

Illness and Infection

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the School Office before 10.00 am on the same day. If you know in advance that your child will be away, perhaps for an appointment, please inform the class teacher.

If your child has been absent please make sure that they are well before returning, especially if the illness is infectious. **In the case of sickness or diarrhoea** please keep your child at home until they have been free of symptoms for at least **48 hours**. If your child is unwell whilst they are at school we will contact you and ask you to collect them.

Carols in the Playground

We would like to invite you to join us for **Carols in the Playground** on Monday 12 December 2011 at 9.05 am and 2.45 pm. We will be wrapping-up warmly and going into the playground to sing some seasonal songs and carols together. Please assemble in the top playground, where parents normally wait for the children.

To ensure safety, the children will be taken back into school following the afternoon event to collect their belongings, and then sent home in the normal way. **Please do not take your child before their teacher knows they are with you.**

Please note this event is dependent on dry weather!

Parent Governor

Following our recent request for a new Parent Governor, we are pleased to welcome Mr Ian Skidmore to the Governing Body.

'I was born and brought up in Northfield where I have lived most of my life and am a member of St Laurence Church. I work for the National Blood Service where I manage the Special Investigations Laboratory - providing blood for patients when hospitals have difficulty. My son, Alistair, is in Year One; hopefully his brother and sister will also join him at St Laurence over the next three years. I look forward to playing an active role in helping to take St Laurence Church Infant School forward during my time as a Governor.'

Community Choir

Father Charles would like to invite you to join our Community Choir which is held on Mondays in the School Hall from 3.10 - 3.40 pm. The choir is open to all children, parents, staff and Governors from the Infant School - all you need is to enjoy singing!

We would love you to come with your child after you have collected them from school. Children from YR, Y1 and Y2 will all be welcome. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and will not be able to stay on their own.

We look forward to seeing you!



We wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

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St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter

Issue 2
Christmas 2011



Dates

Thursday 1 December

Christmas Lunch

Monday 5 December

YR Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only]
& 2.00 pm

Tuesday 6 December

Y1 Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only]
& 2.00 pm

Wednesday 7 December

Y2 Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only]
& 2.00 pm

Monday 12 December

Carols in the Playground 9.05 am & 2.45 pm

Wednesday 14 December

Party Day

**Thursday 15 December
9.15 am Christmas Service at
St Laurence Church**

Fr Charles will be leading our worship at Church. Parents are most welcome to walk with us to the Church and join us for the Service.

Friday 16 December

Last day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 4 January 2012

Teacher Day - school closed

Thursday 5 January 2012

First day of Spring Term

**Friday 6 January 2012
9.15 am Epiphany Service at
St Laurence Church**

Mrs Griffin's class, 2B, will be leading our worship at Church.

Parents are most welcome to walk with us to the Church and join us for the Service.

Nativity Plays

Tickets ordered for our Nativity Plays will be distributed shortly. Please note, for Health & Safety reasons numbers are limited to ticket holders only. A collection will be taken at each performance in aid of **Acorns Children's Hospice**.

A DVD of all three Nativity Plays will be available to purchase. May we remind you that we ask parents and visitors not to make personal recordings of the performances as we have found this distracts the children.



Drawing by Ruby Butler 2Y.

Christmas Post

There is a collection of Christmas cards every day from the Post Boxes in the Library. Please name cards clearly & include the class title:
RR/RY/RB/1R/1Y/1B/2R/2Y/2B

Christmas Gifts

Each year we invite you to donate gifts for local children in need. The wrapped presents can be put around our Christmas tree in the hall and should be labelled as to the age they are suitable for, and whether they are for a girl or a boy. Children's Services will collect the gifts before Christmas and are most grateful for your support.

Welcome and Congratulations!

We are delighted that Mr Stephen Farrell has joined our staff team as Building Services Manager and that Mrs Jackie Murphy is now one of our administrative team in the School Office in addition to her role as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Barone [nee Ricketts] on her recent wedding.



Party Day

On Wednesday 14 December 2011 we will be having our Party Day. Children may come to school in their party clothes [suitable for a day at school please!].

All children will have the opportunity to go to our grotto during the morning to meet a special visitor and receive a gift! Lunch will be a party lunch and during the afternoon there will be a disco.

Many thanks to PALS for funding this day for the children.

Admissions September 2012

Preference Forms for admission to Reception in September 2012 have been sent direct to parents/carers, and must be returned to the Admissions and Appeals Service by 2 December 2011. If you are applying under category 3 or 4 [Church categories], an Additional Information Form will also be required.

Transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 Preference Forms have been distributed to all parents/carers of the current Year Two children. These forms also need to be returned to School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service by 16 January 2012.

Harvest Collection

South Birmingham Young Homeless Project has asked us to thank you for your kind donations. The produce will go into making up the Starter Packs given to young people to help them when they move into independent accommodation.

Extreme Weather

In the rare event of EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS [eg heavy snowfall] across the whole of the City, the Local Authority may take a central decision to close all schools.

Any such decision affecting all schools will be made by 6.45 am at the latest. This will then be announced through Heart FM, Radio WM and BRMB and also on the BGFL home page www.bgfl.org.

Heart FM	100.7 FM	www.heart.co.uk
Radio WM	95.6 FM	www.bbc.co.uk/birmingham/local_radio
BRMB	96.4 FM	www.brmb.co.uk

There may be circumstances affecting individual schools eg local conditions, burst pipes or heating failure. The decision to close the school in these circumstances lies with the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The radio stations listed above will be informed.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR TEXT MESSAGES AND FOR NOTICES ON OUR WEBSITE www.stlnci.bham.sch.uk.

School Council

Our School Council is made up of 18 members: 2 children from each class in school. During the Autumn Term, all children are invited to take part in our School Council elections. Children who would like to stand talk about why they would like to be on the School Council to their class, who then vote in a secret ballot for a girl and a boy. These children represent their class at School Council Meetings where areas for development and new projects are discussed.

