

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter



### Newsletter 5

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"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

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#### Bag 2 School

Our next collection is  
**TOMORROW!**

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.

#### #HelloYellow

At a time when it's needed most, come together for #HelloYellow to support young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day.



**Young Minds** is a charity which provides mental health support to children and their families. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Young Minds has organised a nationwide event called '**Hello Yellow**' where people are asked to wear yellow to raise awareness of mental health issues among children, and also to raise much needed funds to continue the invaluable services they provide.

As yellow is already part of our uniform, there is no need for us to dress up! On Friday, we will talk to the children about Young Minds and the important work they do. The events of 2020 have led to a significant increase in children reaching out for mental health support. As a school we would like to organise a sponsored fundraising event for Young Minds.

We will be asking the children for their ideas, inspired by Sir Tom Moore's 100 laps of his garden. What can we do 100 of? Watch this space to find out what the children choose to do!

More information about Young minds can be found here <https://youngminds.org.uk/>



A quick reminder that The PTA AGM will be taking place on **Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm**

You will be sent a link nearer the time. It's a great way to keep up to date with events and the fundraising that has taken place over the year. It also gives us a chance to discuss any plans for the year ahead! (Who knows what that will bring!) We won't be making any big plans...

The PTA is currently in need of some fresh faces to take on committee roles at the AGM. If you are good at leadership, organising, taking notes, numbers, or none of the above but full of ideas, then please don't be shy and step right up. You will be supported and offered guidance by longstanding members and trustees in your new highly rewarding role.

### **Langley Fitzurse PTA**

### **Parents' Evenings**

This term we have all been busy settling ourselves back into school and this new way of working.

During this term, your child's class teachers have been completing baseline assessments. These have been informal day-to-day assessments, the kinds of things that teachers do day in day out as part of their normal practice; but they will also be undertaking more formal assessments towards the end of this term.

We would like to share this information with you during Parent Teacher Meetings after half term.

This year they will look a little different. Teachers will be holding 10 minute telephone meetings rather than the usual face to face we have had in the past.

Hercules and Pegasus appointments will be arranged w/c 9th November and Phoenix and Chameleon w/c 16th November.

We will open online bookings shortly.

### **Individual School Photographs**

The School photographer will be taking individual photographs on **Monday 19th October**.

We are able to offer sibling photographs this year, this includes children younger than school age.

In order to be COVID safe and mitigate the spread of germs, the following protocols will be put in place:

- Photographs for siblings will take place before the school day at 8.30am
- Parent should enter the school grounds and make their way into the playground by the 'kitchen/playground' gate. A member of staff will be on duty to support with this.
- Families should wait outside in the playground until the photographer is ready for them. Hopefully the weather will be kind!
- Only one family will be allowed in the hall at one time. Children and adults should anti-bac hands and adults should wear masks.
- Seating will be wiped down in between sibling photographs.
- All families should socially distance whilst waiting .

For the rest of the school:

- Children will be taken to Cherry Hall in class bubbles.
- Seating will be wiped down in between class bubbles.
- Normal hand hygiene will operate on leaving and re-entering the classrooms.
- ***On this day, all children should come to school in their normal school uniform, regardless of whether their class has PE timetabled. Class teachers will plan appropriate PE activities to accommodate school uniform on this day.***

Thank you for helping us keep our school safe.



Don't forget to send your Christmas Card orders in by **Friday 9 October!**

## What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

As a Church of England School, in addition to Ofsted inspections, church schools also receive a denominational inspection - the Church of England's Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS), which assesses the effectiveness of Church of England schools as Church schools. This meets the requirements of section 48 of the Education Act 2005 and aims to make a significant contribution to the improvement of church schools.

Our SIAMS inspection is due sometime during this academic year, subject to COVID alterations. To prepare the inspector will look at the school website, policies and planning documents. It then usually involves a one day visit by an inspector, who will talk to pupils, parents, staff, governors and members of the church team. They will carry out a learning walk to explore physical evidence of the school's Christian character and observe collective worship and RE lessons.

Once upon a time, this was regarded as a tick list exercise to get through – often causing an increased workload for staff. The new style process is designed to help school leaders be intentional in what they do all the time. Decisions and actions start with 'Why are we doing it?', 'How are we doing it?' – and what is the impact. The inspection is about affirming what is of worth in the past and present, while supporting schools to work at transforming what is valuable but needs improvement.

