



Gnosall St Lawrence C.E. Primary Academy Newsletter

Week ending: 9 March 2018
Issue No: 430

Dear Parents/Carers,
What a week! Interviewing for some additional teaching posts as our school continues to grow in numbers, our visit from Ofsted, nightly parent consultation evenings and then the Big Brew and Mothering Day sale on Thursday. It's been a very very busy week and my thanks to everyone involved in all of these various events—children, staff, Governors Trustees and the PSFA. I can honestly say that I am going to enjoy a jolly good rest this weekend!

The Y5s did immensely well with their selling techniques on Thursday morning at the Fairtrade Sale and I will be able to report to you how much income they made next week. Thank you for all your contributions. Some of those Y5s will definitely be successful sales people in the future and have the “gift of the gab” in terms of being able to sell; they were MARVELLOUS!

Next week we will be celebrating British Science week and the children will be involved in doing various science experiments which the teachers have arranged for them—which are in addition to what they are taught within the normal science curriculum—so please do make sure you ask your child about this aspect of their learning next week.

I wish all women who have a “mothering” role a most wonderful day on Sunday celebrating Mothering Sunday. Thank you for all you do for the children of our community.
Mrs Edwards—Headteacher



Loving God, we give you thanks for all who care for us, who have encouraged us and helped us grow, who have forgiven us, and cared for us when we are unwell and who have supported us when times were hard.
Thank you, Lord. AMEN

Reminder—the next Celebration Assembly will be on 23 March

Week commencing 12/3/18:
All week: British Science Week
Monday: Academy Photographers (Y6, groups and teams)
Friday: Year 1 Assembly & Cake Sale

Golden Award Winners



Pre-school: Theo Falla
YRS: Luke Manners
YRD: Bronwyn Proffitt
YR1: James Cooch
Y2: Ben Sheen
Y3W: Benjamin Holroyd
Y3R: Heston Glover
Y4: Ruby Broughton
Y5: Tyler Booth
Y6 Grace Kessey
Sporting: Ben Sheen

eSafety tips


Filtering

The ‘big 4’ internet providers all have a range of filters available that you can apply to your account to help protect your children. Cut & paste the address below to find out how:





<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parental-controls-offered-your-home-internet-provider>

Filtering is only part of the solution


No filter or parental controls tool is 100% effective, and many of the risks that young people face online are because of their own and other’s behaviour. It is therefore important to talk to your children about staying safe online and make sure they know that they can turn to you if they get into any difficulty. Many devices such as games consoles, smartphones and tablets have their own parental controls, for example to limit spending or restrict access to apps based on age rating. Likewise, many web browsers have built-in tools and features to help you control the kinds of content users can view.




House Points:

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|  | 285 |  | 288 |
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PSFA Mothers Day Raffle Friday 9 March




A huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our raffle this year. The winners have been drawn, but just in case we spoil a surprise we won’t publish the winners this week! We will of course make sure that the children who won are given their prize today, ready for Sunday.



We have along list of thanks to those individuals and companies who donated prizes. In no particular order, we extend our gratitude to:

- Gnosall Co-Op
- Fletchers of Eccleshall
- Soup Kitchen
- Mrs Edwards
- Beauty Station
- Wolverhampton Grand Theatre
- Lily & Loaf
- Gaphotography
- Headquarters Newport
- Beauty Boutique



Walking bus

Please note departure time is 8.15am. If you are using the walking bus please ensure you are at the Grosvenor Centre in good time for a prompt departure. Please note that for insurance reasons we are not allowed to accept late arrivals to the bus once it has departed - sorry!



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent questionnaire—we received 82 responses, which represents over 50% of the number of families in our school. We hope to publish the results fully next week, but suffice to say they are overall very positive; it was lovely to read so many positive comments outlining your views about the workings of our school.

A few respondents offered responses which caused us concern, and which related to either isolated incidents or to situations of which we were not aware. Unfortunately, those responses were offered anonymously, and we would encourage anyone with any issues, but particularly any relating to a negative experience at school, to make contact so that things can be sorted. If we don't know about it, we can't deal with it, so if you have an issue indicated anonymously on your questionnaire, please do get in touch.

We look forward to sharing our analysis with you in the next couple of weeks.



KIDS CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has responded to last week's appeal to hand in late booking forms. Just a reminder that there is no Kids Club on the last day of term, Thursday 29 March.

Menus

Next week is Week 3, starting with Mediterranean Chicken Wraps or vegetarian pizza on Monday after half term. However this is subject to change at short notice—Love Joe's haven't yet delivered Monday's ingredients!



ABSENCE/LATE ARRIVAL

Just some quick reminders please:

1. Please remember to call in to school or leave a message on the gate if your child is absent.
2. If you arrive late (i.e. after the black gates are closed), please come round to the office to sign your child/ren in, and be prepared to give a reason in order to avoid 'unauthorised' lateness.
3. If you do not leave a message to explain a child's absence, we will contact all of the details on your child's contact list in the order that they have been given. If we are still unable to find out the reason for your child's absence, Mrs Edwards or another senior member of staff will attend at your house. If there is still no apparent reason for your child's absence, then the police will be contacted! We will be tenacious in order to ensure that we know that your child is safe. Therefore please make it easy for everyone involved and contact us to give reasons for absence as soon as you can!!

Thank you!

REMAINING TERM DATES FOR 2017-2018 (PUPILS)

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 May

Half term: 28 May–4 June

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS:

If they change, PLEASE update them at the school office—an email is great. Thank you!

Walking Bus

Drivers still needed! Please contact Mrs Winnington if you'd like to help...

PLEASE PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE TO—THE MORE DRIVERS WE HAVE, THE MORE WE CAN SHARE THE LOAD!

Coffee mornings:

The sanctuary is available for parents to come in from morning drop off on **Monday and Thursday morning**. Please do avail of this service—it's lovely to see parents getting together for a chat!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 12.3.18 | Academy Photographers—Classes, leavers, teams and groups |
| Friday 16.3.18 2.30pm | Year 1 Assembly & Cake Sale |
| 19–23 March | Y5 Residential—Laches Wood |
| 21 March | World Poetry Day |

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| Friday 23 March 2.30 pm | Rearranged celebration assembly |
| Thursday 29 March | Break up for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 16 April | Return to school |
| Friday 20 April 2.30pm | Year 5 Class Assembly & Cake Sale |