

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 3

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"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

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Election of Parent Governor

The following person has been nominated for election as a parent governor: **Mr Luke Matthews.**

As the number of those nominated does not exceed the number of vacancies, I declare Mr Luke Matthews duly appointed.

Mrs Karen Winterburn, Headteacher

Bag2 School—Save the Date

Our next collection is on **Wednesday 7th October.** If you have any bags of unwanted clothes that you can donate to raise school funds, please bring them to the front gate by 9am on this date. Please do not bring them to school earlier than this date, as we are not able to store them inside the school building.

Thank you.

News from our Classrooms

Hercules

Our children started full time yesterday—they may be a little tired by Friday afternoon (and so might the staff!) All the children are settling fantastically into new routines and making new friends.

Pegasus

Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about toys from the past and present. It was great to explore a box from the Resource Library last week that has lots of Victorian toys— hobby horse, skittles and skipping ropes. Pegasus realised even though these toys may be made from different materials, they are still favourites today.

Phoenix

Our Year 4 children are now in their third week of First Access violin lessons and are building on the foundations from where they left off before Lockdown in March. It is wonderful to hear music coming from the hall again after such a long time of quietness!

Chameleon

What an industrious class we have this year! The children have been busy developing persuasive writing skills linked to their topic on WW2. They have also just started reading 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo.

COVID Response

Thank you for your continued support in the school's response to these challenging times. I am pleased to share the news that all staff tests last week have returned negative and so we should be back to full complement in the next few days. Mrs Nathanson continues to be off school but we hope that she will be back with her class shortly.

What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

As a Church of England School, our vision and values are underpinned by the Bible. Having chosen our school vision and values in 2019, we thought about a Bible verse that would embody these and sum up what it means to be part of the Langley Fitzurse School family.

'Let us help each other to love others and do good' Hebrews 10:24

This comes from the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament, and it is thought the writer may have been Paul or Luke. It was written to a community of Christians who were finding it challenging to live their faith day by day. The letter is full of examples of faithful men and women to help inspire this church to persevere. Christians were not intended to live alone – they were made to be part of communities, offering each other mutual encouragement. Just as we work together in school to care for each other, so that we can become the confident and courageous people God wants us to be.

I love The Message version which says: *'Let us see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out'*. It's just like our motto 'Amaze, Excite, Inspire'!

'Let us' – reminds us that we need to be thoughtful and intentional in our actions. We consider, reflect and decide, because what we do makes a difference and has an effect on others.

'Help each other' – also means encourage or motivate. Some translations use the word 'spur' or 'provoke'. It's about learning and modelling ways of kindness and service, which helps build up and strengthen our school community and beyond.

What makes us a good church school is not rules or rituals, but knowing and trusting God's love, following the example of Jesus, and caring for each other with the support of the Holy Spirit – then we can all experience God's promise of *'Life in all its fullness'*.

Katherine Bloomer,

part of the Draycot Ministry Team and member of the Christian Distinctiveness Committee.

October Half Term Holiday Club in School

Grassroots Sports Academy, who run our Early Morning, After School, Football and Multi Skills Clubs, are holding an October Half Term Holiday Club at Langley Fitzurse School this year. Please find a booking form attached.