

# St Laurence Church Infant School

# Newsletter

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Mrs Kate Joyner is retiring at the end of this half term. She has worked here for 29 years and has made a huge contribution to the life of the school. We will miss her enthusiasm and commitment, her signing skills and her smile! She has not been very well for a while this academic year and we hope her retirement will give her an opportunity for a well earned rest and plenty of relaxation. I am sure everyone joins with the staff and children in school in wishing her well for the future.

World Book Day takes place during the first week back at school after half term. There will be lots of activities going on in school during the week to celebrate books including the Readathon, the Travelling Book Fair and opportunities for the children to hear, read and enjoy stories from around the world.



## Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings this term will be on **Tuesday 27 February 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm** and **Thursday 1 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 in the front reception area from Monday 12 February, or sending a message to the class teacher. You are welcome to bring your infant school children to this meeting if you wish.



**EXTREME WEATHER**  
**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR TEXT**  
**MESSAGES AND MESSAGES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE**  
Please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile number for you.



Please **telephone** school with messages that need immediate attention—particularly messages about picking children up from school.

## Lost Property



We have a trolley of lost property just inside the front door. Please come in and look for lost gloves, hats, sweatshirts etc. If items have names in them we return them to the child.

## Up coming dates during the Spring Term

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
PTA Non-uniform Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
Half term holiday

W/c 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Book Fair and Readathon

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
Parents' Evening 4.30pm - 7pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

W/c 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Science and Technology Week

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
PTA meeting 7pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Easter Service at St Laurence Church  
Parents/carers are most welcome to walk with us to St Laurence Church and join us for the service.  
Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Back to school

At the last Parents' Evenings we asked you to complete a questionnaire about St Laurence Infant School's Church School ethos. Thank you to everyone who did. We had over 200 responses and the majority, 79%, either agreed or strongly agreed with all the statements. 21% agreed strongly or agreed with most of the statements but there were some questions where they ticked neither agree nor disagree.

For example, a number of responses indicated to us that parents were not certain of the opportunities in school for prayer and reflection.

Each classroom has a Thinking Place and there are Prayer Places in the library and in the playground. Children and the adults who look after them also have opportunities to pray and reflect during our daily acts of collective worship and before lunch and at the end of the day. A Parents' Prayer Group meets here once a month during term time. All are very welcome to come along. We hope prayer and reflection opportunities are there for all members of the school community should they chose to use them.

Future newsletters will have further feedback from the survey.



### Please support this petition

Increasingly traffic is travelling the wrong way on Rectory Road, especially in the mornings as people are travelling to school. This is so dangerous and some very near misses have been witnessed. St Laurence Church has now raised a petition which will be presented to the next Ward Meeting (19th March). You can sign it at reception but it is now also online (and you can make a comment on the on-line one). If you see anyone doing it please take their number and report to the police. It is worth reporting to the police even if you can't get their number so they are aware how many people are doing this.

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/rectory-road-northfield-birmingham>  
"Rectory Road Northfield Birmingham"