# **Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School**



# Newsletter

# THE PARTY OF

## Newsletter 11

Tuesday 24th November 2020 "Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

# Is it Week 4 already?

I cannot believe how quickly the term is going, and that we are almost half way through! It is a time where we are all in full flow of topics and class learning, yet planning for the Christmas activities that will be upon us before we know it!

This week the school has taken part in a Fire Evacuation practice. We hold these every term so that should there be a need, children and staff are well prepared in evacuating the school grounds safely and effectively. Yesterday we held practice during the lunch break so that we could test the robustness of our procedures at a time outside the normal class learning. As expected, everyone was calm, followed directions and gathered in silent class lines at the assembly point—all within 3 minutes.

This weekend, Mrs Howe will be visiting Chippeham Pit Stp to choose the living Christmas Tree for the school (and she is very excited!); next week, classes will be making beautiful decorations for it.

Each class will be creating a Christmas message that we will be sharing across the school and sending home. In order for us to do this, we will be sending you an updated *photo/video* permission consent form to complete. Look out for this on ParentMail later this week, and please complete the online form as soon as possible.

There has been a lot of information shared since the beginning of September, and I very much appreciate your support, feedback and partnership in working towards the very best education for our children.

#### Karen Winterburn

#### In this week's Newsletter

- Is it Week 4 already? Term 2 Update
- Parking outside School—thank you!
- Advent
- Home Learning and Remote Learning
- Christian Distinctiveness in School
- PTA—Christmas Hamper Raffle

# Parking outside School—thank you!

Thank you for your consideration when picking up and dropping off your children at school.

Whilst the number of vehicles has not reduced, traffic outside school at the beginning and end of the day has felt calmer this week. Much of the road works has been completed and this has also helped.

Just a reminder that we shouldn't be parking or driving on the Commons or across anyone's drive.

#### **Advent**

Advent begins this Sunday, 29th November. At Langley, the Advent Wreath candle/s will be lit by the class teacher during class worship. Thank you to Azzi Spragg for making our beautiful Advent Wreath this year.

# **Home Learning & Remote Learning**

#### **Home Learning**

This week Home Learning letters have been sent home via ParentMail. The letters outline the Home Learning tasks that will be set for each class. We have planned for a blended approach of online and paper based age appropriate activities, that support and reinforce the learning taking place in classes.

If children do not have access to online resources, please speak to your child's class teacher so that alternative tasks can be discussed.

## Remote Learning—for school/bubble closure or self isolation.

We have also been working behind the scenes to prepare for Remote Learning, in case an individual or class bubble needs to self isolate.

For Remote Learning, class teachers will be using their Class Pages, SeeSaw or Tapestry. There will be some SeeSaw accounts that will need to be set up, so if you receive an email requesting set up information please reply to this. Thank you

# **Christian Distinctiveness at Langley Fitzurse School**

#### Week 4: Respect at Home

It is important to respect our built environment as well as the natural world we live in. Go on a family walk in your village or town. Look around for signs that people respect the places where they live by looking after property and public spaces:

Can you see any graffiti?

Do dog owners clean up after their dogs?

Do you notice litter anywhere?

Write to your local council to let them know the results and ask for action where needed. You might like to plan a Litter Pick to show your respect for God's Creation.





# **PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle**

A big thank you to everyone who has completed the online form—we have sold 209 dates so far!! This means that there are 157 still available, so if you haven't got yours yet, there is still time! You can still use the online form, or email admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk to let Mrs Howe know which dates you'd like. We would appreciate it if you could pay promptly online for your dates, which are £3 each.

Please spread the word to your extended family and neighbours—this is an opportunity to raise over £1,000 for the PTA at a time when other fundraising opportunities are very limited. The hamper will be spectacular—don't forget it includes a £300 Dyson hairdryer! Christmas sorted!