

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER 06 2019-20**

**Tuesday 19 November 2019**

**"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"**

Dear Parents,

As December creeps closer, we are starting to think it looks a little bit like Christmas. The adverts bombarding us on the TV would suggest it's beginning to look a *lot* like Christmas but at school we aim to start our Christmas celebrations as December arrives. Having said that, one of the children was very keen to tell me this morning it is five weeks until Christmas, so they are already quite excited! We will be doing lots of things over the Christmas period, so keep an eye out for details of Christmas lunch, our Christmas service, pantomime visit and more.

It was great to see so many children enjoying themselves at the disco on Friday. Many thanks go to the wonderful PTA people who organised and ran the event, and to Steve Howe for once again doing his inimitable DJ thing. I am looking forward to the PTA Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and invite everyone to come along and support this fantastic event.

As I drove to school today my car was pleased to tell me the temperature was minus two degrees – as we are in the season of chilly and often wet weather, please do make sure the children have appropriate clothing to be outside as we always get outside for break times if we possibly can.

**Mr Richard Hearn**  
**Headteacher**

**Our Learning this week will include:**

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Hercules</b>	Addition	Thanksgiving (USA style)
<b>Hercules – Phonics</b>		Yr R: y, z, x Yr 1: ea, oy, ir
<b>Pegasus</b>	Money problems	Grammar and sentence structure
<b>Phoenix</b>	Multiplication	Diary entries
<b>Chameleon</b>	Fractions	Non chronological reporting

## **Congratulations!**

Very well done to Martha Sudbury, Charlie Horrocks and Charlie Sek. We chose their gorgeous designs for our school Christmas cards, and will be sending them out to our cluster schools, governors, volunteers and contacts in December.

## **Thank You**

A big thank you for your generosity! We have raised £144.60 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, and £126.67 for BBC Children in Need! Thank you also to everyone who brought in Aldi Get Set to Eat Fresh stickers. With a little help from Sutton Benger and Hullavington Primary Schools, we completed our poster and have sent it off for a chance of winning £20,000 for school – fingers crossed!

## **'The Landlord's Cats'**

This is our KS1 Nativity play, and it's going to be brilliant (we've had a sneak preview)! This will take place on Thursday 12 December in Cherry Hall, and there are two performances: at 2pm and 5.30pm. Tickets cost £1 for adults and 50p for children. As we have limited audience space, we will limit the tickets to 3 per child per performance. KS1 parents: watch out for an online form to request your tickets.

## **Visit to the Pantomime on Friday 13 December**

This year, instead of having a professional production visit us, we are taking the whole school, along with Lacock Primary, to see 'Robin Hood' at the Salisbury Playhouse on Friday 13 December! The performance starts at 2.30pm, and we hope to return to school by 6pm. The transport costs have been covered by our fantastic PTA and a generous donation, so we only need to ask you for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the ticket, which is £9.00. We will send out a request later this week.

## **Fitzy needs Friends!**

Our school bear, Fitzy, is getting a bit fed up of sitting quietly on the library shelf, and is longing for some adventure! Would you like to take him along next time you are doing something fun, like ice skating, visiting a Christmas market or Enchanted Christmas? He also loves to go on holiday with kind families who will look after him. If you would like to take Fitzy on a family outing or holiday, please see Mrs Howe in the School Office. **Note to Parents:** you don't have to fill in a diary- just please take some photographs that Mrs Howe can use on social media. We will be launching Fitzy's very own Instagram page very soon – watch this space!



## **PTA NEWS**

Firstly a huge thank you to all who attended the disco last Friday, all the fab volunteers were ever so appreciated and the children were wonderfully behaved.

Now on the next event...Christmas is upon us!!!

Please take a moment to look below at some of the upcoming events and information.

### **Bag2School – Monday 25 November**

You should have received a plastic bag, which we would love you to fill with unwanted good quality clothes, shoes, soft toys, bedding (but not duvets, pillows or cushions) and towels. This is a great excuse for a pre-Christmas clear out, and it raises much needed funds too! Mrs Howe has more bags in the Office for a bigger clear out! Please bring your bag(s) in by **9am** on Monday (25 November) and leave them outside the School Office – thank you!

