



Gnosall St Lawrence C.E. Primary Academy

Newsletter

Week ending: 6 October 2017
Issue No: 412

Dear Parents/Carers,

This late afternoon I was able to present our finance chairperson with a cheque made payable to our school for the sum of £1500.00 The money has come from the recent fundraising by Mr Kershaw following his successful 100 mile bike ride. On behalf of staff, children and Governors, our sincere thanks go to Mr Kershaw for all his efforts and for choosing us as one of his nominated charities. I will keep you all informed as to how the money will be spent on our outside areas to benefit the children of our school. My enormous thanks go to you all for the huge number of donations of food we were able to give the charity Christian food aid yesterday following our Harvest Festival. There are people in our locality this weekend that will not be hungry because of your generosity—thank you.

Enjoy the weekend—I'm waiting to hear if I've become a grandmother.... So excited!
Mrs Edwards



Dear God,

We give thanks for our food, for those who grow it, for those who prepare it, for those who buy it, for those who cook it, for those who serve it. Please bless those who eat it! AMEN

PSFA Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting

Last year's Christmas Fayre was a roaring success—and here's your chance to help make it even bigger and better for 2017!

The PSFA are holding a Planning Meeting in the Sanctuary at school on Thursday 19 October, straight after drop-off in the morning.

Everyone welcome!

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

New Menu Items

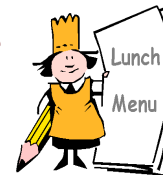
On October 11 our wonderful kitchen will be trialling two new products—a mild chicken curry and a Southern Fried Chicken Wrap. These will be available alongside the regular menu choices (next Wednesday is Sweet & Sour Chicken). These items are from a supplier new to the school—if they're popular, we'll use them more!



Casual Lunchtime Supervisors

We are looking for Lunchtime Supervisors to add to our wonderful team on a casual basis, filling in for absence and such like.

If you're interested, please get further details from Mrs Nichol via the School Office—call 822391 or email finance@st-lawrence.staffs.sch./uk
Thank you!



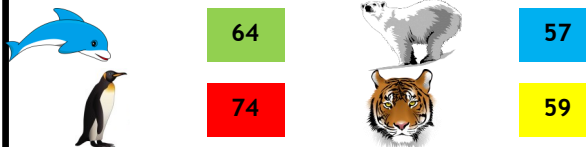
Next Week:

Black History Month
Tuesday after school—Football tournament, KEVI
Wednesday—end of Sukkot (Jewish Harvest)
Wednesday—end of World Space Week
Friday—Year 5 & 6 trip to Potteries Museum
Friday—Celebration Assembly

WANTED

Any toy cars, lorries, vans or other vehicles
URGENTLY REQUIRED for our Reception class.
If you have any lying around unwanted—any condition—please send them in to Mrs Andrews.
Also wanted—old kitchen utensils for the mud kitchen:
large metal spoons, sieves, ladles, spatulas—anything!
Thank you!

House Points:



Walking Bus

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered this week—but we still need more trained drivers!

PLEASE PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO—THE MORE DRIVERS WE HAVE, THE MORE WE CAN SHARE THE LOAD! There is a particular need for drivers on Fridays! The training planned for last Monday was cancelled due to illness, but has been re-arranged for Monday 16 October. Any and all who are interested in becoming drivers will be welcome—please let Mrs Winnington know as soon as possible.

Zumba:
Places Available for Year 1 upwards

Tuesday morning, 7.45–8.30
£2.50 per session inc breakfast
Turn up on Tuesday morning!



Book Fayre

A great opportunity to get Christmas presents sorted out! The Book Fayre will be available for viewing on Friday 8 December and be selling from Monday 11 December until Wednesday 13 December. Not only do you get the opportunity to get some great Christmas presents at bargain prices, but you also help us raise funds—we get a really good rate of commission on everything sold! More details will follow nearer the time...



CLUBS

Monday before school—Gymnastics—Jackie

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Tuesday morning Zumba—Liz

Tuesday after school—Art Club—Jackie

Tuesday Lunchtime Active Plus (by invitation only) - Keri

Wednesday morning gymnastics (inc breakfast) — Jackie

Wednesday after school Mini-Olympians—Jackie

Thursday morning—Gymnastics—Jason

Friday morning Sports Acro—Jackie

Friday after school—Football

Please note: There are some spaces available in Liz's Tuesday Zumba, Jackie's Wednesday morning Gym club, Jason's Class on Thursday mornings (aimed at YR—Y2) and in Jackie's Friday Sports Acro class for all years.

