



Photographs Wednesday 1 October 2014

Individual photographs will be taken of all children at the Infant School on this day. In addition, photographs of Infant family groups will also be taken [ie brothers/sisters in YR, Y1 and Y2]. Proofs will be sent home and there is no obligation to purchase.

SENCO Drop-In Sessions

Mrs Caroline Proctor is our Deputy Headteacher and SENCO. Many of you may have already met Mrs Proctor either through her role as SENCO or on Thursday mornings when she leads Collective Worship with Father Charles.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's needs that you would like to discuss with Mrs Proctor she would be very happy to arrange a time to talk with you. In addition, Mrs Proctor will be hosting regular parent drop-in sessions when she will be available to talk to parents informally. The first of these sessions this year will be on Wednesday 24 September 2014 at 9 am.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 23 September 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
and Thursday 25 September 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Our Parents' Evenings this half term are an informal opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their class teacher in the hall. Parents are invited to make an appointment by signing the sheets, which will be displayed on classroom doors, or by sending a message to the class teacher. **Please note this evening is for parents/carers and children should not attend.**

Harvest Celebrations

Our Harvest Festival will be on Thursday 23 October 2014 at St Laurence Church at 9.15 am. Father Charles will be welcoming us into the Church and we would love parents to join us. Mrs Wallach's class, 1R, will be leading our worship. It would be extremely helpful if parents could wait whilst the children are registered in the morning and then walk to Church with us. Please note there is usually standing room only for parents at the Church.

We will be collecting food to be given to the South Birmingham Young Homeless Project and would like the children to bring their donations to school on the day of the Harvest Festival [tins, jars and dried packet food - not fresh produce please]. Please send the food in a carrier bag, which your child will be able to manage themselves on the walk to Church. Each child will take their food to the front of the Church where it will be blessed by Father Charles.



St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We do hope you had an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to a happy year ahead.

May we extend a warm welcome to those children and families who are new to our school.



Dates

NB Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately.

Tuesday 23 September

Parents' Evening 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Thursday 25 September

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Wednesday 1 October

School photographs

Friday 3 October

PALS Reception Disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Thursday 23 October

Harvest Celebration at St Laurence Church 9.15 am

Monday 27 to Friday 31 October

Half term holiday

September 2014 Classes

YR

Mrs McFall [M,T,W] & Mrs Mellor [Th,F] Red
Mrs Meara [M,T] & Mrs Tellam [W,Th,F] Yellow
Miss Hancock Blue

Y1

Mrs Wallach Red
Mrs Whitehouse Yellow
Mrs Anyanegbu Blue

Y2

Mrs West [M,T,Th,F] & Mrs Hodgkiss [W] Red
Mrs Griffin Yellow
Mrs Cole Blue

Session Times

Early Years Foundation Stage [YR]	Morning Session	8.55 am to 12.15 pm
	Afternoon Session	1.05 pm to 3.05 pm
Key Stage One [Y1 & Y2]	Morning Session	8.55 am to 12.30 pm
	Afternoon Session	1.20 pm to 3.10 pm

At the beginning of the school day, a bell is rung at 8.50 am for the children to line up in the playground with their teacher. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. The children then walk into school with us, ready to begin the day at 8.55 am. Please encourage your child to line up on their own to avoid congestion. In addition, please be aware of class lines walking past as they go into school, as it is sometimes difficult for the children to get through the parents who are waiting. Please wait until you are happy your child has gone safely into school before you leave the playground.

At the end of the day staff hand over the children to parents in the playground. Please stand towards the back of the playground, behind the road track, to enable us to see that each child has gone safely to their parent. Children are not allowed to leave the site unless a parent or other known adult [18 years or over] is there to collect them.

Children must not use bicycles or scooters in the playground either before or after school. Our playground is very busy and we are concerned that a child, either of school age or a younger sibling, may get hurt.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please report to the School Office if you bring your child to school late or need to collect your child early. It is important for us to have an accurate record of all children who are in school for Health & Safety reasons.

Parents/carers sign our Home-School Agreement, which states:

AS A PARENT/CARER

I WILL

DO MY BEST TO...

Ensure that my child attends school and that my child arrives and is collected on time.

Not take holidays during term time.

Holidays will not be authorised during term time.

If your child is absent, please telephone the School Office before 9.00 am on the same day. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, perhaps for an appointment, please inform the class teacher.

Food in School

Children receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day under the Government's School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme. This initiative is to encourage children to eat more fruit/vegetables and help towards their 5 a day!

We have a nut free policy in school and to support this we would like to ask parents who give their children a packed lunch to only include food which does not contain nuts. Many thanks for your help.

It is essential that you inform us of any allergies, including nut allergies, your child may have so that we can ensure they are not given anything that might harm them.

Collective Worship

An act of Collective Worship takes place each day. Parents are invited to attend on Mondays for our Star Award Assembly when children's special achievements during the previous week are celebrated and on Thursdays when Father Charles joins us and we congratulate children with birthdays for the week from Monday to Sunday.

Water is Cool in School!

We would like the children to bring a named water bottle to school each day filled with fresh drinking water only. Research has shown that when children drink more water they:

- become less tired
- have fewer headaches
- are more receptive to learning
- have better concentration

At morning break, children may have a drink of fruit juice or milk, or bring a small carton of fruit juice from home. Children who have sandwiches for lunch may either have water provided by school or bring a small carton of fruit juice from home to drink with their meal.



Playground Equipment Safety

Thank you for respecting our request that the playground equipment is for supervised use during school hours only. Please note the signs:

Children may only use this play equipment whilst being supervised by St Laurence Church Infant School staff.

We would like to remind you to take great care when parking and manoeuvring at the beginning and end of the school day. Our priority is the safety of our children and the Police are aware of the dangerous parking which frequently occurs on Heath Road South, Innage Road, Bunbury Road and Rectory Drive. In addition, please note that parents should not use the YMCA car park when dropping off or collecting children.

School Term Dates 2014 - 2015

Children should attend on the following days:

Autumn Term 2014

Wednesday 3 September 2014 to Thursday 23 October 2014
Monday 3 November 2014 to Friday 19 December 2014

Spring Term 2015

Tuesday 6 January 2015 to Friday 13 February 2015
Monday 23 February 2015 to Friday 27 March 2015

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13 April 2015 to Friday 22 May 2015
Monday 1 June 2015 to Friday 17 July 2015

There are 5 Teacher Days for the academic year when children do not attend:

Monday 1 September 2014
Tuesday 2 September 2014
Friday 24 October 2014
Monday 5 January 2015
Monday 20 July 2015
Monday 4 May 2015 [May Day] is a Public Holiday - school will be closed.