



Newsletter



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Tuesday 6th February 2018

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”



Congratulations to Leon, Paige, George S, Alice, Charlie H, Henry M for getting Headteacher's awards this week!

Values

This week our value in focus is Respect. Thank you to all those who joined us for Christingle at church yesterday and to Mrs Bloomer for helping our children prepare for the service.

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules – Reception	Addition, 2-D Shapes	'Penguin Small' story
Hercules – Year 1	Ordering numbers, 1 or 10 more, 1 or 10 less	'Penguin Small' story. Penguin facts & creative writing
Hercules – Letters & Sounds - Reception	Ph, oa, ar, ight and words: my, for, too	
Hercules – Letters & Sounds - Year 1	Ph, ur, ow, ear and words: you, this, that	
Pegasus	Word problems, plus giving change	Poetry
Phoenix Years 3+4	Angles	Combining action and description
Chameleon Years 5 + Yr 6	Revision	Explanatory text linked to science and history

Mrs Vousden is Leaving

Message from Mr David Bloomer, Chair of Governors

With regret I have to tell you that Mrs Vousden will not be extending her 18 month contract, and will therefore be leaving us at before the start of the next academic year. She wishes to focus exclusively on Lea and Garsdon, which is to grow dramatically in size over the next couple of years, presenting her with significant challenges. The Board of Governors wish to thank her at this stage for her hard work to date.

The Governors are immediately addressing the need to replace Mrs Vousden, and considering options to achieve that in the best interests of the school and its pupils. We will let you know more as these plans progress.

A Change from September 2018 – a note from Mrs Vousden

After much consideration, I have decided that I will re-join Lea and Garsdon CE Primary School full time from next September and will not continue as Headteacher at Langley Fitzurse CE Primary School after the summer break. I have really enjoyed working with two schools at the same time, it's offered fantastic professional development opportunities for the staff and I have learned lots from the people I have worked with. However, I have decided not to look to extend this opportunity, as Lea and Garsdon has a busy period of growth and expansion ahead and I want to be able to give my full time and attention to the growing numbers of children attending this school and to the building project ahead.

I would like to thank the governors of both schools for giving me this opportunity, the staff for their support and for taking on additional roles and responsibilities to ensure both schools thrived during this period, in particular Mr Osler for doing a sterling job while stepping up to the role of Assistant Headteacher. I would also like to thank the children of both schools who have been warm, welcoming and enthusiastic whenever I have had the opportunity to be with them. I will miss the children at Langley Fitz very much.

The governors will be looking at a range of options for Langley Fitzurse CE Primary School going forward and will let you know their plan as soon as possible.

What will Mrs Vousden be up to this week?

This week Mrs Vousden will be with us all day Monday, Thursday morning and Friday.

Congratulations to Pegasus Class for taking part in yesterday's Dance Festival

This was an amazing event for our young children to be part of and they should be very proud of their performance. As ever their behaviour was exemplary and they were a real asset to the school. WELL DONE PEGASUS!

Violin Assembly TODAY!

Well done to our Y4 violinists who have learned so much over the year and a big thank you to them and our older violinists for performing this morning. Keep up the good work everyone.

Is your child entitled to extra funding?

Please see the attached form. If you think you might qualify, please complete it and return it to the School Office

EVENTS

Non-Uniform Day for Vivian, our sponsored child, on Fri 9 February

We have been sponsoring Ghanaian child, Vivian, for a number of years now, and get regular updates on her progress. This year, we thought it would be fun to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for her. The theme is 'Dress in the colours of the Ghanaian flag' (as shown below), and the suggested donation is £1. We know that some people do not like to dress up, so there is also an option to 'dress down' in your non school clothes if you prefer. Just remember to bring along your £1 for Vivian. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.



Kington Langley Pancake Races – Saturday 10 February

This is always great fun – when do you ever get a chance to hurtle down Church Lane, tossing a pancake as you go?! Meet at the St Peter's end of Church Lane at 12 noon on Saturday. You will need a pancake, pan and £1 per participant.

TD Day – Monday 19 February

Just a reminder that we return from Half Term on **Tuesday 20 February**. Have a great holiday!

Parent Teacher Meetings

We will be holding meetings for class teachers and parents on Tuesday 27th February from 3.20 until 7.30pm and Thursday 1st March from 3.20 until 5pm. We will be sharing your child's mid year report with you at this meeting and we hope that all children will have an adult representing them. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

World Book Day – Thursday 1 March

We have lots of exciting things planned for this year's World Book Day, including an author visit! The theme will be Peter Pan, and children (and staff!) are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite character from that story. Watch out for a menu for Mrs Sawyer's special Peter Pan lunch!

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is on 2pm on Wednesday 21 February. Please also note that our next Bag2School collection is on Tuesday 27 February – perfect for a good clear out over half term!

Amy Tayler

PTA Chair

Paper Letters sent out this Week - none but expect the Peter Pan menu and Bag2School bag later this week.

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Fri 9 February	Non-Uniform Day – dress in the colours of the Ghanaian Flag – suggested donation £1 towards our sponsored child
	Break up for Half Term
Sat 10 February	Kington Langley Pancake Races, Church Lane, 12 noon – bring a pancake & a pan
Mon 19 February	TD Day
Tue 20 February	Back to School for Term 4
Wed 21 February	PTA Meeting, 2pm St Peter's Green Room
Thu 22 February	Thinking Day – children who are Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides or Scouts can come to school in that uniform if they want to

	Pegasus Sharing Assembly, 2.30 pm
Fri 23 February	Netball Tournament at Hardenhuish School
Tue 27 th February	Bag2School
	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-7.30pm
Wed 28 February	Whole School Lindy Hop Workshop
Thu 1 st March	World Book Day – Peter Pan theme
	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-5.30pm
Mon 5 March	Pegasus Cake Monday

We are continually looking at ways to improve and develop the school. If you have any ideas please let us know and we will see if we can incorporate them into our plans for improvement.