

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

This week sees us really begin the Christmas season. The staff stayed behind on Friday to decorate the school and it was lovely to hear the children come in yesterday and talk about how Christmassy it was. The PTA have gone into Christmas overdrive and there is lots more from them further down in this newsletter. The hampers in particular look amazing, and I am looking forward to the Christmas Fair on Friday.

I sent out a short survey last week and we have had lots of replies already which I am starting to collate. As of this morning we have 33 responses from a possible 85. It helps me enormously to get replies from as many people as possible so I get an accurate picture of parents' views – if you haven't sent the survey back yet, please do so as soon as possible. There are spare copies in the office if you have mislaid yours.

A reminder to all parents, grandparents, carers – you are very welcome to attend our Celebration Assembly on Monday afternoons at 2.45pm. We celebrate the learning that has been going on both in and out of school and this week one of the children was pleased to show off their boxing trophy which is the first time that has happened. The same qualities of perseverance, problem solving, practising (even when you don't want to!) reflection and hard work apply to all successful learning and it is lovely to give the children a chance to show off what they have achieved.

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Ofsted Inspection

We have just learned that we will be receiving an inspection from Ofsted tomorrow. A letter has been sent out today with full details. We would appreciate it if you could complete the online Parent View questionnaire (full details are in the letter).

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Subtraction	Writing about the Nativity
Hercules – Phonics		Yr R – y, z, zz Yr 1 - ea
Pegasus	Multiplication	Letter Writing
Phoenix	Length	Effective openings to stories
Chameleon	Fractions and decimals	Letters about the Christmas truce

Christmas Mobiles

Wonderful Christmas mobiles are now decorating our classrooms! If your child has not quite finished theirs, they have until Monday morning (10 December) to bring it in.

'A Wriggly Nativity'

Our unmissable KS1 Nativity Play will take place at 5pm on **Monday 17 December**. Tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for children, and go on sale from the School Office tomorrow. KS2 children will have an opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal earlier that day.

Christmas Post Box

Mrs Nathanson and her trusty band of Pegasus elves will start delivering Christmas cards around school from Monday 10 December. Look out for the Christmas Post Box in the foyer!

Waitrose Chippenham Green Token Scheme

We are one of Waitrose Chippenham's Green Token charities throughout December – a great reason to check them out for Christmas goodies!

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who bought Chameleon Class's delicious bakes yesterday. They raised £108.47!

PTA News

A big thank you for all the donations that have been coming in over the last few weeks.

We now have a very healthy looking tombola for the Christmas Fayre and some lovely donations for the Christmas Hamper.

Nikita Payne (George and Fraser's Mum, Year2) has very kindly donated two Hampers, so a third will be made up of the donations that have come in. This means there are three chances to win a fabulous Christmas Hamper for just £2 a date!

Dates will be on sale after school every day until the draw, and we welcome hamper donations until the end of the week.

We're all very excited for the **Christmas Fayre** on Friday (7 December). This is held after school, 3:15-4:30 pm. We ask that you collect your children as usual, and enter the Fayre through the side gate to avoid any confusion during the handover of children.

Please note: Multi Sports Club will be on as usual.

The Fayre will open to the angelic sounds of the choir and there will be festive games for the children, Santa's grotto, refreshments plus an eclectic mix of handmade goodies for you to browse and buy. If you missed the deadline for apron and coaster orders, you can buy them at the Fayre.

Things will then quieten down for the PTA. We will provide refreshments at the KS1 nativity and will be running the Christmas party on the last day of term, so a few more volunteers for these events would be appreciated! Sign up and the office.

The party is a fun event for all and a great thing to be involved in, if a little chaotic!

We are all very lucky this year as we have been invited along to the famous 'Langley's got Talent - I for one can't wait for this! The Christmas party happens straight after, so why not hang around and make a day of it! Please sign up in the foyer if you intend to do this.

This term we have funded the coach trip for Pegasus and Phoenix to go to Cadbury world (exciting!) and Chameleon's transport to the Steam Museum, Swindon. We have also brought the class Christmas presents and all the crackers for the Christmas dinner and party!

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Merry Christmas from Langley Fitzurse PTA Committee!

Amy Tayler, PTA Chair amyotayler@gmail.com

Paper Letters sent out this Week

School apron and coaster order form
Christmas Dinner Menu
Christmas Fair Flyer
Draycot Churches Christmas Services flyer
The Camp Christmas Holiday Club flyer
Aztec & Mayan Day (Pegasus & Phoenix)

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Thu 6 December	'Flu immunisation for Yrs R – 5
Fri 7 December	Christmas Fayre after school

Mon 10 December	Celebration Assembly, 2.45 pm – parents very welcome!
Wed 12 December	Mayan and Aztec Day for Pegasus and Phoenix Classes School Christmas Lunch
Mon 17 December	KS1 Nativity Play, 5pm in Cherry Hall
Tue 18 December	Carols on the Common
Wed 19 December	Christmas Service, 2pm St Peter's – all very welcome
Thu 20 December	Non-uniform day – party clothes Langley's got Talent! Christmas Party Break up for Christmas
Fri 21 December	TD Day
Mon 7 January	Back to School for Term 3