



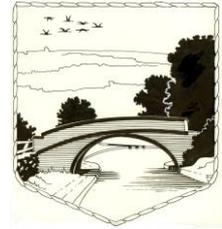
# St. Lawrence CE Primary School

With

## Little Lawrences

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Friday 29th March 2019



Dear All

What a beautiful week it has been: glorious sunshine, brightly coloured flower beds and early blossom adorning trees: perfect for Mother's Day on Sunday. Our new tree in the quiet area is looking especially lovely. Maybe the saying about March coming in like a lion and out like a lamb is true after all?

The school is full of life at the moment and has welcomed a number of visitors who have loved the experience: every day it seems as if a new face has come to say hello. The head of St Lawrence in Coventry was especially complimentary about the vibrancy at the school. We are delighted to have welcomed Ava into Year 1 this week.



**Little Lawrence and our Reception Class have seen some brilliant visitors in recent weeks:** all of whom help us in some way or another; some in an emergency, some to turn to for advice...and some to stop an emergency.

This certainly sums up last week's visitor: **Jo Fraser, a dentist!** I think the pictures sum it all up – a very practical demonstration of why it is important to brush your teeth, think about sugar and sugary drinks and what the consequences are. The 'giants' teeth made it all very real!



**This week, Maria and the team had the police (and a police dog) in.** The children came back into the class (I was there to greet them with Mrs Sanchez) and the children were buzzing – what a terrific experience for the children to have!



**In the next couple of weeks, Reverend Gillian will be in:** someone who is always available to talk to. She'll also be leading the Early Years Easter Service.

*Our children are getting such a rich wealth of experiences because our Early Years team know how important it is.*

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**It has been a delight to welcome so many governors in the past few weeks to talk to children across the school.**

Children seem to have enjoyed sharing their Learning Journals or RE books and talking about their lived learning experience. Every year governors do this and get a real picture of what it actually is like for children.

*Last year it was all about maths, this year RE... next year ... all about science?*

### **Events to look forward to as we come to the end of the term:**

- I'm really looking forward to the Year 4 Harp concert that is held as part of the Achievement Assembly next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (starting at 9am). All parents are warmly invited to join us.
- Classes 3 and 4 are really learning and practising hard for their forthcoming production of **Dragon Days**. It has a great European flavour to it...and a most eclectic mix of music! Tickets for this spectacular are now available.
- These are our Easter Services!



It was good though to take a break and take learning off-site. There are few better places than **Coventry Cathedral**: a trip that Classes 3 and 4 loved. For some, the sculpture of knives grabbed their attention and judging from some of the artwork that was produced, the windows, the chalices, the organ pipes and the tapestry did it for others. I loved to hear from one child about the Unity Chapel: a prayer space where all are literally drawn into the centre (because of the sloping floors!)



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## Talking of out of school learning:

- Our Reception Class are off to the farm on Monday.
- The Squash Team are playing in Kenilworth ... on Monday.
- The Girls football team are competing in Kineton ... on Monday too!

**Please note all Year 1's will be collected from the KS1 Playground each morning from next week – yes – it starts on Monday as well.**  
(It's all happening on Monday!)



## Practical Action – Our Lentern Charity Focus

Thank you to all Little Lawrences, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents for any donations made as part of our cakes and crafts event today. All donations will go to Practical Action.

During the forthcoming Year 3 and 4 Production, donations are being again requested for Practical Action.

Our Year 5 and 6 children (supported by all the school council) are planning a cakes and popcorn stall a week on Friday.



**During the first three weeks of the summer term, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are trialling picnic lunches on the playground (and when dry enough) the field.** Instead of eating cooked lunches inside, children who have requested school dinners will be provided with a cold packed lunch from Educaterers. These can then be taken outside, along with those children who have brought in their own packed lunches. Following this trial period we will be seeking your feedback.

**Well done to our Year 6 School Councillors** – James, Grace N and Grace P who led last week's recycling assembly – very clear, very confident and very impressive graphics on the screen!

Please note that:

- Little Lawrences will stay within their own learning environment.
- No hot dinners will be served to anyone on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Educaterers do an either or service) at lunchtime.
- School Council who liked this idea (as did children in the KS2 assembly yesterday) were keen to keep hot dinners on Mondays, the roast dinners on Wednesday s and the Fish dinners on Fridays.
- Hot meals for Larks 'n' Owls remains the same as ever.

**There was a lovely turnout for the PTA social hosted by Hannah at the village shop. A place for a bit of fizz, a moment or two to reflect on how £60k has been raised over the past 5 years and plenty of time to mix and chat.**

The PTA is vital for fund raising but it is about so much more than that - it creates a sense of community. Thank you to all who contribute to our school.

I'm looking forward to the forthcoming Easter Games!!!

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**'It is always a pleasure to hear of achievements of former pupils - to hear of those in school orchestras, those travelling to university to compete or to study and the following.**

Well done to Jack Newell from the first few years of my time at our school for being signed to Northampton Football Club after years of training. The talent was always there but it has been his dedication to training that has made all the difference.

And well done to Alfie Johnson from last year. After going all out to learn how to swim following the support from his former class, he has gone on to do a sponsored swim (for Cancer Research) - of 1200m!! We are thrilled for him. We have a form in school if you are inspired to sponsor him.

***Who knows what your children will achieve in the future - we have the privilege to inspire: they take it to the next level.***

What achievements to report!

I do hope that all the Mums who were able to join us today for 'Cakes and Crafts' enjoyed their time in school. We hope that each and every mum across the school is treated royally for the love that is so unconditionally given: have a special day on Sunday.



#### Also Coming up...

- **Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Apr** Year 4 squash tournament at Kenilworth squash club.  
Girls Yr 5 and 6 Football tournament at Kineton.
- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr** Junior Cranmer Awards Final.
- **Thur 4<sup>th</sup> Apr** Netball tournament.
- **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** Yr 4 harps performance in assembly.
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr** Easter Service at Napton Church
- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Apr** Brass Assembly for the children with Mrs Pugh.  
Yr3/4 Afternoon Production.
- **Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Apr** LL and Rec Easter Service.  
Yr2 Dance Workshop with Lorraine Day.  
Recycling Assembly with Ruth Payne from WCC.  
Yr3/4 Evening Production.
- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr** Head Teachers Merit Assembly.  
PTA Easter Games (after school).

Kindest regards

*John Brine*

Head Teacher

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