

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 6

Tuesday 13th October 2020

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

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A quick reminder that The PTA AGM will be taking place on **Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm**. The agenda was sent out on ParentMail today.

Here is the link you need:

You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting

Title: LF PTA AGM

Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Langley Fitzurse PTA



Harvest Service— 19th October

To continue to maintain our whole school community ethos, this year we will be holding a *whole school* harvest service in school on **Monday 19th October**. This will take place in the playground (fingers crossed for dry weather) where classes will present a Harvest offering to the whole school. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to invite parents to join us, which will be very sad.

The school are collecting donations of packet or tinned food for the Chippenham Doorway charity for the homeless.

Please bring donations into school by **Monday 19th October**—thank you for your generosity and kindness.

doorway
Moving on from Homelessness in North Wiltshire

Christmas Card Orders

Thank you so much for your support! We have had a 65% response rate, which is excellent, and will raise much needed funds for our PTA. We have been incredibly impressed by the gorgeous pictures, and have ordered a pack of each of these Year 6 designs to send as our school cards this year. Congratulations to Finley, Sophia G and Sophia W.

If you have not yet sent in your order, please bring it to the Office in the **morning**, as we are sending everything off tomorrow. We should receive the finished products by Mon 30 November.



A **Huge** Thank you

To our green fingered parents and supporters who have given their time so kindly, both during the school day and at weekends, to help us get on top of and make our school grounds the delight they are.

We often take for granted the things that we have around us but whole heartedly a huge thank you!

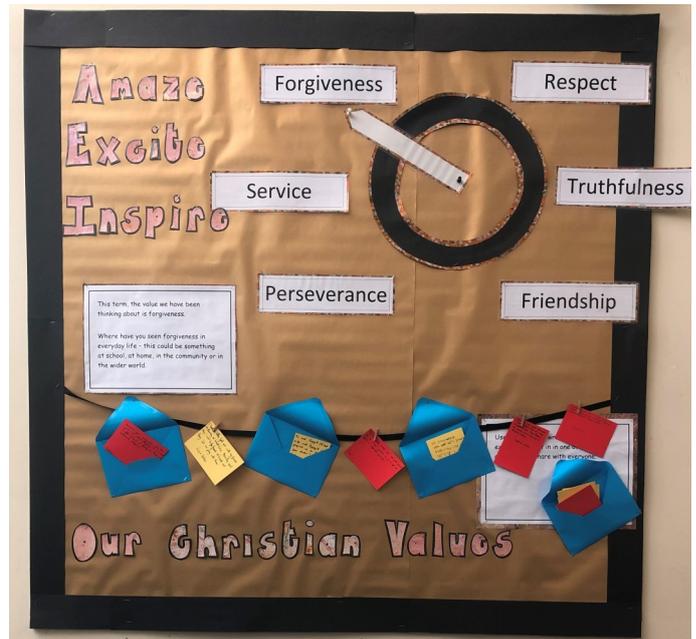
Our Christian Value for this term has been....Forgiveness

We have been exploring and reflecting on Forgiveness in our Class Worship. In the school foyer we have created our 'Values' display, and on this display we are asking children to recognise 'forgiveness' in everyday life. We have asked children to share their thoughts with the school community.

We would love for children to share their examples of forgiveness in everyday life beyond the school day. If you and your child would like to contribute to the display please send this in to school by email—a couple of lines to explain what they have observed or reflected upon or maybe a photograph or picture that captures a thought.

We will then add these to our display.

Thank you



School Library News!

Dear Parents,

Our School Library has now reopened! Pegasus and Chameleon Classes have already used the new electronic borrowing system—it has all been very exciting! Hercules Class will visit on the 15th October, followed by Phoenix Class on 19th October.

Following COVID Safe procedures, classes will be timetabled over a two week period to use the library and borrow books to take home. This will make it possible to have a 72 hour gap before another class uses the library.

We are very excited for the children to start exploring the new books and we are asking for your support in keeping books neat and in good order, as well as returning them when requested.

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to ask me or Mrs Whittock, who has put a lot of time and effort into creating an amazing space.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nathanson
English Subject Leader

Bag 2 School

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fundraising event. The PTA raised **£189** which will support learning experiences and opportunities for Langley children.

What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

As a Church of England School, we value the place of daily Collective Worship because it is a special time of day when the whole school comes together. Our worship is of a Christian nature in the Anglican (Church of England) tradition, with God and Jesus as the focus. However, we aim to be inclusive, offering opportunities for children of both a Christian and non-Christian background to take part in ways that are appropriate for them.

Collective worship offers pupils and adults opportunities for spiritual development and will include time for silence and reflection. Christian values are used as the basis of our termly worship themes. We explore what this value looks like 'in action' and the Bible stories relating to this value. Our worship time always includes time for prayer and/or reflection, and we enjoy singing hymns and songs. Parents, carers and families are invited to join our Celebration assemblies, as well as festival services throughout the year.

Collective worship is carefully planned, and we follow the cycle of the Christian year marking special days and celebrations. This time is led by different members of staff within the school, as well as visitors from St Peter's Church and the local community. This gives variety to appeal to different interests, ways of communicating, and interpretations of the Christian faith and how it is lived out.

A group of children from Key Stage 2 form our Worship Council. One of their roles is to help plan, lead and evaluate Collective Worship – this helps us keep improving. It is also monitored by the head teacher and governors, to help assess its impact.

Because of COVID we are not able to meet altogether, so our worship takes place in each classroom, and St Peter's Ministry team send us contributions. You can see what we have been up to by looking in the class scrapbook.

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