Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School







NEWSLETTER 03 2019-20

Tuesday 1 October 2019

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Dear Parents,

It is hard to imagine we are already a month into the new term. So much seems to be going on and even more is on the horizon.

Last week Chameleon class went to STEAM museum for a day learning all about World War II. They came back full of excitement, explaining that they had got to act out stories about parts of the war and they had been into an air-raid shelter and listened to the sirens, feeling what it would have been like to have to take shelter from the bombing.

Coming up we have a visit from 'EnSONGlopedia' which is a professional afternoon of music and singing for all the children, our Year 6s will be attending a University of Bristol science demonstration, and some of our children will be taking part in a Cross Country event. Our Harvest Service is also not far away. That will take place on Monday 14th October at 9.30am at St Peter's and all parents and carers are very welcome to attend. We are also holding our annual Music Quiz on Saturday 19 October – the profits from this event pay for our First Access Violin programme, which is the building block for the fantastic music provision we have in school.

We continue to think about friendship in our assemblies this term, particularly the idea that "friendship isn't a big thing, it's a million little things". All the little things we do for each other help build a happy community and while we may not count everyone we come across as friends we can certainly demonstrate friendship to everyone – care, respect, kindness, listening and more. These are among the most important things we as adults can teach the children in our care.

Mr Richard Hearn Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Comparing numbers	Seaside rhymes and songs
Hercules – Phonics		Learning sounds
Pegasus	Counting on	Sentence structure, grammar & punctuation
Phoenix	Using known numbers to generate others	Sentence structure
Chameleon	The four operations	Flashback stories

Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings were a huge success, with 27 families visiting school over the two days – a new record! Huge thanks to Liam and Louise Parkinson, Adelle Rahn (your cakes were wonderful!), Zina Marchant, Amy Stenner, Harriet Wilkinson, David Bloomer and all the leafletters for your help and support. A big thank you is also due to our Year 6s, who did a fantastic job as tour guides – the prospective parents loved meeting you, and many wrote lovely comments on their questionnaires about how articulate and confident you were. You are a credit to the school. *Liz Howe (Admin Officer)*

Star Baker

Congratulations to Chameleon Class on raising an amazing £166 at their Cake Monday! A special mention must be given to Carolyn Wetton, who baked about 20 large (and delicious) cakes to raise a big slice(!) of this total. Carolyn, you are truly a Star Baker!

Music Quiz on Saturday 19 October

Tickets are selling fast, so don't forget to buy yours at the School Office. As we are now officially cash free, we will send you a link to pay so you don't even need change! Teams of up to 6 people, or leave it to us to find you a team. The ticket price of £7.50 includes a hot supper and there will be a pay bar. Help us fund the First Access Violin programme for the next academic year. **Pegasus parents** – this will directly benefit your children!

New SENCO

Mrs Nathanson stepped down as our school SEN Co-ordinator (SENCO) in July, after doing a fantastic job for the past few years. Our new SENCO is Mrs Claire Cursiter, who is in school every Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 5pm. We are delighted to welcome Claire to our school team.



Special School Census Lunch on Thursday (3 October)

Parents should have been sent an online form to order lunch on Thursday (hot dogs or pizza – what's not to love?). We would like to encourage as many KS1 children as possible to have lunch on Thursday.

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits, your child might be eligible for free school meals, and the school will receive extra funding for them:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit Run On

If your child has been adopted from care, the school will also receive extra funding from them.

If you think that this might apply to you, please ask for an application form from Mrs Moor, our Finance Officer.

African Choir at St Peter's this Sunday!

St Peter's, Kington Langley are welcoming a Ugandan Choir to their Sunday worship this week to celebrate 50 years of the Bristol/Ugandan link. Come along at 10.30am for a real treat!

Peacock Arts Trail

We are very excited about the Peacock Arts Trail, which runs from this Saturday (5 October) to Sunday 13 October. A brochure should be coming home this week, and you will see that one of our mums, Emily Horrocks (Emelie Hryhoruk) is exhibiting at 4 The Lambing Barn, Lower Rudloe Farm Corsham – she would love you to visit!

