

### Farewell Message from Mr Rowlands

Wow! 5 weeks have flown by!  
I have loved every single minute of my time at St. Lucia's. It really is a magical place where every day is filled with learning and excitement. I was welcomed so warmly by staff, pupils, parents and governors that I very quickly felt at home.

Even in 5 weeks, we managed to fit in a lot of activities such as an Easter Service, Red Nose Day, Snow Days, winning the Tag Rugby Tournament, an Assessment Week, a parents' evening and open day and a whole host of other fun things!

During my short time here, I have been working hard to support staff with the development of the curriculum and introducing Pupil Voice activities so that all stakeholders can see the progression of skills and learning throughout the school.

I have shared this information with Miss Coleman and I know that she is excited to take over the role of Headteacher, to continue driving the school forwards and to nourish, nurture and grow the potential of the fantastic pupils at St. Lucia's.

As I finally close my laptop and hand over the keys to Miss Coleman I have a tear in my eye ( I almost cried in the Easter Service ) because I know that this is a school where amazing things happen and I am very jealous of your new amazing Headteacher.

To say thank you for looking after me I have bought a selection of books for the school library as I know the pupils love reading.



### Tag Rugby Tournament

Children in Years 5 and 6 represented the school at Belvidere Secondary School. The school team edged out as winners by beating Coleham, only on numbers of tries scored!

After 4 games against local schools we can finally show off our first bit of silverware for the season!

I was so proud of these children and their sportsmanship and supportive attitude!



### Sports & After-school Clubs

We have a range of exciting clubs coming in the summer term for the pupils, but we are just finalising the key information to ensure they provide the best opportunities for all, so please keep checking the Teachers 2 Parents App for details.



### Shropshire Primary Schools Half-Marathon

The children have been busy with their running this half term; unfortunately, the weather has held us back a bit, however the pupils still have time after the holidays to complete their running.

Mr Rowlands managed to run a few laps without passing out but that was only thanks to his helpers from Class 1. We are sure Miss Coleman will get her running shoes on and tick off the remaining laps when we return!

We shall post final information about the event held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April on the website – keep a lookout!



### Easter Service

I was so pleased to see so many parents at the Easter Service this week! Being able to say thank you to you and the children for looking after me in such a special place will never leave me. I am sure you will agree that the service brought to life the Easter Story and allowed pupils to share their learning with their parents.

The service of course was a success thanks to the hard work of all the staff and pupils and I loved being able to support Class 4 in their preparations.



When we return to school after the Easter Break we will begin introducing a 'Cashless' system to pay for services such as school lunches, trips and clubs. We trialled the system for Comic Relief and many of you had success with using it.

From the survey sent out last week, it appears some parents still struggled to log on to the system, therefore I would suggest

downloading the Teachers 2 Parents App which will allow you easier access to the system. On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March the school will be sending out an online booking form for school dinners after half-term. If your child receives Universal Free Meals or if they are classed as FSM, please book the lunch through the system, you will not be charged, but it does allow us to keep track of who is having a meal.

As with all new systems, sometimes things don't always go to plan. We understand this and we have built in capacity to ensure parents have time to change to the system. For example, you may not be able to login and book or pay for the meals – please don't worry about this. We will ensure your child is fed, please just contact the office and we will be able to sort it all out for you.



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### World Down Syndrome Day – 21 March

We had the chance to wear fun, 'odd socks' to remind us about the extra chromosome our friends with Downs Syndrome have and to help to raise awareness on this international day of awareness!



### Friends

Thank you on behalf of all the staff to Friends of St. Lucia's for the Easter themed fund-raising.

Judging the colouring competition was not an easy task due to the amazing standard. I am sure all the winners really appreciated their prizes.

Well Done to those who won the Easter colouring competition and Easter raffle!

Colouring winners:

Nursery: Rafe

Class 1: Robyn

Class 2: Alice

Class 3: Ella W

Class 4: Isaac

Parents: Amy Smout

Raffle - £78 raised!

Thank you to all who donated prizes and bought tickets – we couldn't have done it without you!

Bunny teddy: George

Pink egg: Esme

Blue egg: Rory & Charlie

Cake: Ella W

Chocolate bouquet: Alice

*Thank you from the FRIENDS for all your ongoing support!*

*Looking forward to lots of fun activities and events in the new term!*



### Red Nose Day

Make sure you check out the post on our website with all the details from Red Nose Day!

BBC Radio Shropshire raised over £10 000 with their red nose 'round the Wrekin' adventure!



### Farewell & Thank you Mr Rowlands

All the Learners, Staff, Governors and Parents join to Thank Mr Rowlands for being such a great part of our school over the last term and wish him all the very best on his new adventures!

A special thank you as well, for the donation of books for our reading library!



Wishing all our families and the broader St Lucia's community a very Happy Easter and wonderful school holidays!

See you next term!