### **Living Christmas Tree Event – Saturday 30 November**

A great way to start the festive season! Our friends at Pit Stop are holding their traditional Christmas event from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 30 November – and this time they have real reindeer! As an added incentive, our School Choir will be performing from 12.45 to 1.15pm. It is also a chance to rent (yes really!) your Christmas tree, and feel smug about your green credentials. The trees are great quality, you can choose your favourite, and the PTA will get £5 for each rental! Please see the attached leaflet for more details.

### **Christmas Fayre - Friday 6 December**

Games, refreshments, toys and much much more to be enjoyed, and of course the chance for the children to have some time with the man of the moment!

Any donations of festive goodies and Christmas bakes would be gratefully received.

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

We are hoping to add to the Langley Fitz tradition of a hamper raffle this year by offering a children's hamper too!

All you have to do is pick any date from the 2019 calendar for your chance to win!

Again any donations for the hamper would be wonderful.

Dates for the hampers will be available from **Monday 2 December**.

### **Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop on Friday 13 December**

Super creative Kerrie Beaven will be helping you make a gorgeous centrepiece for your Christmas table on Friday 13 December from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 from the School Office, and the price includes all materials, drinks and nibbles. It is guaranteed to be a really fun evening! Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

## **Langley Fitzurse PTA is now on AmazonSmile!!**

Would you like to help to raise funds for the PTA whilst shopping online, without it costing you any additional money?

If the answer is YES then please shop through [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

Amazon will make a charitable donation of 0.5% of your net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) if you shop through AmazonSmile.

It's really quick and easy;

1. Simply search for [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)
2. On the homepage, click the "get started" button.
3. You will need to enter Langley Fitzurse & select the Langley Fitzurse Parent & Teacher Association as the given charity.
4. Amazon will then ask you to confirm (By ticking the box) that "Yes, I understand that I must always start at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) to support Langley Fitzurse Parent Teachers Association".
5. Click "start shopping".
6. Enjoy! And earn the PTA money whilst shopping. That simple.

If you already shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) you can change your charity to Langley Fitzurse PTA by clicking the drop down box by the name of your chosen charity and clicking "change"

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**Please, Please, Please share these details with all your friends and family to help support our school PTA.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

For all upcoming events we rely on this support. Please see below what events we require volunteers for.

- Selling Christmas Hamper dates each morning at the school gates
- Setting up and clearing away the Christmas Fayre
- Helping on stalls at the Christmas Fayre
- Refreshments at the KS1 Nativity Play on Thu 12 December, 2pm and 5.30pm
- Accompanying the children on our visit to the pantomime on Fri 13 December (must be DBS checked)
- Helping set up, serve and clear away at the School Christmas Lunch on Wed 18 December

*Amy Stenner, PTA Chair*

## Paper letters sent out this week

- Bag2School bag

## Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Thu 21 November	Year 5 to English/Drama event at Hardenhuish School
Mon 25 November	Bag2School – bags outside school for 9am please
Tue 26 November	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 1
Wed 27 November	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 2
Sat 30 November	School Choir performing at the Pit Stop Living Christmas Event, 12.45 – 1.45 pm
Fri 6 December	Pegasus Class taking part in a Christmas Cross Country Run at Hardenhuish School Christmas Fayre in School
Mon 9 December	<b>Board of Governors' Meeting</b>
Thu 12 December	KS1 Nativity Performances at 2pm and 5.30pm in Cherry Hall
Fri 13 December	Whole School Visit to 'Robin Hood' at the Salisbury Playhouse
Mon 16 December	Christmas Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome! <b>Chameleon Class watching 'Dracula Spectacular' at Sheldon School</b>
Wed 18 December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children – <b>suggested donation £1- non uniform</b> School Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 December	Last Day of Term 2 – Langley's Got Talent! <b>Please note: school uniform as usual</b> <b>Break up for Christmas</b>
Mon 6 January	<b>Back to School for Term 3</b>
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert