

We all shine on, like the moon and the stars and the sun John Lennon

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New Logo and School Uniform

We were so pleased to be able to share our new logo and school uniform with you all this week. We know it might seem like strange timing, but it has been planned for a very long time and we hope that the fresh start it represents, as well as our fantastic rainbow spirit – shine through! We do know that this is an extremely difficult time for many families financially, which is why the PTA have provided a huge donation in order to pay for one of each of the logo'd items for each pupil. To reassure families on a few other elements:

- All non logo'd items (trousers, dresses, shorts etc) remain the same
 - Logo'd school bags, coats, and fleeces can still be used
- The new shirts are non logo'd, so are much more cost effective than the current shirts
- You DO NOT need to rush to purchase new cardigans and jumpers, your old ones can be used until you would otherwise replace them

Every element has been carefully created by a professional designer and voted for by pupils and their families. We hope you agree that the result really does help us to.....

Celebrate each other, and the journey we are on

Headteacher Awards

Luke, Noah, and Jasmine in Year 1; Alanah, Connor, Keira, Lily, and George in Year 2; Sofia, Freya, Preston, Joe, Archie, and Ollie in Year 3; Kianna, Gabriel, Charlie, Jessica, and Mia P in Year 4; Cameron, Layla, Hallie, Tia, Scarlett, Paige, and Ilona in Year 5; Stan, Miriam, Archie, Hayden, Ollie, Aliyah, Esme and Grace in Year 6 Mrs Alexander: Year4@st-lawrence-

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THUNK

If you were a star, what would you be able to see?

Winning KS1 Answer by Elizabeth in Red Squares
If I was a star in the sky I would see the whole universe
and I would take children on a ride on my back so thet
can see the whole universe too.

Winning KS2 Answer by Ilona in Year 5
If I was a star in the sky, I would be able to see a brand
new world that no-one has ever seen before

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New Pupils September 2020

We were absolute delighted to hear the news last week that every single pupil who applied for a space in Foundation Stage 2020 received one. It's a particularly low birth rate year, with many schools very undersubscribed (as we were predicted to be); but the families who came to look around were so impressed with the pupils at St Lawrence and strong sense of community that we share that we will be welcoming a full class! Emails have been sent home to our new families, and we're sure you'll all join us in giving a very warm welcome to our new friends in September!

It's not quite business as usual at school at the moment, but there are staff in every day working very hard with children of Key Workers and keeping in touch with all our families. If any of our new families have any questions or thoughts please do email or call us. Our open door policy has been adapted, but remains!

New DfE Guidance

At school we have had new guidance from the DfE and Local Authority regarding our responsibility to connect with ALL families, EVERY WEEK. We are already sending out PINGS and e-mails and will continue to do so. Lots of you are sharing work, asking questions, telling us your news AND asking for help. Keep on doing this. Going forward it is VERY IMPORTANT that ALL FAMILIES e-mail their child's class teacher at least ONCE A WEEK (of course you can do this more frequently). This is very important guidance, which relates to safeguarding children and families.

As well as staying connected to share work and ideas, and ensure the needs of families are being met, many people simply want to chat! We get it! We all miss being able to just TALK things through with each other! Please just drop us a line if you'd like, for any reason, to talk. Mrs Malcolm is talking with lots of families every day.

What can you see from the Window?

What FANTASTIC things you can see from your windows! We've heard touching observations, fantastic imaginations, read beautiful poems, and seen some truly inspiring art. And so many of you have learnt so much about space! The sculptures, collages, facts, stories, and adventures we've seen and read have been WONDERFUL! Not to mention the bike rides and walks, Maths exercises, and projects you've all created; and acts of kindness we've heard about. Here are just some of the things we've been sent.

