

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

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Bag2School

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in a bag today. We have raised an incredible £169.20 for our PTA! This money is particularly welcome as it's the only fund raising the PTA have been able to do this term.

Home Learning and School Provision Update

I just wanted to mention how impressed we all are in the Home Learning that is going on at home. It has been *such* a long time since we have seen some of our children and for those to keep motivated and focussed has shown real resilience and determination.

Our message is 'keep going' and in Mr Osler's words 'don't lose the Home Learning Power'. We are nearly at the end of the summer term, and even though we don't know what the Government will say today in terms for changes to lockdown restrictions and social distancing, we are desperately hoping that we will see everyone back in September.

Teachers are setting Home Learning tasks—these tasks will never replace the face to face teaching that children access at school, but we are trying our hardest. As part of this term's Newsletter I have been including Online Resources that come into school. There is a plethora of wider curricular activities that drop into the school's Inbox which I am keen to share with you all. Ten Pieces, Anderson Radio, Youth Sports Trust are 'wider' curricular resources and BBC Bitesize and the National Oak Academy other good websites.

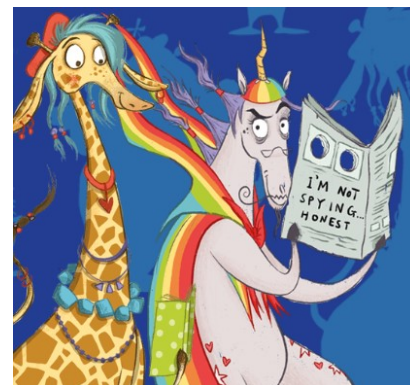
The Department for Education mentioned children coming back before the end of the term. This cannot happen with the current School Provision and so once we have heard from the Public Briefing this evening, I hope we will have a little more clarity to respond and plan from.

Of course we will share any changes to School Provision with as soon as we possibly can.

Summer Reading News

The annual Summer Reading Challenge for four to 11 year olds is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries. Normally the challenge would run in Wiltshire libraries for eight weeks from mid July to early September, unfortunately this year we are unable to do this due to uncertainty around library openings and the services we can safely offer to the public. We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

We are pleased to say, however, that The Reading Agency is running this year's [Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge](#) as a digital challenge from June until September.



The digital challenge platform includes a safe sign-up process, a personal profile area where children can set reading goals, review books, view book recommendations and access guides to e-lending. There is also a forum to chat to friends, play games, download and print activities, as well as family activities with rewards and unlockable content to keep children and families engaged throughout the summer months. The platform is free for children and families.

To support this challenge we are planning on setting up a **Book Table** outside the school gates on **Monday 10th July** so that children can replenish their book shelves at home. These are books that we have been 'sorting out' in classrooms and so when finished with please pass them on or donate to charity.

Planning for September

We are now looking at the school environment and planning for the new academic year. As such we would like to return some of the beautiful **Stories in a Jar and Dioramas (Stories in a Box)** that are displayed in the school library. If your child has kindly loaned one to us, we would like to return it to them. As part of the home contact we will be trying to arrange a convenient time when we can safely get these back to you.

Classes will be physically moving rooms this year. This is to accommodate the numbers in each class.

If anyone has access any **packing boxes** that you would be happy to loan to us please can you contact Mrs Howe.

Many thanks!

School Uniform

Just a reminder to order any school uniform for September now, to be sure of receiving it on time. This can be done via the Information tab on our school website: www.langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk The 'Uniform' button will take you directly to the online store, where you will find lots of items for sale including some great quality coats, hats etc

Reception 2020 Parents: We will advise you of your child's school house this week, in case you want to purchase a PE bundle with a bag in their house colour.

Please can you ensure that all school uniform is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. Lost labelled uniform is far more likely to be reunited with its owner!

Online Resources—just in.



[Click here to get the free resources!](#) 



[Get creative with classical music at home.](#)

Church School Message from Katherine Bloomer

Have you seen 'The UK Blessing' on YouTube? Churches around the UK came together to sing a blessing over our country during the pandemic. It was uplifting, encouraging, and has brought hope to many. Other countries have also recorded the song – you might like to have a look at the one from South Africa and Singapore as well.



'Bless' is a funny word - we hear it a lot nowadays as an automatic response 'Aw, bless' or 'Bless you' when someone sneezes. People use it to wish others good fortune and happiness. The word 'bless' is used over 400 times in the Bible – but it has a very different meaning for Christians:

We are encouraged to BLESS God – this means giving God our praise and worship, speaking about who God is and what He does.

We are encouraged to ASK for God's blessing – asking for his kindness and favour in our lives. God's blessings are light, life, nourishment, and hope. We are asking for well being in every part of our lives – body, mind and spirit. 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

In Hebrew the word for bless is 'barak' and its symbol is an open hand – one that gives and receives. It is a 2-way action – because we are not to keep our blessings to ourselves. God's blessings should flow through us – we are to pass them on, so God's blessings are multiplied.

So how can YOU be a blessing to others? It's really easy – sharing a smile, lending a helping hand, being generous, making people feel welcome, helping people learn, inviting people to join in, encouraging people with a kind word. And for Christians, praying and sharing God's love. That reminds me of St Francis of Assis's words we sing in 'Make me a Channel of your peace':

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*One way of thinking about whether you are being a blessing is to ask the question:
Is the world a better place today because of me?*

As I finish, here are the words of this special blessing to encourage you & your family:

The Lord bless you and keep you (*May God be kind to you and protect you*)
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
(*May you know God is with you - smiling on you with pleasure*)
And be gracious to you. (*May God surround you with his loving kindness*)
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
(*May God watch over you and give you peace*)

Numbers 6: 24 – 26