Half Term Holiday Club - in School!

Our friends at Grassroots Sports Academy (who run our Wrap Around Care, Football and Multi Sports Clubs) are holding a holiday club in school from Mon 28 October to Fri 1 November. A paper flyer should have gone home, but please find an electronic copy attached, just in case!

Aldi Get Set to Eat Fresh Stickers

Next time you're shopping at Aldi, please ask for some Get Set to Eat Fresh stickers, as they could help us win £20,000 for school! Please post the stickers in the box by the Office if Mrs Howe is not around.

PTA News

Hope you have all had a fab first few weeks back?

So lovely to see all the new members of the Fitzy Family settling in so well.

We are well into the Autumn term now and have our first few events coming up.

MUSIC QUIZ - Saturday 19 October, Kington Langley Village Hall, 7.30 pm

This funds the First Access Violins for the year 3's. It's such a wonderful thing to be able to offer the children as an entire year group. The evening is always a huge hit... full of food (amazing food!) and plenty of fun. Also for any new families a great way of meeting other parents at a social event and not just drop of and pick up!

DISCO - Friday 15 November, Kington Langley Village Hall, 5.30 - 6.30 pm

The children loved this last year! And we cant wait to see them dance the night away with all their friends again.

We are looking for a few volunteers for this event, so please let me know if you'd like to spend a couple of hours watching your child bopping away!!

Please find the minutes of our recent Trustees' Meeting and AGM attached to this newsletter.

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Paper letters sent out this week

- Music Quiz flyer
- Grassroots Holiday Club flyer
- The Camp Holiday Club flyer
- Space Academy Draycot Benefice Holiday Club flyer
- Bath Racecourse flyer
- Perform Drama Club flyer
- Pauline Quirke Academy flyer
- Kickabout flyer (Hercules & Pegasus)
- First News flyer (Pegasus, Phoenix & Chameleon
- Peacock Arts Trail (Phoenix & Chameleon)

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Thu 3 October Year 6 to Sheldon School for a University of Bristol Science Demo

Fri 4 October Yr 4-6 Netball Club starts

Sun 6 October Ugandan Choir at St Peter's Service, 10.30 am

Mon 7 October Board of Governors' Meeting

Tue 8 October Cross Country Event, Biddestone Sports Ground, 3.45 pm

Wed 9 October Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix

Mon 14 October Harvest Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome!

Parents' Evening, 3.30-7.30 pm – watch out for an electronic sign up

sheet!

Tue 15 October Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix

Wed 16 October Parents' Evening, 3.30-5.30 pm – watch out for an electronic sign up

sheet!

Sat 19 October Music Quiz in aid of First Access Violins, KL Village Hall, 7.30 pm

Mon 21 October Individual Photos

Professional production of 'Ensonglopedia' in School

Phoenix Cake Monday

Tue 22 October Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix

Wed 23 October TD Day

Thu 24/10 to Fri 1/11 Half Term – Grassroots Holiday Club in School wc Mon 28 October

Sun 26 October Cow Pat Lottery in aid of St Peter's, 11 am to 1 pm

Mon 4 November

Fri 8 November

Wed 13 November

Back to School and start of Stackpole Week

Yr 1 & 2 Multi Skills event at Stanley Park

Phoenix Class visiting the Steam Museum

Fri 15 November 'Flu Vaccinations

School Disco, Village Hall, 5.30 – 6.30 pm

Tue 26 November Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 1 Wed 27 November Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 2

Fri 6 December Christmas Fayre in School

Thu 12 December KS1 Nativity Performances at 2pm and 5.30pm in Cherry Hall

Fri 13 December Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children Mon 16 December Christmas Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome!

Fri 20 December Last Day of Term 2 – Langley's Got Talent!

Thu 18 June Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June School Concert