



Growing in God's Grace

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LEARNING WITH LOVE AND LAUGHTER – GROWING IN GOD'S GRACE

HEADTEACHER: MRS R BARKER

Happy New Year

We hope you are all well and managed to have a good break over Christmas and the New Year.

Attendance for last half term (Autumn 2)

Class	Attendance %
Amazon - EYFS	93.04%
Danube – Year 1	88.99%
Indus – Year 2	93.55%
Mississippi – Year 3	92.21%
Nile –Year 4	91.91%
Yangtze – Year 5/6	92.05%
Zambezi – Year 5/6	89.47%

Remember, children should achieve at least 95% attendance.

Well done to
for
Best Attendance

Indus Class



Every Minute Counts

Lates

5 minutes late every day means missing about 3 days of school every year!

This might not seem many days but this a lot of lost learning.

Time that we will never get back again.

Attendance

100% - 96% = Best chance of success in learning and social development

95% - 91% = Will make it difficult to catch up on learning.

90% - 86% = Will make it harder to make progress

85% and under = Cause for concern. Your child will make little progress.

Legal action could be taken.

Give your child the best opportunity to succeed at school

We fully understand if your child is too poorly to attend school. If your child is persistently late or absent, we have a duty of care to ensure that everything is alright. If your child is persistently absent, we advise that an appointment be made with your GP. This will also help you to provide medical evidence for your child's ongoing illness.

Thank you for your support.

The Staff at St Laurence.

Reading at Home



Children who read
1 minute a day
180 minutes in
1 school year

8,000 words



Children who read
5 minutes a day
900 minutes in
1 school year

282,000 words



Children who read
20 minutes a day
3600 minutes in
1 school year

1,800,000 words

Read with your child

Research shows that learning to read is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond. It also shows that those who read regularly and for longer dramatically increase the number of words they are introduced to. This in turn impacts on their success across the whole curriculum.

A book is a gift
you can open
again and again.

Reading is a way to
expand my mind, open my
eyes and fill up my heart.

The world belongs to those who
read

You are never alone when lost
in the magic of a book.

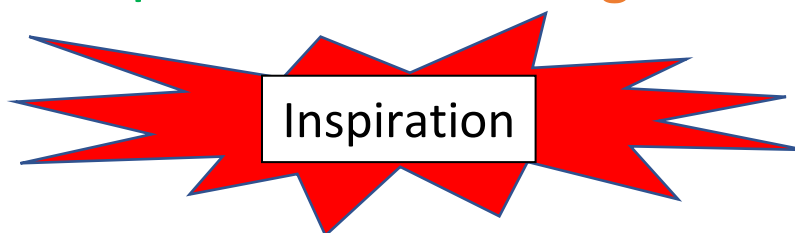


As you know, the Houses competed against each other to win the most House Points. Children earn House Points for themselves and for their House.

They can also earn special rewards.

**Inspiration, Determination,
Courage and Respect**

Congratulations!



You are the winners for Autumn Term 2



Please may we respectfully remind parents that if your child is absent from school that you telephone the school office on:



0115 972 8469.

If we do not receive a call, the office staff will telephone to ask:

- a) That you and your child are ok
- b) Why your child is not in school

If we are unable to contact you, then it is likely that members of staff will visit you at home, to make sure that everything is ok.

It is a legal requirement that children attend school on the term dates. The school is therefore the school MUST inspect why children are not attending.

We cannot stress the importance of your child being in school and on time.

We would really appreciate your support in this matter.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 9th January

Return to school

Thursday 13th January

The community defibrillator is being connected.

Monday 23rd January

Celebrating Chinese New Year

Monday 29th January

Best Start to the New Year
Awards for children.

Friday 27th January

Whole School Discussion Day
Supported by our School Councillors

Thursday 2nd February

NSPCC Number Day Assembly

Friday 3rd February

NSPCC Number Day

Awards Assembly – parents invited

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February

Awards Assembly – parents invited

Day of Women In Science

Thursday 16th February

Rewards Afternoon for children

Last day of Spring Term 1 for children

Friday 17th February

INSET Day for all staff

Future Dates of School Closures

Half term Dates:

Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 24th February 2023

Monday 3rd April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023

Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Break up for Summer on Friday 21st July 2023

INSETs

Friday 17th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

Friday 30th June

Bank Holidays:

Monday 1st May 2023

Monday 8th May 2023 – Coronation Bank Holiday

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

David, Psalm 23:1-6