Dear Parents

Attendance - 5S - 99.2% attendance this week! Well done!
Punctuality - Year 4 - 98.98% this week! Well done!

Parking
Thank you all for supporting the staggered starts and ends to the school day. This appears to be running smoothly now and we appreciate your co-operation in achieving this. However, please be reminded NOT to come early or late, but during your allocated time slots and continue to maintain social distancing especially at the end of the day on the Bunbury Road. This is especially important as both the Junior and the Infant school exit on this road. If you have asked someone else to collect your child, please inform them of our one-way system, so there is no confusion.

One concern that we do have is with parking on Innage Road. As you are aware the road does have a bend near the school entrance and some parents are parking on the bend. This makes it difficult for cars to pass or to see clearly. There have been several “near miss” incidents. Please can we ask that you park away from the corner? Please avoid mounting the pavement as this too can be a hazard to pedestrians. We have been in contact again with Councillor Olly Armstrong and local PCSOs to see if they can assist with this, however in the meantime, we will be putting out some additional signs along the Innage Road. Please use the option of parking at the Pastoral Centre or parking in the roads surrounding the school to help ease congestion. We appreciate your continued cooperation in ensuring that your children are coming to school safely.

SEN information
The local authority is keen to support parents of children with SEN. There are details of two free webinars on our website. There is one about occupational health and speech and language services and the other is an introduction to the SEN support services in Birmingham. https://www.stlaurencechurchjuniorschool.co.uk/sen/ Please also see our updated SEN information at this same link.

Any feedback about this information would be welcomed by Mrs Haden. Her e-mail is senco@stlrncj.bham.sch.uk

Planning for Wider Local restrictions
If local restrictions and lockdowns are required then the Government will put in place tiers of intervention. As St Lawrence Junior school comes under the category of a primary school, the following is what this will look like for us:

- Tier 1: school remains open with no other restrictions in place.
- Tier 2: primary schools will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site.
- Tier 3: primary schools will continue to allow all children/pupils to attend on site.
- Tier 4: Only vulnerable children and the children of critical workers will be able to attend.

Remote education to be provided for all other pupils

Unlike secondary schools and other specific educational settings, we are to remain open to all pupils until Tier 4.

Blended learning and Remote Education
Thank you to all who responded to our technology survey which has helped to inform us about the best way forward for our school, should we need to move to online learning.

1. If your child is ill then we will not set work for them nor will they be expected to complete work.

2. If your child is isolating at home, but the rest of the class is in school we will upload the activities to be completed in the year group tab of the ‘Home Learning’ page in the Year Group tab on our school website. Where possible, we will provide mark schemes. Your child can complete the work given and when your child returns to school, where necessary, the work will be marked and feedback given. If you do not have online access or access to a printer, then please let the school know and the work will be posted to you.

3. In the first instance, if a whole class bubble needs to isolate, the work will be uploaded to the Home Learning page in the Year group tab on our website. Where possible, we will provide mark schemes. Your child can complete the work given and when your child returns to school, where necessary, the work will be marked and feedback given. If you do not have online access or access to a printer, then please let the school know and the work will be posted to you.

In the future, we are hoping to use Google Classrooms in order to deliver the activities and provide feedback, should a bubble need to isolate, or we move to a Tier 4 situation. This will only happen once staff and children are confidently trained in its use, in order to be effective. In the meantime, the remote online learning will be provided via our webpage.
Parents’ Evenings
Our ‘settling in’ parents’ evening this term will be via telephone on Tuesday 20th October 3:45-6:15pm and Thursday 22nd October 4:30-7:00pm. We will send out a booking form ahead of these dates in order for you to book a 10-minute time slot. Please look out for the letter in early October.

Getting in touch with staff
If you need to have an in depth conversation with a member of staff, please phone the school office to make an appointment and the member of staff will contact you. In the first instance please speak to the class teacher or Year group leader. If you need to speak to our SENCO, Mrs Haden, please contact her via the email above. Please do not try to hold in depth conversations at pick up or drop off times.

For Mrs Lindsay’s video message, following her retirement, please see the twitter feed on our website.

Message from Mrs Proctor following her retirement
I hope you are all well and staying safe. I have asked Mrs Mulrain to pass on this message from me to say a very heartfelt ‘thank you’ to those of you who gave me cards, gifts and good wishes at the end of last term. I was really touched by your generosity and kindness. I hope I continue to bump into members of the St Laurence family as I’m out and about. Thank you again. With my very best wishes Caroline Proctor

Contact details for families
Please let the office know if the contact details that we hold for you have changed. It is a statutory requirement that the school has at least two emergency contacts for each child – if any of the details of the emergency contacts have changed, please inform the school office.

Respect to all staff
Can I please remind you that aggressive, violent or threatening behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated. People who are abusive will be asked to leave, will be banned from our school site and will be reported to the police. Thank you

School Office
Reminder to parents, please will you ensure that your child brings all of their belongings into school in the morning. In the current circumstances it is not appropriate to bring items to the office during the school day. Please note the answerphone will be on for a period of half an hour during lunchtime. This is due to additional staff being required in the dining hall.

Staff News
Congratulations to Mr Kuriger and his wife on the arrival of their daughter Heidi Rose on Tuesday.

School Values
This half term our school value is: Thankfulness:
Luke 22.19: Jesus broke bread and gave thanks.
1 Chronicles 29.12: All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

Diary Dates

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