



ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

A hello from Mr Grant

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first week back at school, I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself properly and say how lucky I feel to have joined St Laurence as Headteacher.

Before the summer holidays, I was able to spend some time at St Laurence, meeting staff and beginning to get to know the school. This week, though, has been when it has all really come to life!

I really enjoyed spending the first couple of days working with all of our staff as we got the school ready to welcome the children back. Since then, one of the loveliest parts of my first few days has been meeting so many of our children and families. There were lots of happy smiles and excited faces on the playground on Thursday morning, and so many parents and carers have taken the time to come over, shake my hand and say hello. Thank you. It has been a lovely welcome.

I have already managed to visit every class, and lots of children have introduced themselves to me as I have been making my way around school. I am going to try to learn as many names as I can, as quickly as I can! The children will see plenty of me in their classrooms, in the hall, on the playground and around school. I am really looking forward to getting to know them all and being part of their learning journey at St Laurence.

Our first whole-school worship together was another real highlight. Hearing everyone singing together was brilliant, and we spent some time thinking about what it means for St Laurence to be '**Our Place**', where everyone feels welcome, cared for and like they belong. It was a lovely way to begin our year together.

It was also great to join our Reception children and their families for their pizza lunch today. Seeing everyone coming together, chatting and getting to know one another was really lovely, and it was another reminder of the strong sense of community we have here at St Laurence.

For me, the most important part of any school is its children. I want St Laurence to be somewhere every child feels safe, happy and known. I want them to be challenged to do their very best, whilst being somewhere they enjoy coming to and somewhere they make memories that stay with them long after they have left St Laurence. There is already so much to be proud of at St Laurence. Over the coming weeks, I will be doing lots of listening, learning and getting to know the school properly. I want to understand what we do really well, where we can be even better and, importantly, what matters to our children, staff and families.

I also want to give a huge thank you to all of our staff, who have worked incredibly hard this week to make sure the children have had such a positive start to the new school year. There has been so much going on behind the scenes, as well as in classrooms, to make these first few days run so smoothly. I have been incredibly impressed by the care and commitment everyone has shown. We have a fantastic team at St Laurence, and I am really looking forward to working alongside them.

The relationship we have with our families is incredibly important to me too. I want to be around and approachable, so if you see me on the playground, please do come and say hello. I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as possible over the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you again for making me feel so welcome during my first week. I already feel very lucky to be part of the St Laurence community, and I am really looking forward to the year ahead.

Mr James Grant
Headteacher

We are aware that some parents are unable to access School Money to book dinners, we apologise for this inconvenience at the busy start of term!

May we please ask that you download the Teachers2Parents App and access it through this log in (it will be exactly the same details).



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We are in the process of updating our Teachers2Parents System to make it more efficient for parents. Once we have finalised this change, all correspondence will be through this App which should make everything much more simple to access.

Thank you for your patience during this transition – as always, if you have any problems booking dinners please don't hesitate to contact the office and we can book your child's meal on the day in the meantime.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st – PD Day

Wednesday 2nd – PD Day

Thursday 3rd – Back to School

Thursday 10th – Year 4 swimming

Wednesday 16th School Individual Photos – Mr Maddox

Thursday 17th – Year 4 swimming

Thursday 24th – Year 4 swimming

October

Thursday 1st – Year 4 swimming

Thursday 8th – Year 4 swimming

Thursday 15th – Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 22nd – Year 4 swimming

Monday 26th – 30th – Half Term

