



Friday 27th September

Announcement

I regretfully have to inform you that Mrs Gilford our Deputy Head teacher shall be retiring at the end of this term. As you all know Mrs Gilford is held in the highest regard by all members of the school community: children, parents and staff.

Her contribution to the education of so many children and to the life of the school through the high quality of her teaching and through her inspiring leadership has been nothing less than outstanding over a number of years. In fact Mrs Gilford joined St Laurence's School shortly after it opened and has been expertly teaching children in the juniors ever since.

I must also however, reassure all year 6 parents that I have of course been preparing for this eventuality and given considerable thought to maintaining the highest of standards in the teaching of your children from January onwards. One readjustment that we have already planned is for Mrs Gilford to take year 6 to London in November rather than later in the year. I sure you would agree that this would be a beneficial arrangement for all concerned. More information shall be forwarded as soon as we have finalised the details.

If you have any concerns please do come and talk to me.

Finally, I would personally like to thank Mrs Gilford for all the support she has given me as my Deputy. I am losing not only a very capable, esteemed colleague but a friend.

We shall all miss her very much and wish her a very happy retirement.

Mr Matthews

'We've got the whole world in our hands.'

Next week we are having a science focus in school. We will be thinking about the following topics: **Biodiversity, Energy, Global citizenship, Litter, Waste, Healthy living, Marine, School grounds, Transport and Water** to raise children's awareness about improving our school environment and our planet.

We will be completing transport surveys and analysing how children get to and from school and looking out for healthy choices at lunch time as well as minimal packaging to reduce plastics and waste. See if you can bring a packed lunch with only recyclable packaging?

Children will be completing some investigations in their classrooms and we will be sharing what we have learnt in an assembly the following week.

Mrs Parkes

Year 6 Class Assembly

Well Done Year 6! You all worked so hard in such a short space of time to learn the lines for each of the plays, and you certainly managed to convey the messages in each play judging by some of the responses from the children watching and listening. I was also very impressed with the musical performance too; it was amazing to see such concentration as you kept the tune and the accompaniment going all the way through the song. Very proud of you all – Mrs Gilford

Last Sunday a team of cyclists from St Laurence's took part in the Ludlow Cycling festival, grass track races, finishing 1st and 2nd. There were stand out performances from **Olivia Rigney** and **Louis Hughes**. Wilfred Lynch, Oscar Reid, Wilfred Franklin, Isla Stewart, Ted Stephens, Emily Beasley took part in a number of races ... mostly in the rain!



Diary Dates

1st Oct. Year 3 Museum Trip
9th Oct. Year 3 Class assembly
15th Oct. Flu Immunisations
22nd Oct. Parents evening 4 – 7pm
23rd Oct. Class R – Vision Screening
24th Oct. Reception open Sessions
25th Oct. Nursery open sessions

28th Oct. HALF TERM

6th Nov. NSPCC assembly
12th Nov. KS2 Film night
13th Nov. Year 4 Class assembly
4th Dec. Nursery Creative Christmas
6th Dec. Winter Market
10th Dec. KS1 Performance
11th Dec. Reception Nativity
12th Dec. KS1 Performance
18th Dec. Whole School Pantomime
19th Dec. KS1 Christmas party

dates for the Diary?

Admission to Reception

If you have a child born between Sept. 1st 2015 and Aug. 31st 2016, it is now time to apply for their place in school. Please apply on-line no later than **15th January 2019** at www.Shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you do not have internet access or require further information please contact the Admissions Team on 0345 678 9008 if in doubt, please speak to Mrs Nash or Mrs Tonkinson who will assist you.

Transfer to Secondary School 2020.

All Year 6 pupils should have brought home a letter recently regarding their transfer to secondary school next year. Once applications have been made please could you let the office know. The deadline for secondary is **31st October 2019**.

September - **Happy Birthday** : Cyrus Hands, Oliver Forbes

PLEASE RETURN any outstanding flu immunisation letters & asthma care plans. **ASAP**. Thank you for your co-operation.



Headlice

A delicate subject, but we have been asked if we can send out letters regarding head lice as some children are repeatedly being infested. Could we ask that all parents check their child as soon as possible. If your child is infested you can get a treatment from the local chemist. There is no reason for your child to miss time from school. You will need to check other members of your family and you need to re-treat after a number of days as the eggs, which were not killed, will have hatched –that way it will prevent them re-occurring.



Special Menu

Big Breakfast Menu Thursday 3rd October

Farmhouse Breakfast
(Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled
or boiled Egg)

Breakfast Omelette (v)

With Hash Browns, Wedge of
Fresh Bread, Baked Beans,
Tomatoes, Mushrooms

Followed by

Pancakes (drizzled with syrup)

Blueberry Muffins

Assorted yoghurts

Fresh Fruit Salad



Pioneer Centre – Year 5

Monday: On the bus we sang songs on the way to the pioneer centre. When we got there we met our instructors called James and Judit - half the class went with James and half with Judit and James stole Jessica's bunny. After that we made our beds (boo) also we unpacked and made our rooms feel like home. 15 minutes after that we went to lunch it we had pack lunch. Later on that day we went climbing. Some people got to the top but most didn't the wall was very high and there were two climbing walls one green and one red the red one was much harder. Then we had a quick drink and went caving when we got to the end miss Gilford showed up. Soon after we had dinner then we went on a night walk once we did that we went back we had hot chocolate and then we went to bed.

Tuesday: in the morning we got dressed and had breakfast then got on the bus to Top Adventures. We did laser tag it was very fun but quite muddy soon after that we did horse riding it was so fun and we got to ride and dress the horses up. After that we went to go on the boats in the river. It was so fun at the end we got to jump in the lake at night we got to have a campfire we played lots of game and sang a song called bungalow then we went to bed.

Wednesday: In the morning we got woken up by James' loud Christmas music. Then we had breakfast packed and then we had to fit in high-roping, abseiling and a really hard jump zip lining. Then had lunch then we went back to school.



As written by Year 5

Tempest
Photography
All orders in by
Friday 4th October
please.