancy and in order to ensure she is kept away from Coronavirus, she'll be working from home. This means that on a Monday and Friday she'll be teaching Birch and Pine classes remotely. This is a new venture for us and exciting, but we expect our Y5/6s in the classes to be mature and well-behaved. Teaching Assistants will of course be in the classrooms with the children!

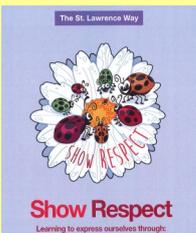


Mrs Bentley will not be in school for a number of weeks, so we have arranged for Mrs Bolton (one of our regular supply teachers) to take Oak Class everyday until Mrs Bentley returns.



Hedgehog Class have been writing poems about a character or setting. Louisa Woodhouse wrote a fantastic poem; here's part of it:

Here is the sea,
It is deep.
The sea is shimmering.
The stars are bright.
Here is the moon.
Shining on the sea.
Where am I?



Well done Louisa!



Have a lovely weekend.

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Individual and small groups lessons usually take place in school. We teach nearly all instruments and have a range of equipment for hire or loan. We also work with several local retailers to offer assisted purchase of instruments and advice when buying.



Dates for your diary:

17th January 2pm - 3.30pm	KS2 Sportshall Athletics
19th January 2022 3.30pm	Parent Information Event for Y5 residential to The Pioneer Centre
31st January 1.30 - 3pm	KS2 Inclusion Festival
2nd February - 4th February 2022	Y5 to Pioneer Centre - 2 night residential
18th February 2022	PD Day - School closed to children
21st February - 25th February	Half-term holidays
28th February 2022 - 4th March	Y6 Arthog
11th April - 22nd April	Easter holiday
25th April	PD Day - School closed to children

Friends' News ...



We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas break!

If you have any unwanted gifts please do consider donating them to us! We can find a use for them.

Congratulations to those that won the school lottery over the Christmas break! If you haven't signed up yet and would like to, go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search St Lawrence CE Primary School.

Any questions or ideas and suggestions for fundraising, please do get in touch! We are always happy to hear from you. We can also take requests for uniform, from our second hand uniform shop whilst it is closed.

Contact us at friends.stlawrence@outlook.com or via our Facebook page.

Best wishes,

The Friends team.

Y5 PIONEER CENTRE VISIT

All Parents (and children) are invited to attend a Parent Information Event on Wednesday 19th January at 3.30pm.

This will be an opportunity to find out more information about what the children will be doing during the forthcoming residential visit.

Please attend if you can.



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

Understanding Your Child Groups

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(All you need is an email address and an electronic device for virtual groups and we'll talk you through the rest)

Dates & Times

Monday 24th January 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Time 13.00—15.00 Virtually

or

Friday 28th January 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding school holidays)

Time 09.30—11.30 at Sunflower House, Shrewsbury

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
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