



Friday 6th March 2020

Please could we respectfully ask that parents **do not park** in Jockeyfield or Teme Avenue when dropping off or collecting children - it is essentially parking for **residents only**.

Sports Relief - Friday 13th March
Wear something sporty ... £1 donation.
Children will complete a mile for Sports Relief



Year 5 Class assembly -Wednesday 11th March

Easter Service - Tuesday 31st March at St Laurence's Church 10.00 am start

Year 1 Castle Trip

Year 1 had a lovely visit to Ludlow Castle this week despite the chilly weather! We began our trip by putting Jack and Ellie into the prison and then we explored all other parts of the castle. We were very brave when climbing Mortimer's Tower and when we found a secret passage. The children loved making a wish when we found the well; we even found a dragon!



School Uniform - REMINDER

Could we remind parents that trainers and tracksuit bottoms ARE NOT part of our school uniform. These items maybe worn during PE sessions, but black trousers and school shoes are required on a daily basis. A number of children are coming into school wearing trainers and tracksuit bottoms and this is not acceptable. Hair/headbands - we have noticed over the last few weeks that hair/head bands are getting bigger and bigger. Small plain hair/head bands are acceptable but not huge colourful ones with ears ! Our school uniform policy can be found on our website and also on this app.

Our Value this half term

Friendship

Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friends loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you. 'Wounds from a friends can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses'.

Proverbs 27:6

'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.'

John 15: 13-14

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true **friends** leave footprints in your heart'



Class 2 Assembly

A fabulous class assembly. The children all worked hard and learnt a lot more about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Well done!



Friends of St. Laurence's Appeal

We are looking for donations..... If anyone would like to donate a bottle to our 'Barrow of Booze' to be raffled off at our Brewery Bop with call of the Kraken on Friday March 13th, please take your donations to the school office. All donations would be greatly received.

Pioneer Centre – Meeting for Year 4 - Monday March 30th – 3.40pm – Year 5 classroom

Happy Birthday – March Isla Stewart, George Lynch, Lewis Sampson



Friends of St. Laurence's

Shop on line with easy fundraising there are over 3500+ shops and sites you can raise **FREE** donations with, to help us raise money for our school ! If you haven't signed up yet, visit:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Cake sales starting soonOur first sale will be **Thursday 26th March** - cakes to be supplied by children in Year 1 & Year 6. cakes will be sold at 3.30pm ... all cakes will be 30p



Reporting Absences

Please could we remind parents that if your child is going to be absent from school to notify the office -either by telephone or the admin email address by **9am at the latest.**

Term Time – Leave of Absence

When will absence requests be granted? Permission for absence will only be granted in **exceptional circumstances.**

The head teacher will consider each absence request individually and decide whether to grant the absence. The head teacher will also decide how many days your child can be away from school if the absence is granted.

What if I take my child on an unauthorised absence?

If you take your child out of school without advance permission (except where he or she is unwell) , you can be fined or even prosecuted.

This could involve:

- A fixed penalty notice of £60 within 21 days, or £120 within 28 days
- A parenting order, education supervision order or school attendance order where your child repeatedly misses school without a good reason



School Dinners – Increase

As from **20th April** school lunches will be increasing from **£2.30 to £2.40**, that's an increase of 50p over the week from **£11.50 to £12.00**

Spring Term - Diary Dates

March

11 th	Class 5 Assembly – 9.15am
13th	Sports Relief – Wear sporty clothes £1 donation – walk a mile for Sports Relief
13 th	Call of the Kraken – Brewery Bop – SOLD OUT
19 th	Year 5 trip to the Spaceguard Centre, Knighton
20 th	Reception Class Assembly – 9.15am
20 th	Year 1 – St Laurence's Church
25 th	Swimming Gala (KS2 team)
25 th	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.15am
26 th	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.15am
30 th	Nursery Easter Extravaganza 9 – 10.30am
31 st	Easter Service – 10Am – St Laurence's Church

April

2nd Y4 Quicksticks at Ludlow Town – 1 -2.45pm

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
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Coronavirus Update

Government Coronavirus action plan

On Tuesday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Action plan overview

The action plan sets out a four phased approach in response to the Coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research. An approach designed by world leading experts.

As there are already cases in the UK, the current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, but planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the Contain phase, we have been providing advice about educational settings in England, which can be found on Public Health England's website. We also launched a DfE helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers parents and young people.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes – also help in delaying the peak of the infection.

The action plan is a framework that outlines the types of options open to government in each of these four phases. But this document is only a list of the types of measures we could consider – not those we are planning to implement.

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Social Care launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>