

# Gnosall St Lawrence C.E. Primary Academy

## Newsletter

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**Dear Parents/Carers,  
Thank you...**

First of all, thank you to the children of our school. For the smiles and positivity of the children in school at the moment and for the dedicated engagement with remote learning of those at home.

Secondly, thank you to our parents and carers. For your patience and understanding whilst we have got into our new routine this week. For supporting your children in the best way that you can. For your kind words and the positive feedback we have been receiving. Please know that you are doing your best and that is all anyone can ask of you!

Thirdly, thank you to our school staff. Monday night's announcement was a bit of a shock! However, every single member of staff has been in school doing their utmost to support our children and their families at this difficult time.

Life is going to be very different for us all over the next 6 weeks, (and no doubt there will be some hiccups along the way), but we want to reassure everyone in our school community that we are working tirelessly to ensure the best possible experiences for our children and to try and support their families in any way we can.

**Please stay safe and take care,  
Miss K Sweet  
Headteacher**

**Loving God,  
Please give me the strength to endure this situation and to find the blessings and lessons that it contains.**

**Please give me the endurance to continue ahead so that I walk in your path of peace.**

**AMEN**

**Do you or anyone you know have a child who is turning 4 between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?**

This means that they are due to start in Reception class in September 2021 and we would love them to become a part of our school family.

Please look on the home page of our school website for more information on how to apply.

**All applications must be submitted to Staffordshire County Council by 15th January 2021.**

### Worship

Whilst in school, the children would be engaging in daily worship sessions linked to our focus value.

We hope to continue this important moral and spiritual development during this period of lockdown.

Miss Sweet will send out YouTube links for two worship sessions (assemblies) a week, with ideas for follow-up activities that the children might want to take part in at home.

### Keeping fit during lockdown

The children in school will be taking place in weekly PE sessions, but we want to make sure that the children at home have access to physical activity too.

Each week, Miss Sweet will be sending out a video link each for the juniors and the infants so that the children can still have a 'PE lesson' at home.

### MagicBooking

If you have pre-booked in advance for wraparound **magic booking** provision for this half term, (and your child is not going to be using this provision), can we please ask you to cancel the booking *as soon as possible*.

**When doing so, you must make sure that you select the option to generate a credit note.**

We are currently unable to use the system effectively for those children in school due to the large number of bookings that still need to be cancelled.

## NOTICES

### Trespassing and Damage to School Property

I am saddened to be writing to you regarding trespassing on the school field over the Christmas holidays which has caused damage to the school boundary fence. Particularly at a time when we all have so much else to cause worry and stress.

A variety of staff members have witnessed in person, and seen social media posts, where families and groups have accessed the school grounds to play in the snow. In order to do so, they have pushed down the boundary fence in several places to climb over. Not only is this exceptionally dangerous, it has caused irreparable damage to the fence which will now have to be replaced so that our school site is secure; a cost which the school can ill-afford at the current time.

Furthermore, in addition to the damage to the property, there has also been the remains of Chinese food left in the shelter and other rubbish around the school site. This is obviously a health hazard to our children and staff and has had to be cleaned up this week.

May we please remind you that the school grounds are private property, and as such, should not be accessed by any persons without prior permission from the school's governing body. Any future damage to school property caused in this way will leave us with no option than to report the incident to the police.

If you are aware of people who intend to access the school site, or see social media posts indicating that this is acceptable, we would very much appreciate your support in reminding people that they would be trespassing and in informing us of this potential breach of the law.

### Contact Numbers

If you have got, or are getting, a new mobile number, please inform the school office as soon as possible.



This is a safeguarding issue as we would be unable to get in contact with you in case of an emergency if we do not have an up to date contact number.

We still have a few mobile numbers which seem to be out of use which we have as your priority number.

Can you also please ensure that your Parent Pay account has a mobile number attached to it. We use the Parent Pay text message system in the event of emergency school closures.

### Term Dates 2020/2021

**Monday 4th January—Spring term starts**

**Half term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February**

**Term ends: Thursday 1 April**

**Holiday: Friday 2 April – Friday 16 April**

**Easter Sunday: Sunday 4 April**

