

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Tuesday 2nd February 2021

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

TD Day- 22nd February 2021

To support the parents of critical workers, the training day planned for Monday 22nd February has been postponed.

The school will now be open on Monday 22nd February for the children of critical workers, and pupils learning at home will receive home learning for that day. The new date for the training will be confirmed shortly .

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Hello everyone—children and parents, older siblings and younger ones too!

We are missing everyone being in school and can't wait for a time when we can all be together.

Sadly this looks like it will be longer than we had hoped for. However, I hope over the coming weeks we will be able to enable to make use of technology to have more face to face contact with the children.

This week there will be two newsletters—this one plus one specifically related to Remote Learning!

Staff Testing—Lateral Flow Testing

All staff have begun bi-weekly testing. If a positive case is reported, we will inform you via ParentMail email of any bubbles closures.

We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible but staff are required to take tests as close to being in school as possible.

We have asked staff to test the night before in order to give you as much notice as possible of potential closures.

Mill on the Brue Update

We are sorry to announce that we have had to cancel our proposed activity for Chameleon Class on Monday 22 March, due to the continued uncertainty around Covid-19. We will be refunding the deposits paid for the cancelled residential visit very shortly.

Christingle During Lockdown

Candlemas and Christingle

On the 2nd February Christians celebrate the feast of Candlemas. It is a pivotal moment in the Church year as we mark the end of the Christmas season, when we have been celebrating Jesus, born as a human baby. Now we turn towards Lent and Easter, thinking about Jesus having grown up, dying on a cross and coming to life again as the risen Lord.



Candlemas used to be the time of year when people would bring their candles to church and ask for God's blessing. It's a time to give thanks for light, hope and the approach of spring. Jesus said he was the Light of the World: like a torch to show us the way to go; like a nightlight to bring comfort and hope; like birthday candles which brings joy into our lives.

Christians are called to shine God's light into our world – we do this by loving and caring for each other. At this time of year, we raise money for The Children's Society, a charity which empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope.

Next week, as part of our learning at home and school we will be making Christingles. This is advanced warning for gathering things at home: you will need an orange, some red ribbon or tape, a candle, 4 cocktail/small sticks, a piece of foil and some sweets—jelly tots, raisins—things to put on your sticks.

Our Christingle Service is always a big highlight of the school year, so we are delighted to announce that it will be going ahead remotely on **Wednesday 10th February** at 5.30pm. It will be led by Rev Mark Siddal, and we will send you a Zoom link nearer the time, along with instructions on how to make your Christingle!

Message from the School Nursing Team

The National Child measurement programme (NCMP) and the New Entry Health Review (NEHR) (Hearing/Vision checks) that usually take place in school every year, for Year 6 and Reception aged children has been put on hold due to COVID 19.

Depending on the current situation we aim to post out the letters and questionnaires for the above programme before the February half term.

Parents

If you are concerned about their child's hearing, you should contact their GP for advice. Also all children should have a regular eye test at their local opticians. They are welcome to contact Virgin Care by phone on 0300 247 0090 or email vcl.wiltshirespa@nhs.net if they require any advice or support.



Our next Bag2School collection is on **Tuesday 2 March**. If you've been having a clearout during lockdown, this is a great opportunity to get rid of those old clothes and soft toys, and make money for school at the same time!

If your child is not in school at the moment, just drop off a bag or two whenever you're passing and we'll store them until 2 March—thank you!

Christian Distinctiveness in School

Term 3: TRUTHFULNESS

This term the school value we have be focusing on is 'TRUTHFULNESS'. As a Church of England School, we believe that truthfulness is important because it is one of God's attributes, which is why we can trust God's promises to us. God highly values truthfulness: *'The Lord hates cheats but delights in honesty'* (Proverbs 11 v 1) and Psalm 85 v 10 says, *'Love and truth belong to God's people.'*

Christian value – Bible stories & the teaching of Jesus

At Langley Fitzurse Church of England School, we explore our values through Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus.

Read Luke 19: 1 - 10 Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

When we have done something wrong it can be hard to tell the truth. We might be tempted to lie so we don't get into trouble or disappoint other people. But lying always hurts us and separates us from the people we love. Zacchaeus felt God's love and forgiveness. Meeting Jesus changed his heart. He wanted to make things right with everyone he had cheated.

Why didn't people like Zacchaeus?

How did Jesus treat him?

How did Zacchaeus change after meeting Jesus?

Why is honesty important in our relationships with other people?

'Dear children, let's not just say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.'

1 John 3 v 18



This week is Children's Mental Health Week.

This year's theme is called Express Yourself—whether this through singing, music, dance art, drama, poetry or some other way.

We would love to create a montage display board in the foyer of the school and ask that children and parents send in photographs of themselves taking part in any of these activities.

Please send these photos to Mrs Howe in the office so that we can start creating a Langley montage ready for when we are all back together in school.

There are some excellent resources to support schools, children, parents and carers in these challenging times. Please click on the link for more information. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>