



# ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**Friday 16th December**

**School closes for Christmas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is a PD Day**



## **Staffing changes:**

As you may already know we have appointed Mrs Sara Yates to teach alongside Mrs Parkes from the beginning of next term in class 4. The children have already met Miss Yates, who briefly did some teaching in this class earlier in the term. Also Mrs Stevens will be supporting Mrs Mintoft in class 5 (teaching on Thursday afternoon and Fridays), thereby replacing Miss Davies who leaves us after a terms supply teaching.

Thank you to Miss Davies for all her hard work and we wish her all the best in her future career. We also are saying goodbye to Mrs Tolley who had been associated with our school for over 30 years. She has been an outstanding servant to St Laurence's and will be much missed.

Finally we shall have a new Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs Jenna Caine, who shall of course be continuing to teach in class 2 but will be spending Friday mornings in this role. Sadly we are losing Mrs Alison Rawlings who is retiring after 8 years as SENCO at St Laurence's. I am very grateful to Alison for her excellent work over this time and for what she has done for the many children whom have benefitted from her expertise.

Our children have had a wonderful time over the last couple of weeks enjoying Christmas at St Laurence's: from the Winter Market; Nativity Plays; a memorable Carol Service; Christmas Parties and of course the Pantomime (thank you to the PTA for their support with the transport). Not to forget a wonderful Christmas Lunch! Thank you to Becky Taylor and her staff for all their hard work in preparing it.

The children (and all our staff) have worked hard and deserve a good break. When we come back in January we shall be one step closer to the building work being completed and shall be welcoming some new teachers to our school.

On behalf of all the staff, governors and children of our wonderful school, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mr Matthews

  
**Merry Christmas**



Lexie Chater - Humphreys  
& Rosie Solomon



Tom Curry, Airon Smith  
& AJ Thorpe

### Spring Term Swimming

**Year 4 swimming** – Starts Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan for 5 weeks - up to and including Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Year 3 swimming** – Starts Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for 5 weeks –up to and including Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March



### Job Vacancy

**Teaching Assistant L3-St Laurence CE Primary School**

**DBS Required** - Yes

**Contract Type** - Fixed Term

**End Date (if FTC or Temp)** 31.08.23

**Weeks Per Year** - 43.6

**Hours Per Week** - 25

**Grade** - NJC Grade 6

**Actual Salary** - £12,754.58 per annum

**Location/Work base** -

St Laurence CE Primary School

**Required Start Date** - ASAP

**Interview Date** - 10/01/2023

**Closing Date** - 06/01/2023

For more information visit:

<https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/vacancy/teaching-assistant-l3st-laurence-ce-primary-school-507266.html>

### Job Vacancy

**Senior Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant**  
St Laurence CE Primary School

**DBS Required** - Yes

**Contract Type** - Permanent

**Weeks Per Year** - 43.60

**Hours Per Week** - 6.25

**Grade** - NJC Grade 3

**Actual Salary** - £2,937.71 Per annum

**Location/Work base** - St Laurence CE Primary School

**Required Start Date** - ASAP

**Interview Date** - 12.01.23

**Closing Date** - 06/01/2023

For more information visit:

<https://careers.shropshire.gov.uk/vacancy/senior-lunchtime-supervisory-assistant-509009.html>

### Admission to Reception

If you have a child born between Sept.1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, it is now time to apply for their place in school. Please apply on-line no later than **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** at

[www.Shropshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://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.

### 30 Hours Funding

Any parents that are claiming for 30 hours nursery funding, please ensure that you have renewed your claim by 31st December to receive funding in the Spring term.

Please could we remind parents to telephone or email the school before 9am to notify us of any absence. [admin@st-laurenceprimary.com](mailto:admin@st-laurenceprimary.com) 01584 872766. If we do not hear from you children will be marked as unauthorised.

**Jewellery:** Jewellery should not be worn or brought into school. Watches can be worn but no responsibility for damage or loss can be accepted.

We also ask that nail varnish is not worn in school.

The school cannot accept responsibility for injuries caused by the wearing of earrings. **Children with pierced ears who need to wear earrings should only wear the stud type** (no hoops or dangly earrings) and they must be removed or covered for PE.

# Winter WATER SAFETY

**In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.**

Slippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold temperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



## **KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE**

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



## **ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS**

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water.



## **KEEP DOGS ON THEIR LEADS**

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto the ice.



## **TEACH CHILDREN NOT TO GO ON TO THE ICE**

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.



## **DON'T GO ON THE ICE TO RESCUE A DOG**

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



For more information visit [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)

Enjoy Water Safety





**Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December**



# **Breakfast with Santa**

**9am - 11am**

Choose between pancakes, sausage sandwich or bacon sandwich.

# **Tea with Santa**

**4pm - 6pm**

Choose between chicken nuggets, sausage or vegetarian sausage and chips with peas or beans.

**£8.50 per person**

**Booking essential**

**Book at reception or call**

**01588 676 060**



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**Enjoy Breakfast OR Tea**

**Meet Santa and his elves  
and take home a gift**

**Make a Christmas decoration**

**Post your letter in  
Santa's special letterbox**  
Letter writing packs available

All children must be accompanied by an adult

## Presents



**Held in the rotunda Cinema Room**

Adult £5.50    child £3.50

Family £16 (2 adults, 3 children)

call 01588 676 060 or pop in to book

**Wednesday 21st December**

**Film starts at 5pm**

Hot dogs, pizza, popcorn and crafts from 4pm



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FUN

## Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December



Do crafts that go with Christmas from around the world. Gingerbread from Germany, a Swedish paper candle, crown or star ornament, Filipino star suncatcher, Mexican Poinsettia and Ukrainian Spider Web Ornament.

£4.40 per accompanied child aged 4 – 11 years, £3.96 for members. Drop in between 11am and 3pm.



## Winter Crafts

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December



Make puffy paint snowmen and polar bears, snowflakes of various sorts, melted snowman biscuits and more.

£4.40 per accompanied child aged 4 – 11 years, £3.96 for members. Drop in between 11am and 3pm.



## New Year's Eve Children's Celebration

Saturday 31st December

Celebrate New Year's Eve with us. Make a New Year's treat, a confetti popper, a noise maker and more.

£4.40 per accompanied child aged 4 – 11 years, £3.96 for members.

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