

NEWS OF THE DAY

30th November 2022

Edition 3

HELICOPTER VISIT

A huge Thank You to Jim, Conor and Josh from RAF Shawbury for landing a helicopter on our school field last week. It was an experience the children will definitely remember for a long time to come! We were particularly lucky to sit inside the helicopter and also in the pilot's seat. Lots of questions were asked by the children too. We even got to have a peak inside the boot!



CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

Thank you to all the children and their families who attended the Carols around the tree event at Rodington Village Hall.

George N, Jude, Thomas A, Alice, Evie, Mishka, Tommy KB, Tymofii, Ella, Charley, Rory, Susie, Sofia, Ella, George B, Isaac, Zac, William A, Charlie B, Luke and William J. You sang really well with the live band and everyone enjoyed listening to you sing!



STAFFING UPDATES

We said Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss C Dorricott on Friday as she began her maternity leave. A warm welcome to Miss A Mellor who will cover this special educational needs role until Miss Dorricott's return.

Following recent teacher interviews, we are pleased to share that Mrs W Smith will teach the children in Year 1 and 2 on a full-time basis from January.

GOVERNOR UPDATES

Following the recent autumn term governors' meeting last week, please see the updates to the governing body below:

Chair of Governors is now Mr H Barnes (previously Mr P Jarvis)

Vice Chair of Governors is now Mrs T Jackson (previously Mr H Barnes)

A new and additional Foundation governor is Rev. O. Haines

The remaining board of governors include:

Mr P Jarvis, Mrs E Greenaway, Mrs A Carr, Mr B Willmore, Mrs C Dorsett,

Mrs M Bowdler. The staff governor is Mrs H Smith and Mrs SL Woolley as Ex Officio



SAFER SCHOOLS

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the Safer School questionnaires. It was wonderful to see such positive comments and improvements noted, including the front garden areas. All of your views were shared, considered and discussed at length with the Safer School's co-ordinator Ian Barlett from Shropshire Council. We are pleased to share that St Lucia's School has been re-accredited with the Safer Schools award again this year!

Parents' Views - Raised and Feedback

•2 parents felt the signage could be clearer:
Anyone not familiar with the school should first go to the Reception area.

•1 parent felt CCTV would be useful:
It was felt, this was not necessary at present, but would be reviewed in the future.

•1 parent shared how the side gate hadn't been opened on occasions for community use.
This point has been shared with the mobile cleaner and action taken

•6 parents felt drop off/collection from the playground should be re-considered to avoid congestion around the pavement by the road and enable parents to socialise.
From a safeguarding view, the school was advised to keep to the current arrival/collection arrangements which are place. These are also in line with many other schools. Parents are to supervise their own children when using the pavement.

Other areas of the school site were also considered including:

- *The outside area by the school gate. This was looked at in line with the above views. School was advised there is enough room for safe arrival. Some families drop off early and use the Sunrise provision which also reduces numbers of pupils around the main arrival time of 8.45/8.50am.*
- Sadly, we have experienced some vandalism within our school grounds which has continued since April and occurred again over last weekend. We thank you for your support and vigilance in helping to observe the grounds when the site is open for community use out of the school hours. If anything suspicious is noticed, please report this to school as we are working with the local police to report and monitor damage and vandalism closely.
- Other areas of the school site were discussed, including the fences, boundary areas and heights as well as the staff car park.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Thank you for all the generosity shown with the food bank donations. There is an extensive collection of products currently being collected which will be taken to the Barnabos centre in Shrewsbury before the end of the term.



LIBRARY FRIDAY

You will see from the extra book your child has brought home at the end of each week that Library Friday is up and running! We have also been visiting the mobile library once a fortnight to extend book choices for each class. Thank you for your support to read/listen to your child regularly at home. It really makes a difference!



THANK YOU

Thank you for your support to attend the open afternoon, parent appointments and parent workshops this month to help receive progress updates, share your queries and to enable support for your child at home with their learning.



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 hike for school fund Nearly £1000 was raised!

Congratulations and a huge thanks to Mr Smout on this amazing achievement!

SUNSET CLUB

Please ensure prompt collection with this flexible provision which finishes at 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, then by 4.15pm on Fridays.

NURSERY

Please could parents also ensure a prompt collection from Nursery at 3pm daily.

St. Lucia's School and Nursery

Calendar Dates – Autumn 2022

We look forward to welcoming you to the following events.

1. Tuesday 6th December 2pm Christmas Nativity

Nursery (Chestnut) and Reception (Rowan)

This event will be in the school hall and parents/grandparents are welcome to attend. 2 tickets have been issued per family in line with the school hall capacity.

2. Wednesday 7th December 3.15-4.15pm St Lucia's Friends Elf Night

Please see the displayed poster for further details.

3. Thursday 8th December 2pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert

Class 3 (Willow) and Class 4 (Birch)

This event will be held in St Lucia's Church. **PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THESE CLASSES** are welcome to attend. Music led by Dr M. Wolfe. No ticket required.

4. Tuesday 13th December 2pm Carol Service in St Lucia's Church

Class 2, Oak class will be retelling the story of the Nativity. Parents/grandparents welcome to attend. No ticket required.

5. Wednesday 14th December 12.30pm Christmas Dinner (Letter to follow with booking form)

Parents/Grandparents invited to attend. Maximum of 2 people per family due to the school hall capacity.

6. Wednesday 14th December 3.15pm St. Lucia's Friends Christmas Fayre

Stalls, gifts and a raffle in the school hall.

7. Thursday 15th December Christmas Parties

Children are invited to wear party clothes. Please bring sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes.

8. Friday 16th December Non-Uniform and last day of term

£1 donation to school fund

9. Friday 16th December FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS

10. RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY 2023

Bank holiday on Monday 2nd January

PD Days on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January