



St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter



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Christmas 2012

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 Free Radio, and will also be put on the City Council disruption web site and on twitter service.

Heart FM	100.7 FM	www.heart.co.uk
Radio WM	95.6 FM	www.bbc.co.uk/wm
Free Radio	96.4 FM	www.freeradio.co.uk/birmingham

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

Site Access

The gates from both Heath Road South and the Bunbury Road entrance to the Infant School playground will be padlocked during the school day between 9.40 am and 3.00 pm. Therefore, if you need to come onto the school site between these times, perhaps because you are collecting your child early for an appointment, you will need to enter from Bunbury Road and ring the bell at the rear entrance door [this is located at the top of the ramp from the car park].

At the beginning and end of the school day the gates at the top of the drive from Bunbury Road are locked between 8.30 am and 9.00 am, and again between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

Please Note Our site is a no smoking area and dogs should not be brought onto the school grounds.

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

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 Jillie Micallef 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

Dates

Monday 10 December

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

Tuesday 11 December

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

Wednesday 12 December

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

Friday 14 December

Christmas Lunch

Monday 17 December

Carols in the Playground 9.05 am & 2.45 pm

Wednesday 19 December

Party Day

Thursday 20 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 21 December

Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 7 January 2013

Teacher Day - school closed

Tuesday 8 January 2013

First day of Spring Term

Thursday 10 January 2013 9.15 am Epiphany Service at St Laurence Church

Miss Pugh'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.

School Council

Our **School Council** is made up of 18 members: 2 children from each class in school. During the Autumn Term, all children were invited to take part in our School Council elections. These children represent their class at School Council Meetings where areas for development and new projects are discussed.



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.

Party Day

On Wednesday 19 December 2012 we will be having our Party Day. Children may come to school in their party clothes [suitable for a day at school please!].

We have invited a special visitor to spend the morning with us. We will also be having a disco, a party lunch and party games in the classrooms.

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

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.

Illness and Infection

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the School Office before 9.00 am on the same day [please note the change of time]. If you know in advance that your child will be away, perhaps for an appointment, please inform the class teacher or the School Office.

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.

Admissions September 2013

Preference Forms for admission to Reception in September 2013 have been sent direct to parents/carers, and must be returned to the Admissions and Appeals Service by 3 December 2012. If you are applying under category 3 or 4 [Church categories], an Additional Information Form will also be required.

Information regarding transfer from Year 2 to Year 3 has been distributed to all parents/carers of the current Year Two children. Applications should be submitted by 3 December 2012.

Parents' Prayer Group to be held at the Infant School on the first Friday of every month. The first meeting will be held on Friday 7 December at 2.45 pm. All welcome.

Carols in the Playground

We would like to invite you to join us for **Carols in the Playground** on Monday 17 December 2012 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!