School staff are running the following clubs and will let children know how to join the clubs

Craft—Mrs Rackley—Wednesday lunchtime

Homework—Miss Birch—Tuesday after school

Chess—Mr Whelan—Wednesday & Thursday lunchtimes

Gardening—Mrs Rhodes—Thursday after school (until half term only)

Cross-Country (Y4-6) - Tuesday after school (please note this club has reached capacity already!)

Kids Club

Please note new fees are now effective:



Morning session or part thereof: £5.60

Evenings: £4.50 per hour or part thereof (£2.25 for last half hour, otherwise charged hourly as at present)

Ad hoc bookings: £6.00 per hour or part thereof.

Thank you.

OUTDOOR/PE SESSIONS

Just a reminder of PE/Outdoor (Forest School) sessions

	Forest School	P.E.
Pre-School	Monday morning	n/a
Reception:	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1	Wednesday	Monday
Year 2	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 5	Friday	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday	Friday

Now the weather is becoming less clement, please do ensure your children have sufficiently warm and waterproof clothing and footwear for the forest school sessions! Thank you.

TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018 (PUPILS)

Autumn Term:	Spring Term:	Summer Term:
Wed 6 Sept— Tues 19 Dec	Wed 3 Jan— Thurs 29 Mar	Mon 16 Apr—Fri 20 July
Half term: 23— 27 Oct	Half term: 19— 23 Feb	May Day: Mon 7 May Half term: 28 May—4 June

(NB 12 & 13 April and 4 June are INSET days)

Menus

Week 3 menu from Monday—starting the week with Pulled Pork or Quorn burgers...



Remember—there is no credit!

Current 'live' items on ParentPay are:



- Laches Wood stage payment (Y5) - due 12 January 2018
- Music Tuition (8 accounts overdue—lessons will be withheld after this week if payment is not brought up to date—individual reminders will be sent out!)
- Standon Bowers final payment (Y4) - due 20 October
- Jodrell Bank (Y1 & 2) - due 20 October
- Stone Age Day—Y3 & 4

Please ensure you have credit available for dinners—there is already a long list of people owing, in most cases, small amounts. Please do not wait until you owe—put some credit in before it is spent.

Thank you!

Unauthorised Absence

Just a reminder of the key points from the new Unauthorised Absence policy being introduced by the Authority from January 2018:

- From 1 January 2018 any period of unauthorised leave (i.e. holiday or other event) may result in a Penalty Notice/Fine being issued. As a school, we are required to submit information regarding every unauthorised absence to Staffordshire's 'Families First' team; it will be they who are responsible for making the decision about whether a Notice/Fine should be issued or not.
- This will apply to unauthorised leave of absence notified before 1 January 2018 but occurring after that date, as well as leave notified thereafter.
- Persistent absence or lateness will now be classified as 10 days' unauthorised absence or lateness and will also be subject to penalty notices/fines. This lateness does not, as previously, have to be consecutive.

We have new Leave of Absence Request Forms which, whilst 'personalised' to our school, have been designed by the Authority to both give you as much opportunity to convince the Headteacher that the circumstances surrounding your request are indeed exceptional, and to collect all the data the Authority need should they wish to pursue a penalty notice/fine.

A letter confirming the changes was sent out to you last week via ParentPay confirming the changes. If you require a paper copy please let the office know.

Collecting Children

Please remember to supervise your children actively once they've been handed over to you at the end of the school day.

Also please be careful with toddlers as you approach the school—we had an incident last week when a toddler ran off from its parent and was nearly hit by a vehicle. Worryingly, the parent was not aware of the incident at any stage, being deep in conversation with another parent. There is a lot more traffic in Lowfield Lane at collection/drop-off times; please be wary.

Thank you!

Coffee Mornings

This week: **Monday and Tuesday** Don't forget **St Lawrence's Church Tea & Toast mornings** on **Tuesdays** as well...