



# St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter



Issue 2  
Christmas 2014

## Party Day

On Wednesday 17 December 2014 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.

## 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	<a href="http://www.heart.co.uk">www.heart.co.uk</a>
Radio WM	95.6 FM	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/wm">www.bbc.co.uk/wm</a>
Free Radio	96.4 FM	<a href="http://www.freeradio.co.uk">www.freeradio.co.uk</a>

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.stlrnci.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stlrnci.bham.sch.uk)



## Carols in the Playground

We would like to invite you to join us for **Carols in the Playground** on Monday 15 December 2014 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!**

## 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/RV/RB/1R/1Y/1B/2R/2Y/2B

## Dates

**Tuesday 18 November**  
Parents' Evening 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

**Thursday 20 November**  
Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

**Monday 8 December**  
YR Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only] & 2.00 pm

**Tuesday 9 December**  
Y1 Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only] & 2.00 pm

**Wednesday 10 December**  
Y2 Nativity Performances 9.30 am [adults only] & 2.00 pm

**Friday 12 December**  
Christmas Lunch

**Monday 15 December**  
Carols in the Playground 9.05 am & 2.45 pm

**Wednesday 17 December**  
Party Day

**Thursday 18 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 19 December**  
Last day of Autumn Term

**Monday 5 January 2015**  
Teacher Day - school closed

**Tuesday 6 January 2015**  
First day of Spring Term

**Thursday 8 January 2015**  
9.15 am Epiphany Service at St Laurence Church  
Class 2R will be leading our worship at Church. Parents are most welcome to walk with us to the Church and join us for the Service.

**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. We ask parents and visitors not to make personal recordings of the performances as we have found this distracts the children.

To prevent any safeguarding issues, please do not share photographs or recordings of any of our school events on social media sites.



## Admissions September 2015

Preference Forms for admission to Reception in September 2015 have been sent direct to parents/carers, and must be returned to the Admissions and Appeals Service by 3 December 2014. If you are applying under category 3 or 4 [Church categories], a Supplementary 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. Applications should be submitted by 3 December 2014.

## 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.

## Illness and Infection

If your child is absent from school, please telephone the School Office before 9.00 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 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 18 November 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

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Thursday 20 November 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Our Parents' Evenings this half term offer another opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see their work and discuss their progress. 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 these evenings are for parents/carers and children should not attend.