



# St. Laurence Primary Newsletter

Our School

Gospel Values

2019 - 2020

Community

Hope

Thankfulness

Forgiveness

**Respect**

Justice

**Classes**

Robins  
Mrs. Harvey and  
Mrs. Bennett  
Wrens  
Ms. Bairos

**R**

Kingfishers  
Mrs. Chalklin  
(KSI Leader)  
Skylarks  
Miss Tanvir  
Nightingales  
Miss Campbell

**Yr  
1/2**

Quails  
Miss Jeavons  
Doves  
Mr. Fitt  
Swallows  
Miss Corcoran

**Yr  
3/4**

Magpies  
Mr Jiggins  
Owls  
Miss Kelly  
Kestrels  
Mr. Pepper

**Yr  
5/6**

Summer Term

24th April 2020



Welcome back to Summer Term 2020 at St Laurence - a moment in History! We hope you were all able to enjoy the Easter break with your families. Thank you for all the Easter messages you sent via the school office, the staff have appreciated all your prayers and kind wishes.

During this time it seems that there has been an increase of information about schools in the news, rest assured, as soon as we have clear details and further information about how and when the school will reopen we will communicate this with our families. New dates and schedules will be put in place once we know what the rest of the term might look like.

The new term's Gospel Value is **Respect**. Respect for ourselves and for others, in our thoughts, words and actions. We hope you know that the staff at St Laurence continue to keep all our families in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless.

Mrs Harvey & Mrs Bennett

Dear Parents,

As a Trust group of schools, we really appreciate all that you are doing to keep your children learning at home at this difficult time. We are also conscious that there is an abundance of online learning materials available and it can be difficult for you to know which are best to support your child. You have probably seen recent publicity about the online Oak Academy and BBC daily online learning. Whilst we will continue to signpost you to a range of resources that you might find useful, please bear in mind that your child's teacher is best placed to understand their learning needs even if they aren't coming into school. Work will be coming home at least once a week to direct your child's learning and this should take priority over use of any additional resources which you may wish to use as an optional extra. Links to free to use online resources can also be accessed via school websites. This link provides some useful information from the DfE on how to support your children at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Please also bear in mind that the most important thing you can do for your children at the moment is to ensure that they have some element of structure to their day wherever possible so that they can return to learning in a more formal setting when they eventually return to school. Thank you for all that you are doing to support our school in these unprecedented times.

With very best wishes, God bless you all,

**Teresa Selvey**

**CEO of Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Trust**



**ST. LAURENCE  
CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Mrs Clare Clark**  
Executive Headteacher  
**Mrs Veronica Harvey & Mrs**  
**Elizabeth Bennett**  
Heads of School

Arbury Road  
Cambridge  
CB4 2JX  
Phone: 01223 712227  
office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk

**Mrs. Robertson**  
Inclusion Manager

**Office Staff:**  
**Mrs. L Taylor: School**  
**Business Manager**

**Miss C Taylor: PA to Head**  
**Teacher and SLT**

**Mrs. S Gallucci: Office**  
**Admin Assistant**

For recent updates, news  
and information please visit  
our school website:



www.stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk



Are you experiencing stress or conflict in your relationship, which you think is affecting your family? Do you have one or more children under 18 years old or a disabled child under 25 years old? Do you live in Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough) Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire or Essex?

If so you may be able to access ten free online counselling sessions with the aim of reducing parental conflict and improving your child(ren)s future outcomes through the parenting together programme.

This is a government funded programme (DWP) run by Tavistock Relationships. This programme is open to all eligible parents. It is for couples who are together or separated or single parents. Counselling can take place at times that fit around the family.

If you are interested in being referred or would like more information for yourself or your agency please contact Melissa Rolph on:

[melissarolph@tavistockrelationships.org](mailto:melissarolph@tavistockrelationships.org) Or 07496 415614

Families do not need to be referred by Social Workers, Teachers or other professionals, they do not need to be involved. Please contact Melissa Rolph directly and confidentially on her phone or email (above) for information or referral.



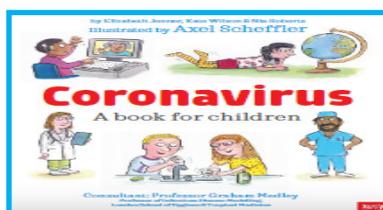
### Warning

A new scam email is doing the rounds nationally claiming to be from the Department of Education or catering providers asking parents for their bank details in order to allow them to access Free School Meal vouchers. Please do not give these details out - Mrs. Taylor is contacting all families who are eligible for the vouchers directly.

Axel Scheffler has illustrated a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone who has access to a screen, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. The book helps to answer key questions in simple language such as:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

You can download a copy of the book on this link: [https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus\\_ABookForChildren.pdf](https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf)



Thank you to all our families who are engaging with the work that is being organised and provided by the Teachers for your children. So they are able to continue their learning at home.

Your child's teacher is able to track when your child is logging on and completing the work set, and the teachers have been able to see all the excellent home learning that is going on.

We are aware that for some families this is not an easy option. If you are struggling to access the online aspects of the work or with the practicalities of home learning, please get in contact with the school via the office email office@stlaurence.cambs.sch.uk

As a school we hope to be able to phone some of our families and chat through any issues you may be having in order to support you and your child.

It's tempting to look at what other people are doing and make comparisons, but what's right at the moment will be different for every family. Go easy on yourself – your all doing your best at the moment.