

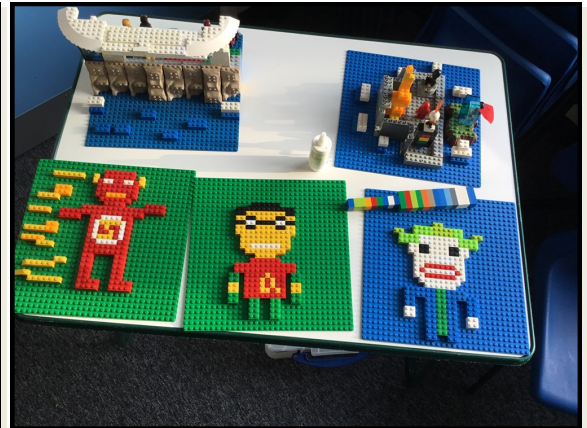
St Laurence Church Infant School

Newsletter

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I have been very tempted this half term to go and sit in one of the Year One classrooms and pretend I am one of the children! They had an exciting workshop which got everyone hooked on the topic of Lego, and after creating wonderful characters and settings they are now using the theme to inspire their learning in all of their subjects!



As we enter the third week of lockdown we wanted to thank all of our families for wearing face masks on site and continuing to follow the rules!

It helps to make our school feel safe for other parents, children and staff alike.

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.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

As you may be aware, the government have made RSE mandatory from this September, although due to the pandemic, have given schools until Summer 2021 to have the new guidelines in place.

In primary schools we must teach children about healthy relationships and about how our bodies grow and change as we get older. We use the correct anatomical names for body parts as recommended by NSPCC. **Primary schools do not teach sex education.**

Many of the required elements were already part of our learning in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economics) in Key Stage One and PSED (Personal Social and Emotional Development) in Reception; or in other subject areas.

Mrs Tellam, who is the PSHE leader in school, has written an information letter for parents which has been emailed out with this newsletter, along with a copy of our new Relationships and Sex Education Policy which has been agreed by the school governing board.



If you have any questions or comments, please follow this link to a [feedback form](#):



Welcome Mr Staines

We are happy to announce that Mr Joe Staines will be joining our school as Deputy Headteacher from January 2021. Mr Staines currently works in a four form entry infant school in another Local Authority and shares our passion for high quality child-centred early education.

Amongst other roles, Mr Staines will be leading Key Stage One and will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays in 1Y.

Diary Dates:

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.

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

Radio WM 95.6 FM www.bbc.co.uk/wm

Free Radio 96.4 FM www.freeradio.co.uk

There may be circumstances affecting individual schools e.g. 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**

It is lovely to have so many parents able to join us for our live worship through Teams each week.

Can we remind parents watching that they have agreed not **to take photos or screen shots** of the worship.



Parents should **NEVER share images** of other children on social media without getting the child's parents permission first.



Children in Need 2020

Well done to everyone who donated money to wear yellow or spotty clothes; and those who bought Pudsey Bear memorabilia.

Everyone looked fantastic!

The children all enjoyed their "Five to Thrive" challenges and best of all we were able to send off **£752.86** to BBC Children in Need!



Wrapping up Warm

Some parents were a little worried about the message in the last newsletter about wrapping up warm. We have been keeping windows open since the start of the pandemic—this was not a change related to the new national lockdown. Currently it is still warm enough in school for many children to take off their jumpers when inside, but we wanted to give parents plenty of time to prepare in case they did want to buy an extra layer to wear for school.



Please be assured that we will not allow the classrooms to become too cold for comfort, and the heating in school will remain on. We hope that by staff and children wearing an extra layer, that we can continue to have good ventilation when we might normally keep windows closed.

If it becomes too chilly, staff have been directed to open and close windows periodically throughout the day to maintain a reasonable temperature whilst allowing air to circulate.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies in aid of The Royal British Legion. As the money was put straight into the collection tin, we don't know the total raised just yet. The memorabilia was very popular and sold out very quickly. We will make sure we order more for next year.

A special thanks to Charlie Kemp's mum who made beautiful fabric poppies for the children in 1B who did not get to buy one from school. She kindly donated the proceeds to the school Poppy Appeal.



PTA

The PTA are pleased to announce that even though we are unable to have a Christmas fair this year, we are still organising a fantastic **Christmas raffle!**

We have a number of fabulous prizes to be won.

Only £1 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased via BACs or by cash on the playground, at am drop off, on Friday 20th

November - more details to follow.



Christmas Post



This year we are asking that children wishing to send Christmas Cards only send to those in their own class bubble.

This is to avoid the difficulty around quarantining cards and the potential for children from different bubbles to mix while posting them in the library.

Each class will have a their own **Christmas Post Box** inside their classroom.

Class teachers will be happy to supply a list of children's first names if your child needs help to remember all their friends' names.

Christmas Gifts

Each year we invite you to donate gifts for local children whose circumstances are difficult and each year you are incredibly generous. The wrapped presents will be put around our Christmas tree in the hall and should be labelled to show the age they are suitable for and whether they are for a girl or a boy or either.

If you are able to donate a gift, please send it into school during December. Children's Services will collect the gifts before Christmas and are most grateful for your support.

