

St Laurence Church Infant School

Newsletter

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The amount of single use plastic is threatening to overwhelm the planet and we want to play our part in reducing it. Schools are being encouraged to go single-use plastic free by 2022. Government has recommended that schools stop using items such as single-use plastic bags, straws, bottles and food containers. We have already begun to educate children on the need to REDUCE, REUSE, REFILL, RECYCLE.

We have changed our refuse disposal company so that we can be assured that as much of our waste as possible is being properly recycled. We are trying to reduce the waste in school and we are looking at what single use plastics we can get rid of.

The greatest amount of single use plastic produced each day in school is from drinks cartons and the single use plastic straws that go with them. In order to eliminate this after half term we will no longer be selling drinks in individual cartons. If you have already paid on Parent Pay we will refund you.

Fresh water is constantly available to the children and we will continue to provide milk for 4 year olds and sell cartons for those children who would like milk. We are looking for ways to get rid of these plastic straws too.

You are welcome to send squash, juice or water into school in a named water bottle. Please do not send the children in with drinks cartons. Keep drinks bottles out of book bags as in the past this has caused reading books to be ruined.



Dates

Individual year group dates will be notified separately

Tuesday 12 November

Parents Evening 4.30 pm—7 pm

Thursday 14 November

Parents Evening 3.30 pm—6 pm

Friday 15 November

BBC Children in Need

Friday 29 November

Christmas Fayre

Monday 16 December

Reception Nativities

Tuesday 17 December

Year 1 Nativities

Wednesday 18 December

Year 2 Nativities

Thursday 19 December

Christmas Service 9.15 am

St Laurence Church

Christmas Dinner

Friday 20 December

Carols in the Playground

Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 7 January 2020

Children back in school

Walk to School Month

Pull on your autumn boots and join thousands of children across the globe celebrating the walk to school. Children today can often miss out on outdoor play, exercise and basic life skills such as independence and road safety. Walking to school can help teach children to properly observe their environment, to interact with family and friends and to develop essential skills under the safe supervision of parents or guardians. Autumn is a time when traffic around the school gate can become a major problem. You can do your bit to reduce traffic and air pollution by leaving the car at home whenever possible. If you have to drive, always park considerately, well away from the school gate, and turn your engine off when waiting for your child. Leaving your engine running causes unnecessary pollution which endangers children's health.

To make walking to school even more fun, Birmingham City Council have created some I spy and scavenger hunt sheets to use along the way. Download activity sheets. - https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/1718/walk_to_school_activity_sheets)

Share what you're doing for Walk to School Month on social media using #brumbreathes.



As we get closer to Remembrance Sunday we will be selling poppies and other memorabilia in aid of the Royal British Legion. Children will be selling poppies in the classrooms and other items can be purchased from the school office.

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

School closed for Combined West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Mayor Elections - Thursday 7 May 2020

May Day Bank Holiday - Friday 8 May 2020

Extreme Weather

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