The new SIAMS Evaluation schedule has one inspection question:

*How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?*

This is explored through 7 strands:

- Vision and leadership
- Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills
- Character Development: Hope, Aspiration and Courageous Advocacy
- Community and Living Well Together
- Dignity and Respect
- The impact of collective worship
- The effectiveness of religious education

One overall grade is awarded, reflecting the contribution of these strands to the flourishing of pupils **and adults** in a church school. In addition, a standalone grade is awarded in all schools for collective worship. In 2016 Langley Fitzurse was awarded 'Outstanding', however the grading system has changed, with 'Good' being the new gold standard and only a small proportion of schools gaining 'Excellent'. Whatever grade the school is awarded, we continue to be proud that we are an inclusive, friendly church school with a family feel. We know our purpose is to amaze, excite and inspire confident, happy, and resilient children so they can reach their full potential.

***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 note that the deadline for bookings is this Friday—**9 October!**

## School Open Morning—Saturday 17 October

Please spread the word! We are doing show rounds at 10am, 11am and 12 noon—pre-booking is essential on 01249 750 295.



## Street Dance Club Returns!

We are delighted to welcome back Di Prior of Xpression Street Dance. She will be running a Street Dance Club for boys and girls in Years 4-6 on Wednesdays from 3.15 to 4.00 pm starting on 14 October. She will be working on a new dance on the theme of 'Top of the Pops' ready for the 2021 Chippenham Dance Festival (and hopefully the Great Big Dance Off!). Look out for a registration form on ParentMail.

## School Library News!

Dear Parents,

As you might know, we spent a lot of time over the past months to get our library more up-to-date.

We had a good sort out of old books, reorganised the lay-out, stocked up with new books and catalogued all of the books digitally.

Despite COVID, we very much would like the children to make use of this exciting resource.

In order to make the borrowing of books COVID-safe, we have timetabled the classes to change books fortnightly. This will make it possible to have a 72 hour gap before another class uses the library.

We would like to start this Thursday with Pegasus Class, followed by Chameleon Class on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, Hercules Class on 15<sup>th</sup> October and Phoenix Class on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

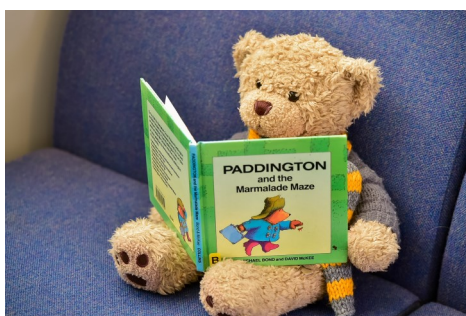
Pegasus Class then will be able to swap books on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Chameleon 2<sup>nd</sup> November, etc.

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**



## Important Message re 'Flu Immunisations from the VirginCare Team

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all of those who have completed a consent form for your child with regards to the Flu vaccine. If for any reason you need to change any information or consent **please do not complete a second form** alternatively please contact the team on 0300 247 0082 (09.00 – 16.00) or via. [VCL.Immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:VCL.Immunisations@nhs.net), where we can manually change any information and avoid any duplicates and errors. This is particularly important if you wish to decline the consent having already given a positive consent in which case we ask that you also inform your child's school that you have declined consent in order that they can inform the team when they attend on **Friday 13 November 2020**.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

**School Age Immunisations Team**  
**Virgin Care Services Limited**

## ASC and EMC

Stop Press! Our ASC is now **full** on Thursdays! If you need an ad hoc session on a Thursday, it is still worth ringing us though, in case we've had a cancellation. There are spaces on other afternoons though, and also at our EMC, which is a great help if you have to get to an early meeting. You can drop your child off from 7.45 am and get back with plenty of time to prepare for that Zoom call...



## FREE On Line HOLIDAY CLUB for October HALF TERM

You may remember The Big Story Club from Trevor Ranger was advertised over the school summer holidays. The sessions last about 30 minutes and are suitable for children aged 5—11 years old, however people of all ages usually enjoy Trevor's stories. For an introduction you can go onto YouTube and search for 'The Big Story Club - What is it?'

Sadly, the Draycot Group of Churches is not able to put on our annual Holiday Club during the October half term, however, Trevor has kindly made The Big Story Club available for everyone to access. You watch these videos you will need to use the following links:

Day 1 - <https://youtu.be/lmrpdQnrpXY>

Day 2 - <https://youtu.be/rll-zUo7iTk>

Day 3 - <https://youtu.be/VzHKDIHASv8>

Day 4 - <https://youtu.be/kCKrxzwmpSc>

Day 5 - <https://youtu.be/f7CmSGbbgm0>

*To find out more about Trevor's work please go to [www.synergytrust.org.uk](http://www.synergytrust.org.uk). The Synergy Christian Trust is a charity working with schools and churches to explore and share the Christian message across the West of England. If you feel able to support this charity at this difficult time, please contact the trust directly. Thank you.*