



Gnosall St Lawrence C.E. Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,
My huge thanks go to the PSFA—for successfully running the Film Night last night which the children all enjoyed and also for all the “behind the scenes” work that is going on to prepare for next week’s Christmas Fayre. Their commitment to raising funds for the benefit of the children of our school is second to none and very much appreciated by Staff and Governors.

In relation to funding, and with other local Headteachers from Stafford, I met with Jeremy LeFroy MP this morning to discuss the issue of funding for schools. Sadly in this week’s budget, unless you are a secondary specialist maths school, there is no extra funding for education resulting in the situation being very worrying for many schools in terms of future retention of staff and the funding of much needed resources for the children of our schools. I know the Treasury is not a bottomless pit of monies, but the proportion of government spending on education is now down again for the fifth year running and we need to keep up our campaign of securing the correct and proper funding for our children’s futures.

I am looking forward to hearing our (very large!) choir singing tomorrow night at the Grosvenor Centre for the switching on of the Christmas lights. Wrap up warm please choir as the forecast is extremely chilly!
Enjoy the weekend.



Mrs Edwards

Dear God,
We are thankful for teamwork and those around us that want to help us. May we understand the importance of working together. May we try our best to help ourselves, our partners and ultimately our communities. AMEN

APPEALS:

PSFA Christmas Fayre Appeal

The PSFA desperately need more of everything for this year’s Christmas Fayre...
It is next week
Friday 1 December!



- Filled Jam Jars
- Empty Jars/small prizes
- Chocolates & Sweets
- Mystery Boxes or items to go in them
- Bottles of wine or other alcoholic beverages

TERM DATES 2018-19

Monday 3 September 2018—INSET
Tuesday 4 September 2018—start of term
Thursday 20 December 2018—end of term
Friday 21 December 2018—INSET
(Half term: 29/10/18—2/11/18)

Monday 7 January 2019—start of term
Friday 12 April 2019—end of term
(Half term: 18/2/19—22/2/19)

Monday 29 April 2019—start of term
Friday 19 July 2019—end of term
Monday 22 July—INSET
(Half term: 27/5/19—4/6/19)
Monday & Tuesday 3 & 4 June 2019—INSET
Monday 6 May—May Day Bank Holiday

FLOWER POTS

Any old flower pots please! Plastic, clay, painted, plain, big or small—wanted by Reception! (That’s YR, not the school office!) Many thanks



House Points:



147

162



152

156

Gingham Summer Dresses Wanted!

Nasio Trust

The Nasio Trust works with orphaned and destitute children in Kenya. They are currently asking for donations of red gingham dresses for their new school intake in January (all primary ages). Please have a look at their website <http://www.thenasiotrust.org/> for further details of their work. **Any donations will be welcome at the school office; we will make sure they are transported on from there.**

Next Week:

FRIDAY after school —PSFA Christmas Fayre

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

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

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

PLEASE PAY:

Y3 - 6 dinner money

Y6 Shugborough deposit

Music fees

Outstanding trips—please check everything is up to date on your account.

Please check your balance by looking under 'my account' then 'transaction history'. Remember to change the search dates!

Thank you!



CONTACT DETAILS:

If they change, PLEASE update them at the school office. Further, please ensure there is someone we can contact—all too often we cannot get a response from any of the contacts listed, which is not helpful when we have a sick and distressed child who needs to go home.

Thank you!

Kids Club

Please note the new fees:

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.



Menus

Week 2 this week, Pulled Pork Bap or Veggie Sausage Roll.

A letter will be coming out early next week re Christmas Dinner—Mrs Dashfield needs to gauge numbers before ordering so please watch out for that.



Lunch Orders

Recently a significant number of children have registered as having sandwiches in the morning, but then taken a school meal at lunchtime. We have put systems in place to deal with this, but it may mean that, very rarely, a meal is charged for that you are not expecting. Normally we will of course try to contact you to let you know, but this doesn't always prove possible.

Please contact us if you are unsure about any item you see on your child's account so that we can clarify the information with you. 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:

Wed 6 Sept—

Tues 19 Dec

Half term: 23—

27 Oct

Spring Term:

Wed 3 Jan—

Thurs 29 Mar

Half term: 19—

23 Feb

Summer Term:

Mon 16 Apr—Fri

20 July

May Day: Mon 7

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



PSFA Christmas Craft Fayre

Tuesday 19 December,

1.30pm—3.30pm

We still need some more stallholders for this event so if you know of anyone please ask them to get in touch via the School Office. It is only £10 for the stall!

As well as the wares on the stalls, refreshments will be on sale along with somewhere to sit and have a chat with friends. There'll be raffles, competitions and so on to have a go at and some great prizes!

Every entry gets a free entry into a draw for a treatment with a local holistic therapist — a massage, facial, manicure or pedicure, or some reflexology—whatever you fancy, with a £30 voucher!



Collecting Children

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

Coffee Mornings

We welcome you to use the sanctuary for tea and coffee next week on Monday only (due to the Christmas fayre preparations) as soon as you have dropped your child/ren off. Don't forget St Lawrence's Church Tea & Toast mornings on Tuesdays as well...