

St Laurence Church Infant School

Newsletter

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This will probably be the last newsletter of the year.

I hope you are all safe and well.

There's no doubt that this has been the strangest Summer term any of us have ever known and we have missed the usual Summer activities very much.

If I don't get the chance to say goodbye to you and your children please take this message as my way of wishing you all good health, much happiness and peaceful times in the future.

As my retirement gets closer I want to say what a privilege it has been to be the headteacher of

St Laurence Infants and to repeat how much I have loved working here—much of that is to do with the school's wonderful community of children and adults.

I know that the school will continue to strive to do the very best it can for your children, to hold God's love at the centre of all it does and to value the partnership between home and school.

Caroline Proctor

We have sent the children's end of year reports to you by post this year unless your child is currently in school.

For children in Reception this term will **finish as planned on Friday 17th July**. The government has been clear that schools do not need to be open during the summer break to provide care for key workers' children.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter we are inviting Year 1 and 2 into school for an hour on the teacher training day, **Monday 20th July**. We still have to follow the protective measures designed to minimise infection risk so the children will be in groups of no more than 15, there will be enhanced cleaning between sessions and the children will wash their hands on arrival.

The session will be short but it will be fun; a chance to celebrate, play and chat. For Year 2 it will be an opportunity to say goodbye to the Infant School and their teachers. Mr Masood wants to say goodbye to his class and the other teachers in Year 1 would just like to see their class again and talk them through the arrangements for September.

It will be up to parents to decide if they want their children to attend. We would very much like to see them but will respect parental decisions.

You should have received an email with details of times etc. The classes have been split alphabetically as this is the most straightforward way of dividing the classes into two.

Thank you to the PTA for everything they do for the school. The classrooms now all have new interactive boards which were part funded by a very generous donation of £7000 from the PTA.

They have continued working for the school community as much as they have been able to during lockdown and will come back with all their enthusiasm and energy once all the children are back in school in September. Some of their events may look a bit different for a while but I'm sure they will manage to dream up some wonderful ways of continuing to enhance school life.

Full Opening of School

The government guidance for full opening schools has now been released and we are very pleased that we will be able to welcome back all of our children every day in September.

In order to minimise the risk of spreading coronavirus there will be lots of measures in place. These include:

- strict hygiene measures and additional cleaning
- not allowing classes of children to mix by staggering lunch and break times
- staggering the start and end of the day to avoid gatherings of adults.

A letter will be sent out shortly with full details of the measures in place and the drop off and collection arrangements for each class in September.

School Term Dates 2020 - 2021

We hope these dates for this academic year will be helpful to you. Please remember that holidays cannot be authorised during term time.

Arrangements for the children joining us in Reception in September have been sent separately.

Children should attend on the following days:

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3 September 2020 to Thursday 22 October 2020
Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021
Monday 22 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021
Monday 7 June 2021 to Tuesday 20 July 2021

Monday 3 May 2020 (May Day) is a Public Holiday - school will be closed.

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

Tuesday 1 September 2020
Wednesday 2 September 2020
Friday 23 October 2020
Monday 4 January 2021
Wednesday 21 July 2021