

# St Laurence Church Infant School

# Newsletter

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## Welcome back!

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

### Dates (Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately.)

#### Tuesday 19 September

Meet the Teacher 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm

#### Friday 6 October

PALS Reception Disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

#### Monday 9 October

Photograph Day

#### Thursday 19 October

Harvest Celebration at St Laurence Church 9.15 am

#### Friday 20 October

Teacher Training day - children not in school

#### Monday 23 to Friday 27 October

Half term holiday

## The School Day

Children should be in school for **8.55am**. The school day for Reception finishes at 3.05pm and for Year 1 and 2 at 3.10pm.

At the beginning of the school day a bell is rung at 8.45 am and the doors are opened for the children to come into school. **Please wait until you are happy your child has gone safely into school before you leave the playground.** If you and your child arrive after 9am you should go to the school office to sign your child in. If you need to speak to your child's teacher you are welcome to come into school.

At the end of the day staff hand over the children to parents in the playground. It is really important that you 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. **Please note dogs are NOT allowed on school grounds.**

### Meet the Teacher

**Tuesday 19 September 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm**

Our Parents' Evening this half term is an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher in the hall and visit your child's classroom.

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.

You are welcome to bring your infant age children to this meeting but if you feel you would like to talk to the teacher without your child being present please arrange for them to be cared for elsewhere.

### Harvest Celebrations

**Thursday 19 October 9.15am**

Our Harvest Festival will be on Thursday 19 October at St Laurence Church. Parents may join us. 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 (tins, jars and dried packet food - not fresh produce please) to school during the previous week. The donations will be displayed in the Hall.

## Food in School

We have new menus this term and a new company supervising our catering. The new three weekly menu provides the sort of food that young children will want to eat every day. Copies of the menu are available from the school office and on the website.

Every infant aged child is entitled to a free school lunch and we would encourage everyone to join in with this initiative.

We have a **nut free policy** in school.

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.

## Photographs

Monday 9 October

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.

## 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, on **Wednesdays** when Canon Janet joins us and on **Fridays** when we congratulate children with birthdays for the week from Monday to Sunday and share awards from activities which children do outside of school.

**Please note that birthdays will now be celebrated on Fridays.**

## 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.

## School Term Dates

### 2017 - 2018

We hope these dates for this academic year will be helpful to you. Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised during term time. Children should attend on the following days:

#### Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5 September 2017	to	Thursday 19 October 2017
Monday 30 October 2017	to	Friday 22 December 2017

#### Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 9 January 2018	to	Friday 16 February 2018
Monday 26 February 2018	to	Thursday 29 March 2018

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April 2018	to	Friday 25 May 2018
Monday 4 June 2018	to	Friday 20 July 2018

Monday 7 May 2018 (May Day) is a Public Holiday - school will be closed.

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

Monday 4 September 2017  
Friday 20 October 2017  
Monday 8 January 2018  
Monday 23 July 2018  
Tuesday 24 July 2018