



*He is not here; He has risen!*

Luke 24:6

We wish all of our families a very happy Easter. We hope we have some lovely weather for everyone to enjoy the easing in lockdown restrictions and we look forward to all being back together in the Summer Term on **Monday 19th April.**

Do remember to join us if you can for our **Easter Service**, this **Thursday at 9.10am** on the worship channel in Teams.



The PTA Easter Raffle is still going ahead. Online tickets can be purchased with a bank transfer up until tomorrow:

St Laurence Church Infant School PTA  
30-96-12      00278094

Use your child's name and class as a reference  
Details on the PTA Facebook Page.

### Covid-19

If you or your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 which are

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

You must book a PCR Covid test using this website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or phoning 119. **If you have any of these symptoms you should NOT take a home LFD test.**

Please continue to let us know if your child is ill or isolating by emailing school: [enquiry@stlrci.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stlrci.bham.sch.uk)



Crossway Church Northfield has prepared an Easter trail which families can enjoy

A flyer with the routes will be emailed to you

### Extra Curricular Opportunities



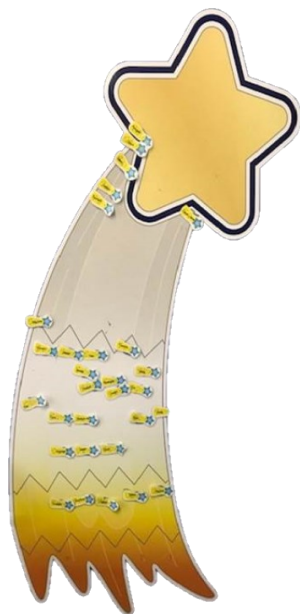
After Easter we will be resuming our after school dance lessons with Miss Laura from **Spotlight Dance Academy** for Key Stage One. Lessons are on Tuesdays straight after school until 4.10pm in the Rainbow Room and are £5 a week.

We are also being joined by Jez King, a **violin and guitar teacher**. Jez will be in school on Fridays to give private 1:1 instrument lessons during the school day. These cost £10 a week.

Details of both these opportunities will be emailed to you.



### Behaviour Consultation



Thank you to all of those who have completed our consultation about our behaviour system in school.

If you haven't yet answered, there is still time to use this link to let us know what you think:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8kknP25RpM>

### *Things from Home*

Please can you remind your children that they should **not** be bringing **toys from home** into school. These often cause arguments or upset and are an unnecessary distraction.

If your child needs a special transitional object to support their emotional needs, this should be agreed in advance with their class teacher or SENCO, Mrs McFall.

Can we also ask that parents consider the size of children's bags. Our cloakroom spaces are not huge and **large bags** often cause your child and their friend's coats to fall onto the floor. This presents a risk as well as potentially getting their coat dirty! It is a particular issue in Key stage One where the cloakrooms are in the corridors.

### *Letter from Secretary of State for Education*

*The Rt Hon Gavin Williamson has asked us to share this letter with all of our children.*

I wanted to let you all know how grateful I am for the way you have responded to the huge challenges you have all faced throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Whether this is your first year at school or your final year of college, I know the disruption you have all faced to your education since the pandemic began has been incredibly challenging and has meant completely changing the way you learn - either learning remotely at home or continuing at school or college with fewer of your friends around you and lots of safety measures in place.

Whether you were at home or at school, the disruption last term and throughout last year asked a lot of you and your families. I am filled with admiration for the incredible way you all responded and the resilience you have shown. Not being in school or college with your teachers and friends was a huge sacrifice. Everything you did, with the help of your families and your schools and colleges, and everything you missed out on – time in school, taking exams, seeing friends, playing sport and much more - made such a huge difference to helping us stop the spread of the virus. I want to say a huge thank you to all of you.

Getting all young people back into school and college safely has been my priority throughout the pandemic. I know how vital it is not just for your education but also to spend time with your friends and to feel happy and secure. All our lives have changed a lot in the past year but the challenges that young people have faced have been some of the hardest. I will continue doing everything in my power to make sure that all of you are supported to boost any areas of work you've had less time at school to study, get the qualifications you deserve and have the opportunities you need to succeed.

Continuing to follow all the safety measures your schools and colleges have worked hard to put in place, as well as taking a test twice a week, is so important and helps us to stop the virus spreading. The testing that thousands of you have been taking part in at school and college is a vital part of this. I am so grateful to you and all the staff who have supported you to do this. I know your schools and colleges have worked incredibly hard to prepare you to test yourself at home.

As most of you at secondary school and college move to testing yourself regularly at home, it's vital that you continue to test and report online twice a week through the Easter holidays and after you return to school. Home testing twice a week for you and everyone you live with makes a huge difference and means you are playing a really important role in helping us move back to a more normal way of life. Your school or college will continue to support you and make sure you have tests. You and your family can also find out more about home testing here.

I was delighted to see the enthusiasm with which so many of you returned to school at the beginning of March and I am sure you have had a wonderful few weeks catching up with your friends and teachers. It was fantastic to meet pupils delighted to return to school on my visits to schools like Arden Academy and Bedford Free School and to see so many more of your reunions on social media. I hope that the new term will be just as enjoyable and successful for all of you.

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>