

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



Newsletter 2

Friday 3rd November

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Welcome back to the second term of the academic year and what is traditionally a very busy one. It was wonderful on Monday to see our Key Stage 2 children taking part in a special Anglo Saxon day to launch their topic and for Key Stage 1 and early years linking geography and history skills to guide their topic over the coming months. All curriculum maps and end of Term 1 newsletters are now on the class pages of the school website.

A focus on writing continues as a school priority at Langley Fitzurse and linking this to quality fiction and non fiction text supports and brings purpose to our writing. Last term the whole school started the year using the non-fiction book Stargazing by Anna Claybourne as a stimulus. From this, the children created fantastic art work for the Art Exhibition held at the end of term. Thank you to our Year 6 children for being excellent guides at this event and to our the PTA for their support. Please visit our school Facebook page for more information and exhibits. We hope too as the nights draw in, in the next few weeks children will be able to take part in a spot of stargazing. There will be a strict booking system for this which will come through Parentmail.



We read the story The Fox and the Star. The story talks about the friendship between Fox and Star and with friendship being last term's value, and it was a perfect way to explore not only the writer's style but also reflect on this value.

This term's value is Respect. Whilst this will help us when thinking about Remembrance, we will also look at stories from the bible together with wider world views.

With this newsletter we have tried to include as many dates as possible for the coming term so that parents have as much notice as possible. There will be times where planned activities need to be changed and so Friday 'What's On' will give a view of the week ahead with any changes.

And finally, as the seasons change and you may be doing a little sort-out, we have arranged for a Bags2School collection for Wednesday 22nd November. Bags2School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be reused. They collect the following items for reuse:- adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtain and towels. If you are having a sort-out and would like to donate, please bring bagged items to school on the 22nd November before 9am. Unfortunately, we cannot accept them before this day as we have nowhere to store bags.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn



'Pay others the honour and respect you owe them' (Romans 13:7)

Term 2: Respect

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'RESPECT'. As a Church of England School, we believe that each person is created in the image of God and is loved by God. So, Christians believe that we should love and value everyone just as God does. Respect is fundamental to living in a school or any community. It means you care enough to think about the feelings of others before you act – it is about tolerance, patience and caring. Respect **means valuing everyone and everything - and celebrating our differences.**

I wonder what BIG Questions you have about RESPECT? Here are a couple to get you started as you chat at home and explore this term's value in action:

[How do I learn the respect of others?](#)

Should you give respect to people who haven't earned it?

On the 3rd of December Christians start the season of Advent, as we wait and prepare for Christmas. Pupils will be exploring the Advent themes of Love, Joy, Peace and Hope, all linked with the person of Jesus.

Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa

A Drive in Standards

At Langley Fitz, behaviour has never really been a concern, but there are always things to work on and improve in every educational setting. Behaviour in schools can be thought about in two forms: conduct behaviour and learning behaviour.

Conduct behaviour relates to following general instructions given by the adults, remembering expectations while moving around the school, the ways that the children interact respectfully with each other and the adults in and out of the classroom. From this term, we are raising our school expectations in the ways that children line up at the end of break and lunchtime, and the ways they are during collective worship. We expect silence when lining up and when children enter and leave the school hall for worship. This makes for a swifter and more settled start to the proceedings.

Learning behaviour centres on how the children approach their own learning during lessons. While we recognise and understand that this is more tricky for some children, we expect all pupils to be focussed on the tasks at all times during lessons—at an age-appropriate level. We encourage and expect them to be proactive, resourceful and resilient in everything they do. Adults focus on putting support in place to foster and maintain these expectations for all pupils.

We want the children of our school —your children— to have the most productive and positive primary school experience that we can offer, and I know that all the children can rise to these expectations.

Our school rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe reinforce these expectations across all moments of the children's school day, and I am now working with the school council on ideas to make this happen in the best ways for the benefit of all.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Osler

Term 2 dates at a glance:

NOVEMBER

- Friday 3rd School Photos (please wear school uniform. Chameleon and Phoenix to bring in PE kit to change into)
- Friday 10th Hercules and Pegasus Field and Forest starts
- Mon 13th – Fri 24th Switch off fortnight
- Mon 13th – Fri 17th Anti Bullying Week
- Wednesday 15th Hercules, Pegasus and Phoenix drama workshop (in school)
- Wednesday 15th Stargazing (sessions available for all families to book, please see ParentMail for more information)
- Thursday 16th Stargazing (sessions available for all families to book, please see ParentMail for more information)
- Friday 17th Children in Need
- Wednesday 22nd Bags2School
- Friday 24th Yr1,2&3 Girls to Abbeyfield for Football Event

DECEMBER

- Friday 1st Reception and Year 1 to Abbeyfield for Christmas Multi-Skills event
- Tuesday 5th Police visit to talk about 'Safety around Dogs'
- Wednesday 6th Christmas jumper day and school Christmas lunch. **Please make sure you have ordered a Christmas lunch for your child via the Sue brady website** ([School Meals - Place an Order \(suebradycatering.com\)](http://SchoolMeals-PlaceanOrder(suebradycatering.com))) for further information please see ParentMail sent 17th October

Friday 8th Year 3&4 Christmas fun run event at Hardenhuish

Monday 11th KS1 Dress rehearsal – please bring costumes into school in a names bag

Tuesday 12th Year 5&6 to attend ‘A Christmas Carol’ production at Sheldon School AM

13th/14th KS1 Nativity Performance @ 2.15pm

13th / 14th KS1 Nativity Evening performance. Children to arrive @ 5.15pm in costume, ready for a 5.30pm start

Wednesday 20th Christmas Service at St Peters @ 9.15am all welcome, followed by Christmas celebration day in school. We will be hosting carols in school in the afternoon. We would love parents to join us in Cherry Hall from 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th End of Term 2