



# ST. LAURENCE'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

*Merry  
Christmas*



We have finally come to the end of what has seemed a very long term, but a particularly successful one: the children have worked hard (and so have the teachers) and have begun to enjoy all of the extracurricular activities that we had come to expect as part of school life: there has been considerable success on the sports field, with our football team making the final of the county championships (yet to be played in January); a wider range of after school clubs on offer; visits to the church and school trips, including a much anticipated trip to see the pantomime at the Hereford Courtyard Theatre.

Indeed it has been a memorable few months and it has been a pleasure to share in the happiness and joy of the children as they have experienced Christmas in school this year, which has been (of course) especially poignant, as it has been some time since they have had the opportunity do so.

Furthermore it has been great for you all to be invited back into school to enjoy the Infant Nativity Performances and the Carol Concert which, I'm sure that you would agree, were exceptionally good and great fun.

I would like therefore to wish you all, parents and children alike, a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mr Matthews



## Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to the kitchen staff who provided us with a fabulous Christmas dinner on Tuesday. There was a very high number of staff and children who enjoyed it. Well done Becky and the team.



**Poppy Appeal - £216.30**, thank you for your support



## Spring Term Swimming

### Year 3

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

### Year 4

Wednesday 2nd March – Wednesday 6th April

## Re-arranged Football Fixture

Following the cancellation of the proposed EFL regional cup final last week due to the storm, we have rescheduled the date to the 22nd January 2022.



## Vacancy

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor (term time only).

If you are interested in the position and would like further information or an application form please contact the school office on 01584 872766 or email: [admin@st-laurenceprimary.com](mailto:admin@st-laurenceprimary.com)

### NURSERY - School Places

Reminder to parents –please don't forget to register for your child's school place, the cut off date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### 30 Hours Funding

Any parents that are claiming for 30 hours nursery funding, please ensure that you have renewed your claim by 31st December to receive funding in the Spring term.

## Diary Dates

### January

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</b> <b>(Tuesday is NOT a PD day as previously advertised)</b>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Sportshall Athletics (selected team)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming
22 <sup>nd</sup>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Stepping Out
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bike-ability
27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bike-ability
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bike-ability
31 <sup>st</sup>	KS2 Sports Festival PM (selected team)

### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Stepping Out
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 swimming
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Swimming
14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Tag Rugby ( team selected)
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PD Day</b>

### March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Football (team selected)
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming
18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Cross country (team selected)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 swimming
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming

### April

4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 /Y4 Curling/Archery
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming

## **Covid Guidance Update**

*From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced (including until the end of this term). All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will help to slow the spread of COVID-19.*

*Daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 will help protect education settings by reducing transmission and will also help keep pupils in face-to-face education.*

*Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.*

*If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.*

*All staff and secondary aged pupils and students should have access to a box of 7 LFD tests from their education setting. If your setting requires additional test kits sooner than they would be available through the standard ordering process, or will run out of test kits imminently, you can contact 119 to request an emergency replenishment. For primary aged children LFD test kits are available through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).*

*Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.*

*Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.*

*For students with SEND who struggle to or are unable to self-swab daily for 7 days, settings should work with students and their families to agree an appropriate testing route, such as assisted swabbing. Information on further support measures will be provided.*

*Finally, it is important to continue regular twice weekly, at-home testing for all education and childcare workforce and all students of secondary age and above.*



# Get creative this CHRISTMAS



School holiday sessions for 5-12 year olds  
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st December  
at The Bishop Mascall Centre  
10am - 2pm

*Four different  
arts & craft  
activities each day*

*Book a  
place now!*

*Delicious  
healthy  
lunch*

*Festive games  
and Christmas  
disco!*

Free places for children in receipt of Free School Meals,  
there are limited paid-for places at £12 each day.

For more info and to book a place, email: [jess@ludlowfringe.co.uk](mailto:jess@ludlowfringe.co.uk)



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