St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and like us, are looking forward to the new year ahead. We will be producing a monthly newsletter from now on and hope this will keep you up to date with what is going on in school.

Up and Coming Dates for your Diary

Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately.

Wednesday 11 January PALS meeting 7pm Friday 3 February PALS Year 1 disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Monday 20 to Friday 24 February Half term holiday Tuesday 28 February Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.00 pm Thursday 2 March Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm Wednesday 15 March

PALS meeting 7pm

W/c 20 March Science and Technology Week

Friday 7 April

PALS non-uniform day Easter Service - 9.15 am Parents/carers are most welcome to walk with us to St Laurence Church and join us for the service.

Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April

Easter holiday Monday 1 May May Day – school closed Thursday 4 May Local Election Day - school closed

Wednesday 10 May PALS meeting

Monday 15 May

Class photograph day

Thursday 25 May

Ascension Service at St Laurence Church 9.15 am Parents/carers are most welcome to walk with us to the church and join us for the service.

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Half term holiday

Tuesday 4 JulyYR Sports Day 9 amWednesday 5 JulyY1 Sports Day 9 amThursday 6 JulyY2 Sports Day 9 am

Friday 7 July PALS Year 2 disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Wednesday 12 July

Penental Evening 2.20 pm 6.2

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Friday 21 July

Last day of Summer term for children

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings this term will be on Tuesday 28 February 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm and Thursday 2 March 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm. Parents are invited to make an appointment by signing the sheets, which will be displayed on classroom doors or windows from Monday 13 February, or sending a message to the class teacher. You are welcome to bring your infant school children to this meeting if you wish.

Plenty of exciting things happened in school last term.

In November the award winning singing trio The Young'uns came and sang with every class. They brought energy, fun and inspiration to our classrooms. We really enjoyed listening to them and showing them how good our singing is too!

The Birmingham Royal Ballet came into school to work with Year 2. The workshops focused on The Nutcracker and the children had an amazing time.

The three year groups each produced wonderful Nativity plays. Many congratulations to everyone involved.



Coming into school

As you are aware we trialled opening the doors into school at 8.45 am and the children coming straight in. This seems to have been very successful and we will be keeping this system. If you do need to speak to your child's teacher they are still available. 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.

In order to keep everyone safe 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. Thank you for respecting our request that the playground equipment is for supervised use during school hours only. Dogs are <u>not</u> allowed on the school site.

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 Wednesdays when Canon Janet joins us and we congratulate children with birthdays for the week from Monday to Sunday.

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.

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.

SEND drop-in

Our next SEND drop in with Mrs Smith, our Inclusion Leader, will be on Thursday 26th January at 2.15 pm. This will be an opportunity to talk informally with her and other parents.

Food in School

A reminder - please do not send any nuts or products with nuts in them into school as we have children with nut allergies. 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.