

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 5

5th June 2023

Dear Parents

This is a rather belated end of Term 5 Round Up which I have linked with a 'welcome back' to Term 6 – the last term of the academic year, but always a very busy one! A time for reflecting on the progress and celebrating achievements your child has made throughout the year, and a time to prepare for 'moving on' in readiness for September.

The end of term 5 came around so quickly. Thank you to the PTA and our Year 6's for organising and running the stalls for our May Fair. Also to the school community for supporting the fundraising event. A special mention goes to the Maypole Team for their resilience when the display was rained off at the Fair, and for their fantastic performance (Take 2) at the end of term and at the Chippenham Folk Festival.

Congratulations to our Year 5 children who took part in an art competition last term. The exhibition of the art takes place Wednesday 7th June at the Neeld Hall and our Year 5 children will be visiting to see their work exhibited.

Term 5 Class Round Ups and Term 6 Curriculum Maps will be available on the Class Pages of our new website by the end of this week.

As mentioned last term, the focus for this term across the school is writing. Today we held our Writing Workshop for parents. Thank you for those who were able to juggle diaries to join us. We hope you found the session helpful.

We have received our first entry for the Blue Peter Writing Challenge and hope that by the end of the term we will have many more pieces to submit. A reminder of this challenge can be found later in this newsletter.

We continue to develop our work on Spirituality and have reflected on the work we have already done. The things that stand out at Langley Fitzurse as important in nurturing individual spirituality are:

- * Importance of music (Beauty and Beyond)
- * Field and Forest (Beauty)
- * Buddies (Others)
- * Opportunities for reflection (Self and beyond)
- * Courageous advocacy (Others)
- * RSHE (Self)
- * Art (Beauty)

If anyone has small windows or doors in their garages/shed and could donate to the school we would be very grateful.

This term our school Value is Service, we will be exploring this in our classes and in Collective Worship.

Any finally...

There will be some changes to staffing next school year. Mrs Webster will be leaving us at the end of this school year. She is taking time out from teaching to pursue an alternative career path. We have been so lucky that Mrs Webster has been a huge part of the Langley school community and supported so many of our pupils, staff and past pupils. We wish her all the best.

We are now recruiting for a Key 2 teacher for September and once this process has been completed we will be able to share the class organisation for KS2 with parents.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

Important dates for your diary:

6th June	Writing Workshop for Parents
7th June	Phoenix Class trip to Sevington Victorian School
8th June	Chameleon Class Trip to Sevington
9th June	Chameleon Term 6 Swimming begins
W/C 12th June	DT Week—whole school.
13th-19th June	Scholastic Book Fayre
16th June	Field and Forest Term 6 begins
17th-18th June	Kington Langley Scarecrows Festival
17th June	Maypole Team Performance
19th-23rd June	National Sports Week
20th June	Key Stage 2 children to Malmesbury Abbey—Life Path
21st June	Y6 Chippenham Games—Stanley Park
22nd June	Langley Fitzurse Sports Day—led by our Sports Leaders and with special dance performances. All welcome from 9.30am on the Village Playing Field.
27th June	Music Concert—Village Hall
28th June	KS2 Proudly Presents Pirates of the Curry Bean—2 performances Ticket only!
29th June	Wiltshire Ambulance Workshops—whole school
29th June	I can I am Assembly— 2.45pm All welcome
30th June	I can I am Bus visiting Langley Fitzurse—workshops for Key Stage 2
5th July	First Aid session for Chameleon Class
6th July	KS1 to visit Bromham Farm Cookery School
7th July	Phoenix Class to visit St Peters Church
14th July	Y6 Sheldon Turnaround Week
14th July	Moving Up morning for Reception—Y5 children
14th July	Y6 Hardenhuish Induction Day
18th July	KS2 Swimming Gala *
20th July	Y6 Leavers' Service *
21st July	End of Term

* Year 6 children who are going to Sheldon are able to attend Langley Fitzurse events, this has been confirmed with Sheldon School.

1st September	Teacher Training Day—change to previously shared information.
3rd September	Back to School with God Service at St Peters, followed by refreshments at school
4th September	Children return to school for beginning of Term 1.

Spirituality at Langley Fitzurse

This year one of our areas of school development within the Christian Distinctiveness of our school has been developing Spirituality.

For some, spiritual development is about the development of a relationship with God, while for others it is about the development of the human spirit, and for others, a continual quest after truth. For all, it is vital for spiritual development that children and adults alike are allowed space to develop their own faith, beliefs and values.

As a schools we can provide children with openings for spiritual development in three vital ways:

Windows

Giving children opportunities to become aware of the world in new ways; to **wonder** about life's 'Wows' (things that are amazing) and 'Ows' (things that bring us up short). In this, children are learning about life in all its fullness.



Mirrors

Giving children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to **meditate** on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers. In this they are learning from life by exploring their own insights and perspectives and those of others.



Doors

Giving children opportunity to respond to all of this; to do something creative as a means of expressing, applying and further developing their thoughts and convictions. In this they are learning to live by putting into action what they are coming to believe and value.



Earlier in the school year the staff took part in Spirituality core professional development. This has led to opportunities to incorporate spirituality being explicitly incorporated into class long term and medium term planning. A Spirituality policy is currently being written and will be shared with the school community shortly.

A further aspect of this work has been the developing of a reflection/spirituality area within the playground.

If there are any parents or family who enjoy wood work and have some spare time, we would love for you to help us.

We are looking for ...

wooden windows, without the glass, these can be in the frame so that they can be opened or not

Small wooden doors—maybe from cupboards again within their frame or not.

These may be items you may have stored away in garages or hidden in sheds!

We would like to be able to install these within our area together with child friendly outdoor mirrors and seating. Our climbing plants are now climbing and the children are enjoying watering and looking after them!

As part of our school priorities this year, we have been focussing on writing in our classes. As we move into the last term of the academic year, we would like to link this writing focus with the Blue Peter Badge Challenge.



We would like **all** children over Term 6 to write and submit a piece of writing that will earn them a 'Blue' Blue Peter badge.

Apply for a Blue badge

The Blue badge is the most iconic badge in the UK! We can't be entirely sure how many have been awarded since launching in 1963, but the number is in the millions.

Blue badges are awarded for sending in interesting **letters, stories, poems, good ideas for the programme.**

Once you've got a Blue badge you can apply for a Silver badge, see below for details.

The new Silver badge

The new Silver badge celebrates **kindness and doing something for others.** You could be **doing something to make a difference in your community, speaking up for what you believe in, or helping a friend.** This links with next terms **Value of Service.**

Again by children writing about the things they have been doing they are writing for a purpose and an audience and practicing their writing.

The following link shows how children can apply for the badges, but we are more than happy to help with this once your child has completed their piece of writing at home. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-badge-help-question-and-answer>

Values in Action

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'SERVICE'.

Service means doing something for the benefit of others. Christians believe that serving God means serving others; and Jesus, the Servant King, is our role model.

Our school Bible verse is: 'Let us help each other to love others and do good'
Hebrews 10:24

We AMAZE, EXCITE and INSPIRE each other to find ways of putting that love into action by serving each other at home, in school and in the wider community. Langley Fitzurse School has a great track record of fund raising and volunteering - how do you get involved?

'Serve one another in love' Galatians 5:13'

