

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Wednesday 4 March 2020

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we are focussing on a new school value – forgiveness. We’ll be looking at what forgiveness is and the importance of forgiving people when something goes wrong. We are coming up to Easter and in the Bible, Jesus says about the soldiers who crucify him; “Father forgive them because they don’t know what they are doing”. Forgiveness is a very important concept for Christians, both God forgiving us as people and people forgiving each other.

A big part of what we’ll be talking about as we think about forgiveness is reconciliation – the idea that when we acknowledge something has gone wrong and forgive someone who has harmed us, we can rebuild relationships and move on from what has happened.

We have also been talking with the children about the 2020 Lent Challenge organised by our local churches. Each week there is a different challenge linked to caring for our environment. The first week was to do with reducing litter and waste, this week is all about making good consumer choices and thinking about what we buy. Lots of information is available at the Draycot benefice (that’s a group of churches) website <https://draycot.weebly.com>.

I do want to congratulate our girls’ football team who took part in a Football Festival last week. They played extremely well, and took first place! Their enthusiasm and skill was a credit to our school – well done!

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	One more and one less	Poetry: The Knight who wouldn't Fight
Hercules – Phonics		igh, ar & or
Pegasus	Time	Poetry
Phoenix	Multiplication methods	Sea Poems
Chameleon	Area, perimeter & volume	Poetry

Update from the Chair of Governors

The last Board meeting underlined to me a number of great things about the school at the moment. Each Board member reported on their action plans / areas of the school improvement plan. They professionally reported on a range of progress made with the teaching management, child safety and welfare, building projects, sport and much more. We also celebrated the school's progress culminating in being in the top 1% of the national SATS results last year!!! The head reported on the joyous development of the children through music, dance, sport, and of course academically.

The Board reviewed progress in securing a new head teacher for the next academic year, with the aim to maintain this momentum. We are pleased to report that two schools are interested in a partnership with us, both of who would bring enviable records with them. We will continue to explore these options vigorously. High on our list of quality criteria for a new head is stability, after a number of years of change.

We will continue to update you on the recruitment as things develop.

David Bloomer

Chair of Governors

A chance to join our Board of Governors!

We currently have vacancies for two Parent Governors at our school. The nomination form is attached, and needs to be returned to Mrs Howe by **Wednesday 18 March 2020**. If you are interested, but not sure what you would be letting yourself in for, please get in touch with one of our current governors – Liam Parkinson, Huw Solly, Anita Ellis or Simon Rahn, who would be very happy to explain what's involved.

Parents' Evenings

Our Term 4 Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 23 and Wednesday 25 March, and you will be able to book your slot(s) online from 9.00 am tomorrow.

SATs Information Evening

Year 6 Parents – Miss Causer is running a SATs Information Evening on Wednesday 11 March after school especially for you!

Lent Challenge



The school thought it would be nice if optional homework tasks for this term relate to Lent and the Draycot Churches' 6 weeks of challenges.

These are the themes for each week:

Week 1 – Monday 24th Feb	WASTE
Week 2 – Monday 2nd March	CONSUMER CHOICE
Week 3 – Monday 9th March	ENERGY
Week 4 – Monday 16th March	TRANSPORT
Week 5 – Monday 23rd March	WATER
Week 6 – Monday 30th March	BIODIVERSITY

Each week children could record in writing and pictures or diagrams the things they have done to help save the planet in different ways for each theme. Obviously, the age of child will determine the nature of the task undertaken.

The school has already made a great step in minimising and recycling waste and we have our own 'Eco-Warriors' from different classes to help with collections. That was week 1. We would like you to begin at week 2. Here are various ideas:

Consumer choice – Fair Trade, draw/write about the different fair trade items you have at home, describe what Fair Trade is and how it benefits people.

Energy – Draw/describe the activities you decided to do instead of things that use electricity (TV, computers etc), what other benefits came from doing these alternative activities?

Transport – Draw different types of transport and organise them into good/not so good for the environment, detail the impact certain types of transport has on the planet, if you walked or cycled instead of travelling by car, what was it like and how did it make you feel?

Water – draw and label all the different ways we use water in our houses, investigate how much water is normally used for different tasks, investigate ways we can reduce our water usage.

Biodiversity – draw a garden scene and label animals/insects you might see there, investigate habitats and how different species rely on each other, make a plan of how you could make your garden more welcoming for different animals to visit and live.

In addition to the regular reading (4+ times a week) and work on Bug Club, Mathletics and Times Table Rockstars that needs to happen, children are encouraged to produce a piece of work each week for the Lent Challenge if they can. We will try to display pieces of work in the classrooms and around the school to celebrate the children's efforts.

Thanks for your support



Wake & Shake for Sport Relief!

Get Friday 13 March off to a great start with a morning workout and raise some money for good causes at the same time! We're charging £3 per person (free for children already booked into EMC) all of which will go to Sport Relief. The workout starts at 8am and is open to **ALL** – children, parents, teachers, staff etc Hope to see you there!



Time to go to Tesco!

We are one of Chippenham Tesco's featured charities at the moment, and your tokens could make the difference between a £500 and a £2,00 donation! Make sure you ask for a token at the checkout, as they don't always give them out automatically.

Field & Forest

Field & Forest learning for Hercules Class will resume this Friday (6 March). **Hercules Parents:** please can you return the permission form before Friday if you haven't already – thanks!

No Choir Tomorrow

Mr Osler will be involved with the MDSA interviews, and regrets that he will not be able to take Choir tomorrow evening.

Dress Warmly for School PE

Please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for PE, as we will be going outside whenever possible. School sweatshirts are now in stock - priced £10.61 for all child sizes, £15.94 for small adult size.

Crisp Packets Needed!

Mrs Flynn is collecting them to raise money for Wiltshire Air Ambulance. There is a collection box in Cherry Hall.

Thank you!

A really big thank you to Katherine Bloomer for organising our Cake Sale for Vivian on Monday. Thank you also to everyone who donated cakes – we raised £76.15 – more than enough for this year's sponsorship!

Thank you also to everyone who came to our Book Fair. The school has received £159 worth of books in commission!

Finally, thanks to everyone who brought in a Bag2School last week. The PTA got a lovely cheque for £92.80 from the collection.

PTA NEWS

We'd love to see you at our next PTA meeting on **Monday 9 March** at 1.30 pm, St Peter's.

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Dates for the Diary

Mon 9 March	PTA Meeting, 1.30 pm St Peter's
Wed 11 March	Skip2Bfit sessions in school SATs Information Meeting after school
Fri 13 March	Wake & Shake for Sport Relief, Cherry Hall 8.00 -8.40 am, £3
Fri 20 March	Mother's Day Event
Mon 23 March	Parents' Evening to 7.30 pm
Wed 25 March	Parents' Evening to 5.30 pm
Mon 30 March	Easter Service, 9.30 am St Peter's Hercules Cake Monday
Tue 31 March	Celebration of Keith, our Elm Tree's 10 th Birthday at 10.30 am
Thu 2 April	Hercules Class to Cardiff Castle
Fri 3 April	Break Up for Easter
Fri 1 May	May Fair
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert