

# St Laurence Church Infant School

# Newsletter

Issue 1 September 2019



## 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 for this half term (Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately)

#### Monday 16 September

Meet the Teacher 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm  
Years 1 and 2

#### Friday 4 October

PTA Reception Disco 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

#### Monday 7 October

Photograph Day

#### Thursday 10 October

Harvest Celebration 9.15 am  
at St Laurence Church

#### Friday 25 October

Teacher Training Day - children not in school

#### Monday 28 to Friday 1 November

Half term holiday

### Meet the Teacher for Years 1 and 2

#### Monday 16 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 of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to make an appointment by signing the sheets, which will be available from Monday 9 September 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. (For your information next half term's Parents' Evenings dates are Tuesday 12 November 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm and Thursday 14 November 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm)

**Mrs Whitehouse would like to thank you for the cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of her retirement last term.**

### 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.

## Harvest Celebrations

Thursday 10 October 9.15am

Our Harvest Festival will be on Thursday 10 October at St Laurence Church. Parents may join us. If you wish to join us it would be extremely helpful if parents could wait while 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 so we can display them in the school hall.

## Photographs

Monday 7 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 siblings 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 leads our worship 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.

## 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 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.**

## School Term Dates 2019 - 2020

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 2019

Wednesday 4 September 2019 to Thursday 24 October 2019  
Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020  
Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020  
Monday 1 June 2020 to Friday 17 July 2020

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

Monday 2 September 2019  
Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Friday 25 October 2019  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Monday 20 July 2020