

St Laurence Church Infant School Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 June

Thursday 8 June

Week beginning 19 June

Friday 30 June

4/5/6 July

Friday 7 July

Wednesday 12 July

Friday 14 July

Friday 21 July

Reception Trip Wythall Transport Museum

SCHOOL CLOSED for General Election

Year Two Workshops and Junior School Visits

Year One Seaside Workshop 9.00 am

Reports to go home

Rec/Y1/Y2 Sports Days

PALS Year Two Disco

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30 pm

Year Two Leavers' Service at St Martin in the Bullring 1.30 pm

Last day of term for children

Easter Fun

Easter already feels like a long time ago but I wanted to thank you for all of the work you put in with the children at home to decorate Easter eggs and bonnets. There were some truly creative entries into the egg competition and I know that PALS had a very tough time choosing the winners!

The Easter bonnets were also absolutely fantastic. They looked so lovely in church for our Easter service, that we decided to have a parade in the afternoon so that all of the children got to see each others' hats too!



Creative Arts Week

Our Creative Arts Week was a big success, with children participating in art, music, crafts and dance all inspired by our sun bear, and South East Asia where he is from.

After looking at all of the children's wonderful ideas for the bear, it was decided to combine elements of as many as possible into an overall design of a "Prayer Bear". All of the children had a go at painting part of the bear and some have also drawn some decoupage elements for him!

He will shortly be going on his travels to a local location around Birmingham for the Big Sleuth event over the summer. We hope lots of you will get involved in the trail to see the fantastic artists' designs, and of course go to see our finished bear too!



Poetry Competition

Key Stage One held a Poetry Recital Competition at the start of the term. Children practised learning poems by heart at home and shared these with their class. There were all sorts of poems, from limericks and songs to longer verses telling a story and ones which made everyone laugh. The best recitalists from each class went into a year group competition. We were impressed by the confidence and clarity of the children, and their amazing memories for some very long verses. Well done to everyone who took part and well done to all of the grown-ups at home who no doubt had to hear those poems more than a few times over the holidays!



Spinney Request

The children have already been enjoying using the spinney area, now that the weather is better, but we are hoping to develop this area further with a mud café and also to add to the lovely found materials which Reception use to build with on the patio. Please search your garage and garden for any guttering, cable reels, crates, decking, tubing, strong cardboard boxes, gravel, or any pots, pans and kitchen utensils that you no longer have any use for but we might! We would be grateful for any donations to this project!



Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity

Thank you to everyone who donated money for our Teddy Bear's Picnic in aid of this fantastic charity. The children had a brilliant time enjoying a picnic on the field with their teddies! The School Council also voted to hold a Bertie Bear raffle. We sold over 450 tickets, with number 631 being drawn as the winner.

All of the donations have been sent on to the Children's Hospital, but as they were placed inside collection tins, we will not know exactly how much we have raised until they have been opened and counted by the charity.



Reading Books

We have had quite a number of reading books ruined with leaking water bottles lately — please can I remind you that water bottles should NOT be put in the children's book bags. Can I also ask you to check whether you have any school reading books lurking about at home and if so, send them into School? I'm sure you can appreciate that in this time of budget cuts to schools, we simply cannot afford to keep on replacing sets of books. Once one book is missing or ruined from a set, the other 5 books cannot be easily used for reading groups.

Sun Safety

May we remind you that children are encouraged to bring named sun hats, sunglasses and sun cream (inside a plastic bag) to use in School. We are hoping we will have good reason to need it with lots of lovely sunny weather!