



Photographs Monday 12 October 2015

Individual photographs will be taken of all children at the Infant School. 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-ins

If you have any concerns regarding your child's needs that you would like to discuss with Mrs Smith she would be very happy to arrange a time to talk with you. In addition the SENCO 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 Friday 16 October at 9 am.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 22 September 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm
and Thursday 24 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 22 October 2015 at St Laurence Church at 9.15 am. We would love parents to join us. Mrs Wallach's class, 1B, will be leading our worship at Church. 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.



St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the year ahead. We would like to welcome the children and families who are new to our school.

For those of you who have not met me, I will take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Caroline Proctor and I am the school's new Headteacher. I was the Deputy Head and earlier in my career I was a class teacher here at St Laurence Church Infant School. I am excited by the prospect of leading this wonderful school and working with you to develop and nurture your children.

I would also like to introduce Mrs Catherine Smith who has joined us as our new Deputy Head and Senco. She is a returning member of staff too. Also joining us this year is Miss Hannah Greville who is teaching in Reception.

Dates

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

Tuesday 22 September

Parents' Evening 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm

Thursday 24 September

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Friday 2 October

PALS Reception Disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Monday 12 October

School photographs

Thursday 22 October

Harvest Celebration at St Laurence Church 9.15 am

Monday 26 to Friday 30 October

Half term holiday

September 2015 Classes

YR

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

Y1

Mrs Anyanegbu Red
Mrs Whitehouse Yellow
Mrs Wallach Blue

Y2

Mrs Cole Red
Mrs Griffin Blue
Miss Hancock Yellow

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 or play football 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.

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 2015 - 2016

Children should attend on the following days:

Autumn Term 2015

Monday 7 September 2015 to Friday 23 October 2015

Monday 2 November 2015 to Friday 18 December 2015

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5 January 2016 to Friday 12 February 2016

Monday 22 February 2016 to Thursday 24 March 2016

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11 April 2016 to Friday 27 May 2016

Monday 6 June 2016 to Thursday 21 July 2016

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

Thursday 3 September 2015

Friday 4 September 2015

Monday 4 January 2016

Friday 22 July 2016 + 1 date to be confirmed

Monday 2 May 2016 [May Day] is a Public Holiday - school will be closed.