

**NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Classes have been voting for our new school council representatives.

Congratulations to:

Oak Class – Arabella and Evie

Willow Class – Francesca and Archie G

Birch Class – Jack, Zac, William A & Amir

The first meeting was held on Friday with Mr H. Barnes and we will keep you updated with any projects as they develop.

**STAFFING CHANGES**

A letter was sent home last week informing parents of staffing changes for Miss Dorricott and for Mrs Collins. Please see vacancy details on our school website and signpost these to anyone you know who may be interested in either post.

We would also like to thank Ms M Clack for all her help in cleaning the school. We wish her the best of luck when she leaves at the half-term holiday.



**ECO COMMITTEE**

All members of the Eco committee, Mrs Brennan, Miss Reacord and Mrs Woolley have shared their thanks to Acorn Waste Management for all their help and support with our 6 new raised beds. Thank you so much!



**LIBRARY FRIDAY**

To provide further additional reading opportunities for all children, your child will be able to choose a sharing book to bring home each Friday along with their usual reading book. We will also make use of the mobile library once a fortnight to offer children further book choices. Buddy Reading between the older and younger children will be organised again. Please continue to support your child with regular reading at home. Library Friday will begin after the October half-term.



**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

We will shortly be sending out a letter offering after school activity clubs for the next half-term. Please note, due to additional Christmas events, these will need to be limited to enable participation for both pupils and parents.

**FUND RAISING**

Thank you for all your support with our fund raising activities so far this term.

**Macmillan coffee and cakes** £155

**Rags 2 Riches clothing collection**

£52.16

**Mr Smout's 50 mile climb for school**

**fund-** Collections still coming in.

Congratulations and thanks to Mr Smout on this amazing achievement!

### **ATTINGHAM PARK**

Children had a wonderful time during our whole school visit to Attingham Park. They experienced Seasonal Change and observed lots of different trees, leaves and seeds to support their scientific knowledge and art work through observation drawings.



### **ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS**

Schools are now under pressure to keep attendance high following Covid. Good attendance includes punctuality. We are aware that most parents have excellent time keeping and we thank you for your support.

A polite reminder - children are to arrive by their school entrance for entry at 8.50am. All pupils should be seated in their classes ready for registration by 8.55am. Any arrivals after this point will unfortunately be viewed as late on the register.

Shropshire maintained schools receive visits each half-term from the Education Welfare Officer. Patterns of lateness or regular absence may be followed up with letters from the school and EWO. To help support working parents, we do offer the breakfast club from 7.45am and drop off times are flexible until 8.30am for this provision.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Following a recent hygiene inspection, the kitchen maintained its Grade 5 Outstanding judgement.

Our recent numbers show an uptake on school dinners since April. Thank you for this much needed support to our catering services!

Mrs Alexander and Mrs Pye work hard to provide a choice of meals which they freshly prepared in our school kitchen. Please continue this support where possible.

### **NEW CURATE**

We welcome Olivia Haines as the new Curate. Olivia has already visited school to lead special assemblies and will visit us fortnightly to lead collective worship.

### **AUTUMN TERM TOPIC**

A reminder that the topic for all classes this term is 'Our Wonderful World'. This includes a focus on the environment and our continued Eco work. If parents have any skills/knowledge which they maybe able to share with us, please let us know. Perhaps a talk or presentation? We'd welcome your input!

### **KEY STAGE 2 SWIMMING**

We are pleased to have the opportunity to take pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 swimming again to The Quarry Pool this year. Children will receive 5 weeks of lessons. Please look out for the letter being sent home shortly.

All children in Year 3,4,5,and 6 will therefore need to bring their swimming things from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November until 5<sup>th</sup> December. Pick up time for the coach journey is 9am in line with scheduled swimming times for our school. Punctuality is therefore essential please.

### **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

An overview of the parent questionnaire responses from July 2022 has been displayed on our website.

### **CALENDAR DATES**

We trust you've enjoyed the additional opportunities in joining us for various events this half-term. Thank you to all those who attended the parent workshops too. We have included a list of forthcoming events for next half-term and Christmas events. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

# St. Lucia's School and Nursery Calendar Dates – Autumn 2022



As usual, further details will follow nearer the time.

**1. REMINDER- Tea, Toast and Twitter for our last Year 6 pupils- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm led by Rev. Andy.**

**2. REMINDER- Year 2 SATS workshop for parents - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-3.00pm**

**3. REMINDER- PD Day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Half-term Monday 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Return for all on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**4. Nursery (Chestnut), Class 1 (Rowan) and Class 3 (Willow) visiting church - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** To observe a mock Baptism as part of their current R.E. learning. The loan of a Christening gown would be appreciated.

**5. Class 3 (Willow) and Class 4 (Birch) Swimming lessons begin -Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - bring swimming things with you**

**6. Open afternoon for all parents –Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2.00-4.00pm** To provide the opportunity for you to view your child's learning with them. This would be particularly useful for year groups Y2, Y5 and Y6 where parents' appointments will be scheduled during the spring term (see 7. below)

**7. Parent Appointments - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2.00-5.00pm for Nursery (Chestnut), Reception (Rowan), Year 1 (Oak), Year 3 (Willow) and Year 5 (Birch)** A letter will be sent home shortly offering appointment times.

**8. Class 3 (Willow) and Class 4 (Birch) Maths Workshop for parents - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2.00-3.00pm, then repeated again 3.30-4.30pm** A letter will be sent home shortly

**9. Children in Need-Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Wear spots and enjoy a cake for £1.50. Cake donations welcomed!

**9. Safer Schools Annual Re- accreditation - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

A questionnaire will be sent home before this meeting to collect parents' views around school and road safety.

**10. Christingle service in St Lucia's church - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am**

Followed by the Upton Magna Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall from 12 noon

**11. Nursery (Chestnut) and Reception (Rowan) Christmas Nativity –Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

In the school hall. Parents/Grandparents welcome to attend.

**12. St Lucia's Friends Elf Night - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.15 - 4.15pm**

Please see the displayed poster for further details.

**13. Class 3 (Willow) and Class 4 (Birch) Christmas Concert –Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

In St Lucia's Church. Parents of children in these classes are welcome to attend. Music led by Dr M. Wolfe.

**14. Carol Service in St Lucia's Church (Class 2, Oak will be retelling the story of the Nativity) - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm in St Lucia's Church.** Parents and grandparents welcome to attend.

**15. Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm** Parents/Grandparents invited to attend. Maximum of 2 people per family due to school hall capacity.

**16. St. Lucia's Friends Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm** Stalls, gifts and raffle in the school hall.

**17. Christmas Parties - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Children are invited to wear party clothes (please bring sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes)

**18. Non-uniform day and last day of term - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December £1 donation to school fund**

**19. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Decemeber FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS WITH RETURN ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 (Bank holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and PD Days on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January)**