

Friday 22 March

Spring term newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We are very quickly approaching Easter, which means we are coming towards the end of the Spring Term! All of your children continue to work very hard and continue to make all of our staff proud.

Events in the Spring Term

We have held several events this term, including our World Book Day celebrations. Thank you to all parents who attended the Stay and Read sessions, and those who helped their children create their Story in a Box competition entries. You still have time to spend your World Book Day vouchers, if you have misplaced yours, please come to school office as we have some spares.

Year 2 took part in a special event with the Royal Opera House. It was a unique opportunity for the class to experience opera singing and take part in a singalong with other schools. Year 5 attended Broxfield farm. It was a very cold day but they had a great time experiencing the farm in a different season and develop their understanding of plants and life cycles. Newcastle Falcons have been working with Year 4 and Year 5 this half term. The children have learnt about rugby and have developed some of their rugby skills.



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our parent consultations over the past two Mondays. We hope you found it useful to speak to your child's class teacher and see your child's books. We thought this worked very well and we plan to continue this next year, with a meeting in the Autumn and also the Spring term.

Easter Events

It is Holy Week next week. All of the children will be reflecting on the Easter story in their own classes. We will also be joined by Fr Jonathan on Tuesday for a special liturgical prayer with the whole school.

Please remember that children can come to school in non-uniform next Thursday 28 March. We ask if families can make a 50p donation for the Good Shepherd Appeal. If you would like to enter the Easter Egg decorating competition, please bring the entries to school on Thursday 28 March.



Also a reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 27 March. They will take individual photos and also of siblings.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Russell, our Nursery teacher will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has worked at St Lawrence's for many years and has made sure that your children's first experience of St Lawrence's is a positive one. She is leaving education for a while and is starting a new adventure by starting her own business! I am sure you will join all the staff in wishing her every success in the future.

Miss Bell will be teaching in Nursery for the summer term. She has been spending time in Nursery this term and already knows the children well.

Attendance

We know that this term there have been many illnesses in school, including chicken pox. Thank you to all of the parents who have been contacting school regularly to inform them of any absence. Please make sure that you always keep us informed if your child will not be in school, ideally by phoning the school office.

We do not want you to send your child to school if they are genuinely ill. However, please always try to send your child to school if they are suffering from a mild cold or cough. We always monitor your children closely and will contact you if they get worse throughout the day. Also, please try to make doctor or dentist appointments outside of school hours. Again, we do understand that this is not always possible, but it is important for your child to be in school as much as possible.

Collecting children from school

We know that there are times when you can't collect your child from school and you ask a family friend/ another parent to collect. When this happens, you must inform school before the end of the day, either on dojo or by calling the school office. Unless we receive a message from you as the parent, we will not be able to send your child home with someone who doesn't normally collect. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Statutory Assessments next term

The summer term is a busy one for statutory assessments. Year 1 have their Phonics Screen Check and Year 4 have their Multiplication Tables Check. Year 6 will also sit their SATs Monday 13- Thursday 16 May. We always prepare the children for these tests and we never place pressure on children. However, children always feel less anxious when they are prepared, so it is important that they are in school as much as possible.

Good news to share

We have some wonderful news to share about some of the St Lawrence's family. Mrs Maughan went on her maternity leave in January and welcomed a baby girl to the world in early February. Mr Moore and Dr Moore also welcomed a baby girl in late February. Both families are doing well and we are sure you will join us in congratulating them both. Miss Murray is also getting married in the Easter holidays. She will return as Mrs Robson at the start of the summer term.

Kind regards,

Mr Brown

Executive Head Teacher

Miss Murray

Head of School

