

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 6 – traditionally one of the busiest terms of the school year, usually with leavers’ services, transition and sports day... this year is quite different. I think the word ‘unprecedented’ has been used so many times in the last ten weeks but it is certainly one I used again when we opened the doors to more children yesterday.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who have played such an important role in maintaining high quality home learning support during the lockdown time. This has not only been through home learning tasks being set, but also by keeping in touch with families through telephone calls, emails and also for some children school provision.

Not only this but thank you to Mrs Howe and Mrs Moor for continuing to keep the school operating – updates to Facebook and the website; being the first point of contact for parent questions and keeping the school safe and well resourced to enable the teaching staff and support staff to do they jobs they have done so well.

I would also like to extend my thanks also to you. Home Learning has been a challenge. From the content that we have been asking the children to learn, to the motivation and emotional rollercoaster that we have all felt.

Whether your children have return to school or not this week, we will still be sending home ‘Home Learning’ tasks. This will be accessed through the usual format to last term. There will be a difference however to communication with teachers. As teachers and support staff are now working with groups of children during the day, their time will be limited and so the best way to contact your child’s class teacher will be through email. They will try to make telephone contact, but this will not always be possible. Please be patient as we work our way through the ‘new norm’.

My final thanks of this Newsletter goes to Mr Hearn who has returned to Lacock Primary School. Thank you for everything you have done for Langley Fitzurse and for giving your time so generously as part of my transition in joining the school.

I am very much looking forward being part of the Langley family. Please come and say hello if you see me at the gate at pick up and drop off.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

We are proud to be a Church of England School. Since our foundation in the mid 1850's this has meant different things at various times. Today it is encapsulated by our vision:

We are an inclusive, friendly church school with a family feel.

*Our purpose is to **Amaze, Excite & Inspire** confident, happy and resilient children within our community where everyone can reach their full potential.*

which was created with the help of pupils, staff, parents and carers, governors and members of our local church, St Peter's.

Simply put, Christian distinctiveness is about how loving God and loving our neighbours is lived out in the daily life of our school.

I have been asked to explore different aspects of our Christian distinctiveness in future newsletters. If you have any questions or particular topics you would like to discover more about, please let Mrs Howe know and I will happily respond!

*Katherine Bloomer,
part of the Draycot Ministry Team and member of the Christian Distinctiveness Committee.*

Church School Survey— May 2020

Many thanks to all who completed the Church School Survey.

The overwhelming feeling is that parents believe Langley Fitzurse is a good Church School.

Once the responses are collated we will be able to share in final detail in the coming weeks.

School Provision for Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and Key Workers

I have been lovely to see children happily coming in to school over the past two days. There are a couple of things that I would like to ask parents to help us with:

- Please try and be prompt for the staggered start at the beginning of the day. This helps in terms of getting the day off to a swift start.
- Please send your child in to school with school appropriate shoes – these can be school shoes or at this time of the year when feet have grown, trainers. Sandals or open toed shoes are not great in protecting your child's feet especially when playing outside.
- Please make sure that packed lunch boxes are hard covers not soft lunch bag style. This is for COVID Health and Safety reasons.
- Any contact with the school office should be by phone or email. Please don't pop in which has the usual way in the past. Should parents be thinking of sending their child back to school and are currently in Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or Key Workers, please contact the school first so that we can discuss this further. Currently, the Key worker Group is near capacity and to increase numbers for this group will mean a change to provision within the school.

And finally...

- School will be closed to all children tomorrow

Many thanks in anticipation for your support in these matters.

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many of you have celebrated your birthday during lockdown?

Birthdays are supposed to be times when we meet with our friends and have a party but this year things are having to be a bit different because we all need to stay safe.

This means we probably just had our close family with us when we celebrated our birthday this year; and often that is just as lovely as having a great big celebration.

I have been reading in my Bible about the birthday of the church. This is the story of Pentecost which Christians celebrate around the world at this time of year. We won't be able to celebrate Pentecost together in our church buildings this year, but we can still read the story of how the Holy Spirit came among the disciples and gave them courage, joy and energy to set out into the world and tell everyone about the story of Jesus.

You can read about the birthday of the church, of how the church began, in the book of Acts Chapter 2. You might like to read it in a story Bible particularly written for young people like the one I am reading from in the picture.

Once you have read the story you might like to get an adult to help you make a Pentecost cake. It can be any kind of cake. The important thing is to put some candles on the top. Then you can sing "happy birthday" to the church and then blow out the candles. The candles on the cake will remind you of the flames which landed on the disciples and when you blow them out it will remind you of the wind which blew around them.

I hope you enjoy the story and the cake!



Teddy Sloth
from Draycot Benefice



Welcome to the inaugural **Wiltshire Virtual School Games** – an exciting programme of sports competitions and activities which will run from June 1st until a celebration event on July 8th.

- ◇ Open to anyone who goes to school (including home-school) in Wiltshire in KS2, KS3, KS4 and KS5+ (teachers and parents are encouraged to join in as part of the KS5+ age group).
- ◇ Every Monday one or two new activities will be released. There will be a video demonstration and written instructions.
- ◇ Each activity will have at least 2 challenges. You can attempt all the challenges or just one or two.
- ◇ There will be winners for each separate challenge.
- ◇ All activities can be carried out at home or school.
- ◇ Spirit of the Games Awards will be given to those who have to think creatively to be able to complete the activity.
- ◇ There will be a prize for the school with the most participation across all activities.

Please see details below and to join in you need to register <http://www.wiltssport.org/virtual-school-games>
We have a few guest special sporting guests who will be attempting some of the challenges so watch out for them!

Follow us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram for all the latest at @wiltssport #wiltssg
Don't miss the opportunity to achieve your personal best, compete against other young people across Wiltshire and represent your school.