



Monday 29th November 2021

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy week here at St Laurence with the Challenge Partner review team visiting for 3 days to explore, observe and discuss our school. The main findings of the report will be made available to all parents and carers when they have been finalised and published.

Although not an Ofsted inspection, the review team do visit lessons, talk to students, scrutinise books and interview staff so the process is very robust and everyone here has worked extremely hard. The report they provide will hopefully fortify what we already know about our school and provide some insights into some areas that maybe we need to focus on more.

It has been great to see clubs starting up or increasing in numbers and if you wanted to know more about what's on offer please do get in touch.

Please also remember the Christmas tree sale that the Friends Association are organising. It's a great way to support the school

Tim Farrer

	Week B
29/11	
30/11	
01/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y9 Shakespeare School Festival Workshop 9:00am – 5:30pm
02/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y8 Drama & Creative Writing Workshop (selected students) all day
03/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y8 Drama & Creative Writing Workshop (selected students) – all dayKS3 WW Badminton Tournament 8:30am – 4:30pmY9 Enhancement of Curriculum in the First World War

Collective Worship – Term 2

Theme: Lenses

Let us see the world, the people around us and ourselves through different lenses.

May we understand that everyone is travelling on a different path in life.

Help us be more understanding of those whose lives we do not know.

Let our minds be more open towards them.

We hope to receive direction and learn how best to perceive the world in the most realistic way possible.

May we understand that human beings are complicated and varied, so let us view everyone in their most positive filter.

St. Laurence School – Sustainable Transport Survey 2021-22

We held our annual Sustainable Transport survey in both Tutorial and Briefing recently which covered sustainability in general, as well as specifically how we all get to school.

This tied in with the **COP26** in Glasgow and the high profile that event had in the students minds that fortnight.

Over the last 2 years, we have had lockdowns and absence from school - but also with the opportunity to get outdoors and exercise more.

We have had time to think - about a different and better future. Families situations have changed - where they live and work and how they travel.

All of this was set against a backdrop of a major shift in our knowledge and appreciation of the importance of the climate crisis, as well as ever greater understanding of mental health.

And of course, we have new year groups in St. Laurence School who have been travelling to their new school for the first time – welcome!

The results were:

	%
Walk	49
Cycle	1
Car Share	10
Bus	19
Train	2
Scooter	0
1 student, 1 car, 1 parent	18

We consider the top six to be Sustainable Transport and, ideally, we'd get to a situation where this was 100%. You will be aware of the great benefits to the students physical and mental health by using some form of Active Travel or Sustainable Transport – as well as the benefits to the environment.

The results leave 2 basic messages; that, as a community we have made very little change to our habits, in the last 4 years, however, most of the students are able to use Active Travel & Sustainable Transport to get to their school, and that is something we are proud of and can build on.

There will be further initiatives and competitions throughout the year to encourage this healthy lifestyle – look out for these events in the bulletins and in Connect.

If we can just also take this time to remind you that currently masks are required, unless exempt, on buses and remain so until at least Christmas.

Please also note that when collecting students at the end of the day, please be aware of the volume of students leaving at this time and drive with caution and remember there are specific areas where you are able to stop and wait.

If you have any queries or suggestions then please do email me at matcro@st-laurence.com
Best regards,

Matthew Croft - Sustainable Transport Coordinator

From Mrs Nash – Head of Drama

Junior Production – Matilda

Auditions for the junior production of MATILDA will take place on **Friday 3rd December** from 3.15-4.30 in the Wiltshire Music Centre.

Information and audition pieces can be found on Class Charts. These will need to be printed out and lines learnt in preparation.

The date of the production is **23rd March 2022** and students will be expected to attend rehearsals after Christmas on Wednesdays and Fridays after school.

The production is open to all pupils in Years 7 & 8 (acting/dancing roles). Year 9 will be involved with the music and will be contacted separately.

If anyone needs a hard copy of the script, please ask students to see Mrs Nash or Mrs Warren.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Letters regarding the whole day workshop for the Year 9 cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream have been emailed home.

This takes place on Wednesday 1st December and a reply slip needs to be returned by Monday 29th November.

Please check junk mailboxes and contact Mrs Warren if you have not received this letter.

Mrs Nash



From Mrs Howsam – Teacher of Girl's PE/Outdoor Education Coordinator

Year 9 Black Rock Residential, June 2022

A reminder that in order to secure your son/daughter's place on this trip the deposit is due by:

Friday 3rd December 2021

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already paid deposits.

Mrs Howsam

From the School Council

Can Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Can Appeal.

In all, an amazing three supermarket trolleys full of cans were donated.

Cans will be delivered to the Hub in Bradford on Avon next week for distribution to families in need, where they will be gratefully received. Thank you again for your donations to this worthy charity.

The winning tutor group will be announced in the end of term assembly.

Christmas Box Appeal

We are now collecting for our Christmas Box Appeal.

If you have any suitable Christmas Box gifts please send them into school next week.

Your thoughtful donations will benefit young children who may not otherwise get gifts at Christmas.

Thank you to the local branches of The Samaritans, who will be delivering your gifts.



Annual Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday 14th December, the Catering Team will be preparing and serving the annual Christmas dinner. Details of the deadline, and how to book this are on Parent Pay. The menu is further on in this Bulletin.

Christmas Jumper Day

On the same day, we are raising money for UNICEF and if students wish to, they are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for a donation via Parent Pay.



Current Staff Vacancies

EXTERNAL VACANCIES	Closing Date	Interview Date
Site Supervisor Full time (37 hours pw, 52 weeks pa). Alternate weekly shift pattern and 6.5 hours over alternate weekends (paid as overtime), Permanent. To start ASAP or by 31 st December 2021.	9am on 2 nd December 2021	TBC
Teaching Assistants Full time and part time hours available, Fixed Term Contracts until 31 st August 2022. To start ASAP.	Ongoing	TBC
Break/Lunchtime Support Assistants Flexible hours and days (10am-11.30am or 12.30pm-2pm). Fixed Term contracts until 31 st August 2022	Ongoing	TBC
Exam Invigilators Casual contracts, Hours and days will vary according to need, but availability between 08.00am/08.30am-3.30pm up to 5 days per week in May and June is desirable.	Ongoing	TBC

Please refer to the Website ([Staff Vacancies | St Laurence School \(st-laurence.com\)](https://www.st-laurence.com)) for further details.

St Laurence School Association

Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday 4th & 11th December
9am - 3pm

Nordman Fir Christmas Trees
No Drop
5, 6 and 7 foot trees available

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
ST LAURENCE SCHOOL

Pre-order available now at:
<http://slsa.org.uk/xmas-trees>

Or by email:
slsa@st-Laurence.com

DISCOUNT OFFERED
FOR PRE-ORDERS

Sale will be in Churches car park
(Wiltshire Music Centre side)



Prices:

5ft TREES - £50

6ft TREES - £60

7ft TREES - £70

CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT OF £5 PER TREE BY PRE-ORDERING NOW



*merry
& bright*

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday 14th December - £3.00

**Roast Turkey served with
Pigs in Blankets,
Sage and Onion Stuffing & Gravy**

**Sweet Potato and Lentil Strudel
Served with a Rich Tomato Sauce or
Gravy (v)**

**Roast Potatoes, Peas & Carrots
Brussel sprouts**

**Iced Festive Biscuits or Chocolate
Brownie
Festive Fruit Punch**

mint

* FOR EDUCATION *

We Need You!

Bradford-on-Avon is an on-call fire station crewed by firefighters who are available to respond to emergencies when alerted by pager and are paid for doing so.

If you have a reasonable level of fitness, you live or work close to the fire station, and you would like to help look after your local community, then you could be an on-call firefighter at Bradford-on-Avon!

For more information, visit our website www.dwfire.org.uk/on-call-firefighters or contact us via recruitment@dwfire.org.uk or 01722 691444 (24hr answerphone).



On-call Firefighters needed in your area

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DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE



Wiltshire Parent Carer Council

Wellness Information Event



WPCC's Information Events are Back!

Join us on Friday 3rd December 2021
at The Civic Centre Trowbridge, BA14 8AH
9.30am Registration
10.00am Event Start to 2.00pm Event Close

At least 30 information stands from providers of services and support for children and young people with SEND in Wiltshire

Free taster massage therapies

Free Lunch and Refreshments

Parent carer travel, car parking and childcare expenses paid

Scan this QR code to find out more →



or visit: [https://issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/online_advance_information_booklet -
wellness_event](https://issuu.com/wpcc1/docs/online_advance_information_booklet_-_wellness_event)

VISIT: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WPCC-Wellness-2021>

if you want to book straightaway

A Children's Pantomime

Dick



Whittington

A full 2 hour show of fun for the whole family to enjoy this Christmas!

THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Showtime
4.30pm to
6.30pm

Adults £11.00
Children £7.00



Tickets available from
www.thecivictrowbridge.co.uk