

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 9

Tuesday 10th November 2020

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Remembrance Service

The school will hold a Remembrance Service in the playground on Wednesday 11th November at 11am. Thank you to everyone who has supported the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.

Each class has created individual poppies from art materials and pebbles and these have been used to make a river of poppies displayed in the school library.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

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Langley Fitzurse Stanton St Quintin Federation Update

With today's Newsletter is a letter from Mr Ed Shire, the Chair of Governors for the Federation. Langley Fitzurse and Stanton St Quintin Primary Schools officially federated on 2nd November 2020.

We are very excited about the benefits this partnership will bring to our two schools!

'Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that these will take place in school on Friday.

Please click on the link which will take you to the Frequently Asked Questions Page of Virgin Care for more information about the vaccination.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon#faq>



Christmas Card Orders

Just a reminder to collect your Christmas Card orders from the School Office.

While you're in a festive mood, please see the Christmas Tree flyer attached!





With Christmas fast approaching it is time we think about putting together our '**CHRISTMAS HAMPER**'. This has always been an immensely popular event, and raises a lot of money for our school. Things will be a little different this year, but the concept is still the same.

For those of you that are new to the school; each Christmas we ask parents and carers for donations of festive food, bottles of wine, chocolates, donations from local businesses / anything Christmas orientated. This year we already have a Supersonic Dyson Hairdryer in the hamper (worth £300! Oooh!).

This year there will be **1 large hamper up for grabs!** In previous years, we have split the hampers into 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, but would prefer to keep handling of the items to a minimum. Any handling of items will be done with gloves on, and the hamper will be untouched in the 48 hours prior to collection.

Instead of raffle tickets, we sell dates from a calendar for this draw. These cost £3 each. Here's how to get the dates you want:

*Look out for a ParentMail message on **Monday 16 November**, which will ask you which dates you'd like. Most people choose dates such as birthdays, anniversaries etc. It's a good idea to give some alternative dates, as demand will be high! Mrs Howe will then confirm your dates, and send you a ParentPay link to pay the **£3** for each one.*

When the dates are all sold, a member of staff will draw the winning date!

What does the PTA need from you?

As of Monday 9th November, there will be a plastic box left by the big green gates every morning and afternoon. Please put your festive donations into the collection box.

Usually the Christmas Period is an extremely busy time for the PTA and under the current circumstances, it's more important than ever that we support the events that can happen.

We will still be funding Class Christmas presents, which will be delivered by Father Christmas, if government rules allow. These are chosen by class teachers.

Thank you to all those parents that came forward after the PTA plea to say that they would like to get more involved. It's very reassuring to know that there's an army of parents waiting in the wings, and I for one can not wait until we can start putting the fun back into our fundraising.

It's far too early to be wishing you all a merry you know what, but I do hope you all have a good term and stay safe and well!

Amy Tayler, Langley Fitzurse PTA

What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?



'Pay others the honour and respect you owe them' (Romans 13:7)

Term 2: Respect

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'RESPECT'. As a Church of England School, we believe that each person is created in the image of God and is loved by God. Therefore, every person is worthy of respect, whatever their religion, race, nationality, gender or status. Jesus paid special attention to the disadvantaged, excluded, and despised, and we seek to follow his example.

Week 1: Introduction & Home-School discussion

Discuss at home what we mean by the word 'Respect' before looking at the questions below:

Who do you respect? Why do they deserve it?

Why is self-respect important?

Respect is fundamental to living in a school or any community. It means you care enough to think about the feelings of others before you act. Respect means valuing everyone and everything - and celebrating our differences. We show respect when we say, 'Thank You', when we are kind to others, it makes people feel valued.

Week 2: Remembrance - '*Pay others the honour and respect you owe them*' (Romans 13:7)

This week many people will show their respect for those from the armed forces who have given their life serving their country in many wars. The act of remembering shows respect – we might wear a poppy, give money, find out about villagers who died, or take part in the 2-minute silence. St Peter's Church is inviting you to decorate a pebble for Remembrance and lay it at the war memorial.

It is also Interfaith Week and we will be thinking about valuing special places belonging to different religions. Everyone's faith is sacred.



PTA 50:50 Club

Thank you to all our 50:50 club members for your patience over lockdown. We drew the winners when we returned to school in September and then my cheque book ran out. I have now issued all the winnings to August congratulations to all who have received cheques recently.

The winners for September are 1st N Wraith and 2nd M Hunt.

The club's year end is September, and we donated £296 in the last year to the PTA.

If you are interested in joining the 50:50 Club please contact Christine Stables at school or email christinestables@btinternet.com

Best wishes

Christine



We will be starting Anti-Bullying Week the fun way, with Odd Socks Day, to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Please send your child into school on **Monday 16 November** in odd socks—the brighter the better!

Video Star Wanted!

Our Diocese is planning to film a special online Advent service for the 31 churches in North Wiltshire, and they'd like a child to light the first candle on the Advent wreath, with perhaps another child saying an Advent prayer (they will provide the words). Would your child be interested?

If so, please email admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk and we will inform Mrs Bloomer!