



Free App!

The "Teach your monster to Read" App is free until **Tuesday 22nd September**—its really worth downloading as it is a fun game that covers all of the phonics learning to the End of Year One and usually costs £4



Snacks in School

The government school fruit scheme is now running again so all children will be given a piece of fruit in school each day.

However we are aware that due to staggered lunchtimes, some children are eating earlier or later than they might be used to and so might want an additional snack to keep them going until home time.

If you do wish to send an additional snack for your child can we ask that it is **healthy** and **nut free** and in a named container. Here are some ideas:

Snacks that are good to send:

- ✓ A whole **piece of fruit** e.g. banana, apple, satsuma
- ✓ **Chopped fruit or veggies** e.g. grapes, cucumber sticks,
- ✓ **Dried fruit** e.g. raisins, dried apricots
- ✓ **Cheese** e.g. chopped chunks of cheddar, babybel,
- ✓ **Bread sticks**, rice cakes, crackers etc
- ✓ **Yoghurt snacks** that can be eaten "on the go" e.g. frubes,
- ✓ **Snack bars** e.g. nut-free flapjack, a nut-free cereal bar,



Please do not send:

- ✗ **Things containing nuts** e.g. cereal bars containing nuts, trail mix containing nuts

We have children in school with nut allergies and this is not safe for them

- ✗ **Unhealthy snacks** e.g. chocolate, cake bars, biscuits, crisps, sweets

These things give a quick burst of energy but leave you feeling hungry again soon

Mrs Proctor writes:

I hope you are well and staying safe. I have asked Mrs Smith to pass on this message from me to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' for all the cards, gifts and good wishes you gave me at the end of last term. I was really touched by your kindness. I hope I continue to bump into members of the St Laurence family as I'm out and about and will watch social media to see what's going on. Thank you again with my very best wishes.



Caroline Proctor

St Laurence Church Infant

Newsletter

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This newsletter comes at the end of a lovely warm week where children have been making the most of the sunshine with lunchtimes playing on the field.

Reception are no doubt tired after managing nearly a whole week of full time days! Bu they have done so well. They have been continuing learning themed around "The Hungry Caterpillar".

Year One have been enjoying their topic of "Traditional Tales", and as Year Two know all about the traditional tales already, they are looking at some amusing "Tales with a Twist"!

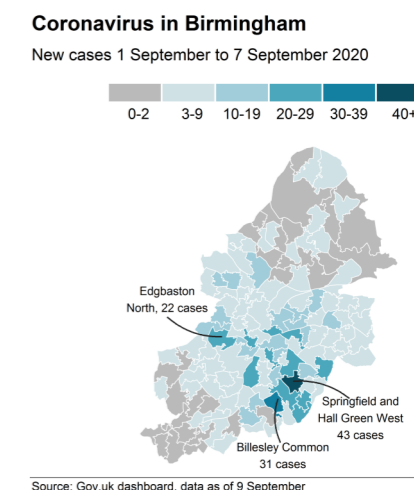
Local Lockdown

You may be aware that as of Tuesday 15th September, Birmingham entered a tier 1 lockdown: businesses and schools remain open, but people are not allowed to meet anyone who doesn't live with them in houses or gardens.

We know this makes us all feel more worried. I wanted to reassure you that our procedures in school are working well and we have not yet had to close any class bubbles.

We want to thank our families who are being sensible by keeping children who display symptoms at home and getting them tested before they return to school. We have had quite a few children who have now had negative results.

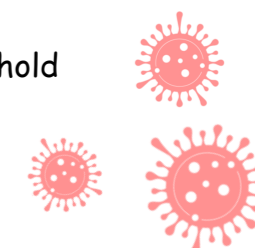
I was reassured by this map from BBC news website which shows that Northfield is one of the less severely affected areas of the city with only 3-9 cases over the whole area.



COVID-19

A reminder not to send your child to school if they or anyone in your household have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (coronavirus). These are:

- **A high temperature**
- **A new continuous cough**
- **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**



If your child has been in close contact for more than 15 minutes with someone who tests positive for covid-19 they will need to isolate for 14 days

Altered Reception Drop-off Times*

Reception parents, I'm sure you'll agree that the children have done amazingly well at coming into school. We thought many children would need an individual hand over at the door, but we have been so pleased to see the vast majority saying 'goodbye' confidently to their adult in the playground and walking into school themselves.

After reviewing how smoothly the mornings have worked we feel we can reduce the amount of time the staggered start to the day is spread over to, bring the Reception timings more in line with the rest of school. The collection times will remain the same.

The new times starting from Monday 21st September will be:

| Class | Teacher | Drop off time | Pick up time | Drop off and collection point |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| RR | Mr Sherlaw | 8.50 | 3.00 | RR classroom door |
| RY | Mrs Meara and Mrs Sutton | 8.45 | 3.00 | RY top of ramp |
| RB | Miss Wiles | 8.55 | 3.10 | RB classroom door |

Can we remind you of the importance of **not arriving too early** so we can avoid groups of parents on the playground, and to **keep your child with you** in the line for their class to avoid our class bubbles mixing.

Altered 1Y Timings of Day*

The children coming into school and leaving by the Field Entrance are doing this very smoothly now, so we have altered 1Y's collection and drop off time to fit in better with the rest of the school. This will take effect from Monday.

| Class | Teacher | Drop off time | Pick up time | Drop off and collection point |
|-------|------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| 1Y | Mr Johnson | 8.50 | 3.15 | Field Entrance (through staff car park) Bottom of the Ramp |

*If the altered timings will make things difficult with other sibling staggered arrangements, please phone the school and we can work out the best way to manage this. We will not mark children as late if they are dropping siblings off first or during next week as parents become familiar with the new times.



Emergency Contacts

We will be giving out our contact detail check sheets at our October parents' evenings.

In the meantime, if your family or any of your child's emergency contacts have moved house or changed telephone numbers recently; please let the office know by phone or email. It is really important that we can contact you should your child fall ill while at school!

Parents' Evening

There was an error in last week's newsletter for the days each class's meeting will be held. The correct session are:

| 4.30pm – 7.00pm | | 3.30pm – 6.00pm | | 5.30pm – 8.00pm | |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Tuesday 6th October | RR, 1R, 2R | Tuesday 13th October | RB, 1B, 2B | Tuesday 20th October | RY, 1Y, 2Y |
| Wednesday 7th October | RY, 1Y, 2Y | Wednesday 14th October | RR, 1R, 2R | Wednesday 21st October | RB, 1B, 2B |
| Thursday 8th October | RB, 1B, 2B | Thursday 15th October | RY, 1Y, 2Y | Thursday 22nd October | RR, 1R, 2R |



Don't Forget to bring any unwanted re-useable clothes and paired shoes to school next **Wednesday** for the PTAs "Bags to School" collection.

A flyer should have been sent home with your child today.

If your child has any trophies, certificates or medals from hobbies outside of school, we would usually show these at our Friday celebration assembly.



As things are working a little differently at the moment, please could you send a photograph of your child holding their award to the school email address so we can still celebrate their success!

Non-Uniform Day

The PTA are holding a Non-uniform day to raise funds for the school playground project. Children can wear their own clothes (suitable for a day at school) on the last day of this half term **Thursday 22nd October**. Suggested donation **£1**

Reception PARTY!

The PTA have been looking at ways they can continue to host important events which are part of children's school experience while also complying with coronavirus restrictions.

Instead of an after-school disco, there will be a "Welcome Party" for each Reception class which will take place during the school day. These will be in the week beginning 28th September. Look out for more details (including how you can donate to support this event) from the PTA shortly.

