

# THE WEEKLY WORD

The Lawrence Sheriff School Newsletter

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## **First Word ... from the Chair of Governors, Sue Peach**

In September, I had the honour of becoming the Chair of the Board of Governors of LSS. I am sure that most parents are aware that the school has a Governing Body but you may not necessarily be sure about who its members are and what they do. We are very fortunate in that we have excellent governors with a wide range of skills. We have a lawyer, a couple of accountants, an auditor, an HR specialist, a health and safety expert, a retired Schools' inspector and lecturer in education, a representative of the Old Laurentians, a member of Rugby School's governing body, and a recently retired LSS senior teacher. I am also a retired teacher, ex local councillor, examiner for OCR and have previously chaired a national charity for children born with rare genetic conditions. I was also an LSS parent as my eldest son attended the school. Between us, I believe we cover all of the areas necessary to ensure that proper governance is carried out.

A school's Board of Governors' responsibility is to make sure that the leadership of the school is running the school in such a way that each pupil has the opportunity to achieve their potential by having access to the best education possible. This includes ensuring that all legislative requirements are covered; Safeguarding policies are not only in place but that all staff and governors are fully trained; the performance of staff is appraised regularly; the performance of each pupil is carefully monitored and strategies put in place to support any pupil not achieving their potential; examination results are analysed, areas for improvement identified and strategies developed to achieve these improvements; all money spent is done so wisely and all financial decisions made for the benefit of the school and its pupils, and the buildings and grounds are safe and fit for purpose. Our role is to scrutinise what is happening and make strategic decisions for the way forward. We do not and should not involve ourselves with the day-to-day organisation of the school.

To this end, LSS has committees which scrutinise each area eg, the Academic Strategy Committee, the Pastoral Committee, the Finance and Asset Management Committee, the Health and Safety Committee and the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, amongst others. Each committee meets at least once a term. The Standing Committee comprising of the Chairs of each committee meets more regularly and it is this Committee which takes forward major issues to the full Governing Body for discussion and decision making.

I have been a governor of LSS for 16 years now and although there can be quite a lot of reading and some difficult decisions to make, there are also some exciting projects to explore and see to fruition. Some examples of these were the decisions to become a teaching school, then an academy, then admitting girls into the sixth form and now looking to form a MAT (Multi Academy Trust).

All of the above decisions were taken under the superb Chairmanship of Anthony Thomas. His are big shoes to fill but I know I have the support of not only the Board of Governors but also the SLT of LSS and so am hopeful that I may be as successful a Chair as Anthony was. **Sue Peach**

**Shopping online? Access your favourite retailer via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencesherrifschoolpta> and the school gets a commission!**

Dunchurch  
Brass Band  
Presents

2nd  
December 2017



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

STARTS AT 7PM | TICKETS £6/£4 | CAKES | RAFFLE

AT DUNCHURCH  
VILLAGE HALL

Tickets available from Wanda Fashions, Dunchurch  
or email [dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com](mailto:dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com)

## Whole School Photograph

The whole school photograph orders have arrived and are in the front office for collection at your convenience.

Many thanks.

**Front Office**



### TABLE TENNIS



#### Lunchtime Sessions

Wednesday: year seven club members only

Friday: club and school team members only

**6.50 pm – 8.20 pm**

Tuesday: Two-a-side League (Includes beginners' division)

**Club Sessions: Try them out - first two are free!**

Wednesday 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Sunday 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

See the website for more info: [www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET](http://www.RugbyTableTennisClub.NET)



Lawrence Sheriff School  
**Christmas Fair**

Saturday 2nd December **12-3pm**  
The Griffin Centre, Lawrence Sheriff School

**Free Entry!**

parents@lawrencesherrifschool.com



Come and enjoy **Wheels On Debussy** performing their fantastic musical storytelling of **The Snow Queen**

Tickets £5 from [thewheelsondebussy.com](http://thewheelsondebussy.com) / £6 on door  
Craft activities 10.30am Performance starts 11.00am

Then join us for **gift & craft stalls**, scrummy **homemade cakes**, and delicious **hot food & refreshments!**

Entrance to Christmas Fair is **Free**

plus **games in the sports hall** for the children, our ever popular **festive raffle** and **live music** from the **School Jazz Band**

The Wheels on Debussy Presents

# THE SNOW QUEEN AND OTHER STORIES

a magical, musical adventure



Written & performed by

**Matthew Sharp**

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COMPELLING ACTOR - ASTONISHING"

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