

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 10

Tuesday 17th November 2020

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Anti Bullying Week

This week is Anti Bullying Week. The theme for this is year is United Against Bullying. Yesterday children and staff wore odd socks to support and raise the profile of Anti Bullying. During the rest of the week, classes will be using Class Worship and learning time to explore the theme of this years campaign.



Church School Partnership Award

We are delighted to share the news that we have just been awarded the Church and School Award from Bristol Diocese.

The application was made just before the summer break, and comprised of 5 elements:

- Prayer and worship life
- Activities in church and school life:
- School and church buildings and outside spaces
- Service to the community;
- Overall impact.

Thank you to the school community—children, staff, governors, parents, the PCC and especially Katherine Bloomer for supporting the school in this application.

As part of the evidence gathering we created a Photo Album which we have attached with this newsletter.

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Fallen Tree

You may have noticed that last weekend one of the trees outside the school grounds fell I down in the strong winds.

The tree has now been made safe on the school side, and will be being removed, together with another nearby tree, in early December. There are a few logs that have been left under the copse, should anyone have an open fire/burner and would like to make use of them.

If you do collect these logs, please do this outside school pick up/drop off, and be careful as it is very slippery down there.!



Home Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who responded to the Home Learning Questionnaire. Parental feedback is so important in helping to set appropriate home learning tasks and understand the time available to support in these tasks. It will help us tremendously in the review of Home Learning at Langley Fitzurse.

Homework Questionnaire Summary (12/11/2020)

Amount of Home Learning
Support

Option	Percentage	Quantity
Up to 1 hour	21.9%	14
1-2 hours	21.9%	14
2-3 hours	28.1%	18
3-4 hours	6.3%	4
4 + hours	21.9%	14
Total		64

Time Spent of Home Learning

Option	Percentage	Quantity
Just right	65.6%	42
Too little	28.1%	18
Too much	6.3%	4
Total		64

Access to online Learning

Option	Percentage	Quantity
Yes	89.1%	57
No	10.9%	7
Total		64

As a school we believe:

- Home learning should support the learning happening in class.
- It will be a blended approach—online and paper based.
- It should not be set as a time filler .
- Should be sustainable—teachers are able to set appropriate home learning, but not to the detriment of planning and preparation of Teaching and Learning in class.
- There should be consistency in how and when Home Learning is set
- There is an expectation that children complete tasks to the best that they can.

What will happen next?

Teachers are currently writing a summary/class offer for their class' of what Home Learning tasks will be set on a weekly and/or term basis . This will then be shared with children and parents by the end of November.

Medical Needs Questionnaire

Many thanks to all who have replied to the medical needs information request. We do need 100% return so that we can ensure that the school records are up to date.

If you haven't don't so already, please reply via the ParentMail online form as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Christian Distinctiveness at Langley Fitzurse School

Week 3: Christian value – Bible stories & the teaching of Jesus

Valuing others as we would like to be valued - Anti bullying week

At Langley Fitzurse Church of England School, we explore our values through Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus. One of the important things that Jesus did was to break down social, cultural and religious barriers. **Read Luke 10:25–37. The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

This story from the Bible makes it clear that people (including those who are different from us) are equally valuable and that we should treat others with care and respect. Jesus told this story to illustrate what it means to keep one of God's commandments in the Bible: *Love your neighbour as you love yourself.* Luke 10:27(NCV).



Think about how you treat others – including those who aren't your friends or whom you don't like. You might like to share this prayer:

Dear God, help us to remember that everyone is important, that everyone has something to offer. Help us to remember that everyone deserves respect and to be treated with consideration, no matter what country or religion or background they are from. Help us to make the world a better place by treating everyone with courtesy, fairness and respect. Amen

'Flu Immunisation Update

If your child missed out on the 'flu immunisation on Friday, don't despair! A number of clinics are being arranged locally—please ring the SPA team on **0300 247 0082** to book an appointment.

Parking outside School

Please can you park considerately when picking up and dropping off your children at school. You should not park (or drive!) on the Commons or across anyone's drive. We realise that the recent road works in the village have been very frustrating, but we would be grateful if you could help us maintain our good relationship with our neighbours. Thank you!



Christmas in School

Christmas will be a bit different at school this year, but lots of things will still be happening, Including:

- Christmas Card exchange—cards should be brought in during wc Mon 7 December and will be distributed on Thursday 17 December
- Christmas Dinner—this will be taking place on **Thursday 17 December**
- Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children will take place on **Thursday 17 December** to coincide with our Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Hamper Raffle—an electronic form went out yesterday about this. Don't forget to reserve your dates—you could win a fantastic hamper of goodies, including a Dyson hairdryer worth £300. It's Christmas in a box!
- Rent a Christmas Tree and help the PTA at the same time! Our friends at Chippenham Pit-stop are once again running their Rent A Christmas Tree Scheme, and will give our PTA £5 for every tree rented—please see the attached flyer and voucher. Chippenham Pit Stop are also donating one of their lovely living trees to school, and this year it will stand in the foyer so that everyone can enjoy it.
- Father Christmas may not be able to visit school this year, due to quarantine restrictions on visitors from the North Pole, but he has already arranged a lovely gift for each class!

Lost Property

These items have recently arrived in the School Office. Are they yours?

