



It is lovely to have our Reception children back in school now that our bubbles have finished their isolation. Most of the children who were off school were able to join us for at least a few of our live sessions and we have had some lovely feedback from parents. Mrs Meara did a fantastic job of teaching online and has been sharing her newfound expertise with the other teachers should another bubble have to close in the future!

## New National Lockdown

From Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 2nd December there will be a new national lockdown. The full government guidance is available [here](#):

**Schools will remain open and children should continue to attend as normal.**

We are asking that adults and children age 11 and above **wear face masks while on the school site** including when you drop off and collect your child.

Children under the age of 11 do not need to wear face-masks.

Staff will also be wearing face masks when around school but will not wear them when teaching the children.

**DO NOT** 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 you have had contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID, you must isolate for the full 14 days, even if you have had a negative test result.

## Remembrance Day

We are selling poppies and other memorabilia in aid of the Royal British Legion.

This year a member of staff will bring the items to each classroom bubble. We will not be able to give change as the money will be put straight into the collection tin to avoid staff handling it.



We have available:

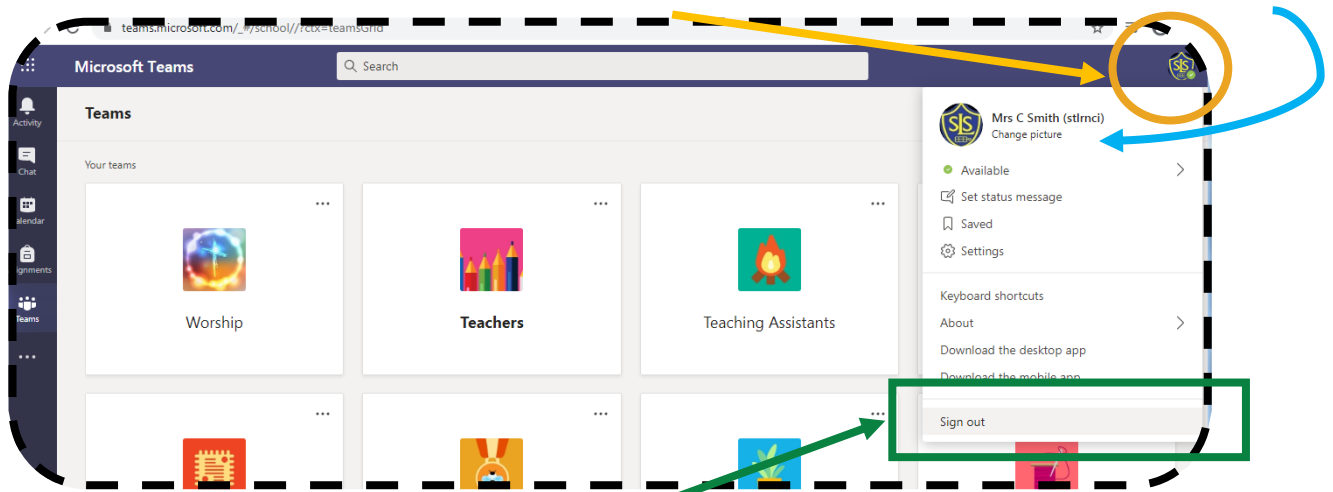
- Poppies 20p
- Zip-pulls and reflectors 50p
- Wristbands £1
- Snap bands £1.50
- Enamel lapel pins £2

We will be holding an online remembrance day service at **10.50 am on Wednesday 11th November.**

Parents who have accepted the blended learning policy will be able to watch by logging in to Teams.

A few parents have been having trouble joining our assembly through Teams and we have discovered this is often because they have been logged into Teams as another user.

If you have already accepted the blended learning policy but cannot see the worship and class icons, check who you are logged in as by right clicking the **circle** in the top right hand corner to see your **username**.



If you are not logged in as your child, choose the "sign out" option from the drop menu and then sign back in using your child's [@stlrnci.bham.sch.uk](mailto:@stlrnci.bham.sch.uk) email address and password.

Why not test out whether you can access our worship by joining us for an assembly on Monday, Thursday or Friday at 9.20. Parents who have left this till the morning of their child's certificates or birthday candles have sometimes been disappointed that we were not able to help them quick enough for them to see their child.

We will be recording assemblies through Teams from now on, so if you log in, you will be able to watch previous assemblies for up to 21 days after the worship occurred.

## Children in Need 2020

**Pudsey Bear** or **Blush ears** (£2.50) and **wristbands** (£1) are now available to buy from a table outside the main school office each morning, or by sending money with your child and writing a note in their home-school jotter (correct change only please)

We will be taking part in Children in Need's Five to Thrive challenge on **Friday 13th November**: Children will have five, 5 minute wellbeing challenges in their class bubble throughout the day.

We would love the children to support this by bringing a donation into school and coming to school in **yellow and /or spotty clothes** (suitable for a day at school including using toilet independently)



### Wrap up Warm

As the weather gets colder, you may wish to send your child into school with **additional layers of clothing** as we will be keeping the windows open to help minimise risk of covid.



**Warm base layers** such as thermal vests and trousers are ideal as

these do not add much bulk which gets in the way of your child's movement making tasks like writing difficult. An **extra pair of socks** can really help retain heat too.



Children may also wear **fingerless gloves** and/or a **gilet or fleece jacket**, preferably in school blue, grey, navy or black.

### Birthdays

We do not usually allow giving out sweets etc. at school for children's birthdays, however we recognise that at the moment children will not be able to have parties or celebrate their birthday with their friends in the same way as they would normally.

If your child is having a birthday during the new national lockdown, you may send in individually packaged treats **48hrs before their birthday** which we will distribute to the class for them at the end of the day. Due to dietary concerns and parental food choices, we will not allow the children to eat any treat until they have checked with a grown-up.



## Dates for this half term

(Dates for individual Year Group events will be notified separately)

**Wednesday 11th November**

Remembrance Day

**Friday 13th November**

BBC Children in Need—wear yellow or spots

Parent prayer group

**Thursday 19th November**

Flu vaccinations

**Friday 11th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 16th December**

Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 18th December**

Party Day

Children should wear their home clothes (suitable for a day in school that includes time outside.)

Break up for Christmas

**Tuesday 5th January**

Children return to school after Christmas holidays.



We are currently working on how we can perform our traditional Nativity plays in a Covid-safe way.

We know they are such an important part of our children's school experience. And a real treat for grown-ups to watch too!

## Extreme Weather

As we head towards the winter we may face extreme weather.

In the rare event of EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS (eg heavy snowfall) across the whole of the City, the Local Authority may take a central decision to close all schools.

Any such decision affecting all schools will be made by 6.45am at the latest. This will then be announced through local radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption web site and on Twitter.

Heart FM 100.7 FM [www.heart.co.uk](http://www.heart.co.uk)

Radio WM 95.6 FM [www.bbc.co.uk/wm](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wm)

Free Radio 96.4 FM [www.freeradio.co.uk](http://www.freeradio.co.uk)

There may be circumstances affecting individual schools eg local conditions, burst pipes or heating failure. The decision to close the school in these circumstances lies with the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. The radio stations listed above will be informed.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR TEXT MESSAGES, FACEBOOK MESSAGES AND FOR NOTICES ON OUR WEBSITE [www.stlrci.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stlrci.bham.sch.uk).**