



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 1 – Friday 8th September 2023

Visit our website at www.st-lawrence.lancs.sch.uk for up to the minute information.



OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS SERVICE

Diary Dates

Mon 11 th Sept	Whole school photographs - see details below
Tues 12 th Sept	Year 3 trip to Humblescough farm
Wed 13 th Sept	New starter photographs - LEP
Thurs 14 th Sept	Broughton High School open evening
Fri 15 th Sept	Year 4 swimming lessons start Year 2 Fire safety talk from Fulwood fire station
Mon 18 th Sept	Broughton High school open day - 9.30am
Thurs 21 st Sept	Garstang High School Open Evening
Tues 26 th Sept	Nasal flu vaccinations - Whole school - see below
Wed 27 th Sept	Language day - Whole school - more details to follow
Fri 20 th Oct	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Mon 30 th Oct	School re-opens



Star of the week - Kiara Spencer Funnell and Heidi Haythornthwaite in Nursery, Alexander Konstantinidis Pereira, Eesa Akhtar and Henry Bowker in Reception, Daisy Maxwell and William Pourmahak in Year 1, Liyaana Rouza Dawood and Shayan Waite Shields in Year 2, Sofia Knowles, William Baron and Oscar Maxwell in Year 3, Jack Nightingale and Theo Dodds in Year 5, Theo Haythornthwaite and Alfie Cure in Year 6

Headteachers Awards - Maryam Debar and Theo Dodds

STARTERS AND LEAVERS - We are happy to welcome our new children (and parents) in Reception class who have settled in beautifully, also our new starter in Year 5. The buddies in Year 5 have been a fantastic help to the little ones and are proving to be a real asset for the new starters. It has been a pleasure to see some of our ex Y6 children in school this week and to hear about their first week in high school. Some parents have posted photographs on the school FaceBook page - they all look incredibly grown up in their high school uniforms and seem to be taking the move in their stride. We are incredibly proud of them all.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - School photographs will be taken on **Monday 11th September**. The photographer will take individual, family and class photos. If you would like your child's photograph to include a younger sibling **who does not attend school or nursery**, these can be done before school from 8.30am. Photos will be ready before Christmas.

SCHOOL VALUES - This term we are exploring the value of service. We are also looking at the [British Value](#) of democracy.

NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS - Please complete the flu immunisation consent form by clicking the link below. Whether you are consenting or refusing this immunisation, you will need to complete your child's details on the form.
<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/15cc187c>

Please complete this as soon as possible. The link will close on Monday 18th September and the flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 26th September. If your child has their immunisation at the GP or any details change after form completion, please contact us. For any queries please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397, Option 2 - Option 1.

NUTS AND GRAPES - This is a reminder that children should **not bring any nuts and grapes** in to school and if your child is bringing cherry tomatoes, then these **must be cut in half lengthways** as they are a choking hazard.

BIRTHDAYS - A reminder that children may wear non-uniform on their birthday (or the nearest day to it). This enables everyone in school to make a fuss of them on their big day! We also know children love to bring in treats for their class on their birthday and we will be able to allow this again this year however, we must insist that treats are small and individually wrapped (no birthday cake). Children can then take this home and it is the parent's decision if and when they have this.



PARENTPAY - How to set up automated email alerts on ParentPay. Log into your child's account as per your username and password then: Select - **COMMUNICATION** - **ALERT SETTINGS** to select how you receive any alerts. The newsletter can then go directly to your email account, along with any trip, or other information posted on ParentPay as soon as it is made live.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE - A reminder that after school activities cannot be relied upon for childcare. These clubs are often run by staff or volunteers and are sometimes cancelled at short-notice. If you know that you will require childcare after school, you should contact Mrs Greenhalgh in Stay and Play Club (Tel 01772 864953) to secure a place. The after school club list will be issued next week and places can be booked on ParentPay.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL - With reference to the letter sent out earlier today, methods of communication between home and school have changed as follows:

Teachers may not be available for a quick word before school; our policy of children making their way to the classrooms independently at the start of the day means that staff are already busy with pupils in class. If you need to pass on a message in the morning, please speak to (or email) Louise in the school office, a member of staff on duty or write a brief note for your child to hand to the class teacher. Alternatively speak to the teacher when they bring their class to the playground at the end of the day. We understand that talking at length at the classroom door or in the playground is difficult so if you need to talk to your child's class teacher in more detail or in private, please make an appointment with them directly or through the school office. All contact from class teachers to parents will be made in person at the end of the school day, through the weekly newsletter or via School Spider. Please make sure you have downloaded the School Spider app. Staff in EYFS and Year 1 will continue to use Dojo to share children's learning journeys with parents. Dojo should not be used for any other means.

SCHOOL SPIDER APP -In order to receive communications from us, you must download the app and **stay logged in**. You must also accept push notifications in order to be notified when you receive a new communication. Your username is your first name and surname with no spaces e.g lousehigham. When logging on for the first time please click Forgotten password or follow the link on the separate email sent to you. **Please note where we have two parents/carers details each person will be allocated their own login details. Please do not struggle with this, just pop in to see Louise in the office!**



ONE HUNDRED CLUB - **Please help us!** As a church school, the governors have to fund 10% of the cost of any maintenance or building projects. We also have to pay VAT. These are additional costs that community schools do not need to find. Without it we cannot complete any building or development works. The Governor's 100 Club helps to raise these funds. Subscription costs just £15 per year per member. A draw is made each month creating four winners - £5, £10, £15 and £25. An additional draw of £35 is made each quarter. If you would like to become a member and have the chance of winning a cash prize whilst helping the school, tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. You've got to be in it to win it!

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2023 - If your child has his or her 4th birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a primary school place before 15th January 2023. **You must apply for a place through Lancashire County Council even if you have already completed our own internal form.**

Closing date for Secondary applications 31.10.23

Closing date for Primary applications 15.01.2024

Online admissions are now open at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools



**Food
Collection**

Please try to support our collection of tins and packets of food for the food bank - sharing is caring!