

ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday February 17th 2017

School closes today at 3.30pm for half term and re-opens on Monday 27th February. Have a good half term and stay safe.

KS2 NEWS ONLINE SAFETY

At parents' evening this week I was so pleased to hear parents saying that their children have come home and talked about online safety.

KS2 have spent the last three weeks discussing this issue in their classes and during KS2 assemblies. They have also watched video clips to help them understand how to keep safe when they are online.

On Tuesday, during assembly, each class shared a presentation linked to online safety and I was delighted with the work that had been done and the knowledge that the children have. Not only that, but their presentation skills showed how very confident and articulate children are at St Laurence's.

By the end of this week, children in KS2 will have brought home a letter which they have written to parents, explaining how you as parents can help to keep them safe. (Dig deep in their school bags if you haven't seen it yet!) Please talk about the letter with your children.

As parents, you too have a responsibility to help your children use the internet safely. It is a fantastic tool so long as it is used sensibly. The sites below are well worth visiting and there is plenty of information regarding parental controls and age appropriate games and social media sites.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/azoomee-launches-to-keep-children-safe-online/>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>



I have emphasised this week that this isn't just a subject to talk about at school, it is a set of common sense rules for life.

SPELLING

By now, parents and children will know that we are finishing each half term with a spelling test, revisiting between around 40 words from our orange lists.

The results so far this half-term show a definite improvement on the previous test results! Well done to the children and thank you to parents for helping at home. Y5 will have their test when they return after the holiday – no excuses Y5, you have a week off to sit and learn them!

VIOLINS

On Thursday, we had a wonderful performance from all the children who learn the violin. Mrs Tocknell, their teacher, had prepared them really well and it was lovely to see the concentration on the children's faces as they played. One of the pieces was played in three parts - well done to Ella for keeping her part going on her own!

There are over twenty children having lessons and they all did a great job. I think everyone is looking forward to the half term break, especially as many other counties have been on holiday this week. We can gloat next week!

'Happy Half Term' to everyone, let's hope we see a little more sunshine in the weeks to come.

Mrs Gilford

Our value this term is
Compassion

'Compassion' and 'sympathy' have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone.

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

'Love and compassion are necessities not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive'.

Dalai Lama

Thank you for all your entries into our whole school competition to find a new name and logo for our Nursery. There have been lots of brilliant suggestions but we want more ! So we are extending the date to enter until **Friday 10th March**. Download a form from the website or pick up another from the office. Get creative !

WORLD BOOK DAY



Thursday March 2nd

Dress up as your favourite book character



Mufti Day

Friday 3rd March

Please bring in an Easter themed prize in return for wearing your own clothes

Advance notice

Red Nose Day Mufti

Friday 24th March.

Wear something **red** for a £1 donation

Nursery

Thank you everyone who has attended our Nursery open sessions, the children loved showing you all of the wonderful learning that they do. It was lovely to see so many parents in both sessions and having time to talk to you all.

This week we have enjoyed a music session from Bym, the children thoroughly enjoyed making as much noise as possible using all of the instruments.



During our Forest School session this week, we have enjoyed having a fire and attempting to make pizza on our fire pit, the children seemed to enjoy it, even if the edges were a little black! We all got to toast marshmallows and had hot chocolate, the temptation was too much for some children to not eat it before they had toasted it.



Year 3 Mystery Reader

A big 'Thank You' goes to Wilfred's grandad who shared one of his own stories about a fairy and some Jersey cows. The children were captivated by the story, which came complete with fairy dust. But the highlight came at the end when the children got to eat some dried 'fairy wings' and make a wish! Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested in being a Mystery Reader



February Birthdays

Edward Reavill, Helen Preece, Kane Hughes, Suraya McGowen, Isabel Chui, Imogen Peake, Emma Hardman, Haydn Williams.



The Friends of St Laurence's
Invite you to an Easter Bingo Night
Friday March 10th
Cheesy Chips & Bar

Don't forget to save any unwanted clothes for Bags2School.

Collection Friday 24th March



Special Menu

**Step into Spring
With
Pancakes !**

Tuesday 28th February

BBQ Chicken Wrap
(Marinated BBQ chicken with
mixed peppers)

Or

Cheese & Red Onion Quiche

Or

Fish

with Potato Wedges

Or Fusilli

And Sweetcorn & Baked
Beans

Followed by

Pancakes served with a
choice of:

Lemon & Sugar

Drizzle of Syrup

Chocolate Sauce

Toffee Sauce

Or

Fruit Salad

Yoghurts



Worship Group - *Compassion* Assembly

We held an assembly all about 'compassion'.

Did anyone know what the word compassion means?

What did we learn from our story?



*It's like the
'Good Samaritan'
story from the
Bible.*

*If someone
needed help
you should
help*

*Treat other people how
you would like to be
treated yourself.
(Remembered from Year 2)*

*Be friends with
someone you
are not always
friends with.*

Do to others as you would like them to do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Spring 2017 - Please check for changes after half term

Club	Age group	Day	Time <u>3.30 – 4.30</u>	Teacher	Max. number of children First come, first served
Art	Y3 & Y4	Monday	After school	Miss Pick & Mrs Mintoft	FULL
Netball	Y3 & Y4	Monday	After school	Mrs Harding	
Minecraft Club	Y5 & Y6	Monday	After school	Mrs Wall	12 PLACES First come, first served
Orchestra	KS2	Tuesday	After school	Mrs Kirkland	
Top Play	KS1	Wednesday	After school	Miss Lee	FULL
Musical Theatre	KS2	Thursday	After school	Mrs Reid	FULL
Cross Country	KS2	Thursday	After school	Mrs Caine & Miss Ferguson	FULL
Football	Y3 & Y4	Friday	After school	Sportsjam	Second half of term
Netball	Y5 & Y6	Friday	After school	Mrs Gilford & Mrs Berry	

No Forest schools on Thursday March 2nd due to World Book Day

Dates for your diary

February	
28 th	Nursery Forest School
March	
1 st	KS2 Regional Athletics
1 st	Nursery Library visit
2 nd	NO FOREST SCHOOL FOR RECEPTION
2 nd	World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character
3 rd	Mufti day – wear your own clothes in return for an Easter themed prize
SATURDAY 4 th	Moor Park Netball & Football Tournament 1.15 – 4pm
7 th	Winter Primary School Games
7 th	Nursery Forest School
8 th	Year 3 Library visit
8 th	Year 1 – Castle Trip
8 th	Year 2 Class Assembly
9 th	Reception Forest Schools
14 th	Nursery Forest School
15 th	Year 2 Multi Skills Festival
15 th	Year 5 Class Assembly
16 th	NO FOREST SCHOOL FOR RECEPTION
16 th	CBeebies Rhyme Rockets roadshow – Nursery, Reception, Yr 1& Yr 2
21 st	Nursery Forest School
22 nd	Reception Mother's Day Assembly
23 rd	Reception Forest Schools
24 th	RED NOSE DAY – wear something Red for a £1 donation
28 th	Indoor cricket competition
29 th	Year 6 Class Assembly
29 th	Swimming Gala
30 th	Reception Forest Schools



Name _____

Class _____

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