



Friday 13th 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**.

Year 1 Class assembly -Wednesday 18th March

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

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

COVID-19 – Coronavirus

You will be aware that there is dedicated DfE advice line which is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

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

In the event of schools being asked to close, we are working on an action plan to try and mitigate the negative impact of a school closure on learning and provide support to parents/carers. School will use a variety of different IT packages and learning resources. It would place an unreasonable burden on schools if authorities outlined how they expected schools to deliver education in the event of closure; and so this will be the school's choice.

The school is working with the local authority, health organisations and government and following all the guidelines and advice being given. We will keep parents updated at all times via our school app and social media.

Mr Matthews

Our Value this half term

Friendship

Friends are not afraid to tell each other the truth and a friend's loving criticism is worth more than the empty compliments of someone who does not really care for you. 'Wounds from a friend 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'



School Uniform - REMINDER

Could we remind parents that trainers and tracksuit bottoms ARE NOT part of our school uniform. These items may be 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.

Happy Birthday – March Birdie Francis, Clara Moakes, Rhys Tipton, Eva Todorova, Callum Davies, Theo Float, Anya Twiddy, Caiden Clennon, Amelia Coombes, Elizabeth & Natalie Gould

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 **Tuesday 24th March** - to be organised by the school council, cakes to be sold breaktime and after school.



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

13 th	Call of the Kraken – Brewery Bop – SOLD OUT
18 th	Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.15am
19 th	Year 5 trip to the Spaceguard Centre, Knighton
19 th	Reception Class Assembly – 9.15am
20 th	Year 1 – St Laurence's Church
25 th	Swimming Gala (KS2 team)
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



Easter holidays – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

