

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Tuesday 21 January 2020

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

For this week's newsletter, I am handing over to the children. At our School Council meeting last week, they were very keen that parents heard some things to do with parking outside school which they think are very important . . .

The children have spotted that some parents leave their engines running while waiting outside at pick up time or at drop off in the morning while they wait for the school doors to open. They said that they don't want to have the fumes and pollution, and want parents to stop doing that. The Council members said: "Pollution is bad – it has been a big thing and I don't know if the parents are taking it in – my mum just turns off the engine and it's just simple." As well as the health and environmental issues, they also spotted that it is wasting money: "If they leave their engine running every day they're just using more fuel which is bad for them because it costs money."

They have also spotted some parents driving on the grass, and got really upset at that. They said that it wrecks the grass, and that the little children in particular wouldn't expect cars to be on the grass, so they won't be looking out for them and could get knocked over. Children said: "Driving on the grass is just silly because there have been a few times when people have got stuck on the grass" and "parking on the grass is not showing a good example to other parents."

Some of the School Council members said they had seen people parking across driveways and wanted people to stop doing that: "We shouldn't really do that because that's not owned by the school, and you don't know if they're going to need to come out."

I think you'll agree that they make very good points – please do take note of what they have said!

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Number facts	Story writing about Goldilocks
Hercules – Phonics		Revision
Pegasus	Puzzles and problems	Preparing for Chinese New Year
Phoenix	Perimeter	Writing dialogue for a scene on board the 'Titanic'
Chameleon	Percentages	Spelling, punctuation & grammar

Ghana Day – Thursday 30 January

We are very excited about this opportunity to learn more about the country where Vivian, our sponsored child, lives. A packed programme is planned, including:

- African Drumming
- Learning about Ghanaian culture and customs
- Trying Ghanaian food
- Learning a Ghanaian song
- Mask making (Hercules)
- Traditional crafts (Pegasus)
- Print making (KS2)
- Football (KS2)

We will be celebrating our learning at a special assembly in Cherry Hall at 2.45 pm, and we'd love you to join us!

Ghana Day will be **non uniform** – wear the colours of the Ghanaian flag – gold, red, black and green. Don't worry if you can't manage all the colours – one or two are fine! We would be very grateful for a voluntary contribution of **£4 per child** to help us continue our sponsorship of Vivian, and pay for the special Ghana Day workshops. We will send you a link to pay - thank you!

Basic Ballet for Hercules Class

We are delighted to announce that qualified dance teacher, Naomi Batley, will be teaching basic ballet to Hercules Class for 45 minutes on Wednesday afternoons for the rest of this academic year, starting tomorrow. This has been funded by the school's Sports Premium Grant. The children will wear their usual PE kit for these lessons.

Update on Recruiting a new Headteacher

We have made good progress over the last few weeks in securing a new headteacher for the school, in spite of the school holidays. The Local Authority and Bristol Diocese have given us all the support we have asked for, and are being creative to meet new approaches as we explore one of our options, i.e. to seek to form a school partnership. We have a number of good-quality interested parties at this stage.

Meanwhile, the school continues to move forward in great shape. Mr Hearn, the staff and the governors are continuing to make steps forward in how the school supports and develops our children. This is not a time to stand still!

We have a Board Meeting on the 10th Feb and will give you an update after that point.

David Bloomer, Chair of Governors

Wintry Weather

If we need to close the school due to extreme weather, we will let you know via the following means:

- A message on the rolling bar on the school website
- ParentMail
- Posts on our social media accounts: facebook, twitter and Instagram
- Announcements on Heart Radio and BBC Radio Wiltshire

Grassroots February Half Term Holiday Club

Our friends at Grassroots Sports Academy (the company who provide our EMC, ASC and PPA cover) are planning to run a holiday club here in school during the February half term. Further details can be found on the attached flyer. Book quickly to avoid disappointment.

Have your say on School Holidays for 2021/22

Wiltshire Council would like to receive your views on the term dates calendar being proposed for Wiltshire's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2021/22. The deadline for responses is **Friday 28 February 2020**.

It was agreed by the Schools Joint Consultative Committee to consult on two options.

Option 1: Shows a proposed calendar with a five day break in October, with term 6 ending on Thursday 21st July. This is the option favoured by our neighbouring authorities.

Option 2: Shows a proposed calendar with a seven day October break, with term 6 ending on Monday 25th July.

Please check out the following link: [Terms and holidays | Wiltshire Council](#)

You can let Wiltshire Council know your views by using the following methods:

- By email to: directorDCE@wiltshire.gov.uk
- By letter to: School Term Dates 2021/22 Consultation, Children's Services, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

All comments received will be taken into consideration during the final decision-making process.

Harry Potter Night at Chippenham Library on Thursday 6 February

This runs from 4 – 4.45 pm on Thursday 6 February, and is suitable for anyone old enough to enjoy Harry Potter. It costs £1.50 for library members and £2 for non-members. Pre-booking is absolutely essential: either in the library or by ringing 01249 650536.

PTA NEWS

Just two dates for your diaries this time:

- Film Night on Friday 7 February
- May Fair on Friday 1 May

Full details to follow shortly!

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Paper letters sent out this week

- Christingle Candle Money Boxes for return by Mon 3 February
- PH Camps February Half Term flyer
- Homework Letter (Phoenix Class)

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Thu 23 & Fri 31 Jan	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 3
Fri 24 January	Chinese New Year celebrations in Pegasus Sheldon Art Teacher in Phoenix Year 6 Hockey Team to Hockey Festival at Sheldon School No Netball
Thu 30 January	Ghana Day – non uniform – wear gold, black, red and green
Mon 3 February	Christingle Service, St Peter's, 2.30 pm – all welcome! Street Dance Club performing at the Chippenham Dance Festival
Tue 4 Feb	First Aid training for Years 5 & 6
Thu 6 & Tue 11 Feb	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 4
Fri 7 February	Sheldon Art Teacher in Phoenix PTA Film Night – Toy Story 4
Mon 10 February	Board of Governors' Meeting
Tue 11 February	Violin Assembly, 10.15-10.45 am – all welcome!
Fri 14 February	Last day of Term 3
Mon 24 February	TD Day
Tue 25 February	Back to School for Term 4
Fri 1 May	May Fair
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert