

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School

Newsletter



Newsletter 4

Thursday 28th March

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents

As we draw to the close of what has been another very busy term at Langley Fitzurse, I wish to thank you for your support working in partnership to ensure the best possible primary school experience for your child/ren. With World Book Day and hosting the Travelling Book Fayre in school—books have been a great stimulus within our curriculum. Support for the book fayre was tremendous, £722.54 worth of books were sold, earning a fantastic £289.02 of commission for the school. Watch out for new books in our library and classrooms soon!



This term has been one of many illnesses, for both for children and staff. There doesn't seem to have been the cold snap to kill off the bugs and so these have been passed around the classes and families! We have reminded children about Catch It, Bin it Kill it and the importance of good hand hygiene in order to mitigate the spread of infection. I hope the two week Easter break will provide the break to reduce further spread.

Once again we have been focusing on academic outcomes—reading, writing, maths, phonics this term. This will of course continue into the summer term. Whilst Easter is a time to recharge and relax, I also ask that time is spent practice the core skills that they have been developing in class— little and often practise will support your child to reinforce and build on prior knowledge and learning from day 1 when we return for the Summer Term. This is for all children, as in every year, we are preparing our children for the next steps in their learning— our Reception children for Year 1, our Year 1 children for Year 2 and so on.

Your inbox will have been pinged earlier today with a parent survey. This forms part of our evaluative school improvement process. You may remember that this time last year we sought parental view on Langley Fitzurse as a Church School. It would be most appreciated if you could complete this survey. The open text boxes are particularly helpful to us. Following analysis of the responses, we will share with the school community.

A request from Ms Cox, please make sure that you have booked school lunches if you are ordering through SBC. Also book wrap around care—early morning and after school, together with dance and football clubs in plenty of time. Clubs have been well supports



Langley Fitzurse CofE Primary School Governor Update

The school has been a central part of the village since its construction in 1856. It is an important feature of the village and has always been supported by the village communities. I wanted to explain how some of these groups help the school and to thank them.

People may not know what the governors' role is in support of the school. I certainly didn't know before I joined. Governors are volunteers, they donate their time and professional skills to the school to challenge and support the school teams. We appoint the headteacher and hold them to account for the educational performance of the schools. We set the strategic direction of the schools and make key decisions that affect how the school is run. We oversee the financial performance of the school ensuring its money is well spent to improve outcomes for children. You may see us observing lessons, performing health and safety walks, investigating new projects or listening to the concerns of the staff and parents. It is a wonderful way to use your skills to improve the school and support the village. Thank you to all of our governors for volunteering their time to support the school.

This term, our PTA arranged a music quiz with the wonderful Steve and Liz Howe from Crowzone Radio (and organisers of Scarecrows). It took place in the village hall and was packed with entrants, who all enjoyed the food kindly provided by many of the parents. The quiz, bar and raffle were a great success and raised money for First Access Violins, meaning that children at the school will all get a chance to learn the violin. I was very pleased to be part of the team named after the school, the Langley Hitz.



I'd like to thank the PTA for all their great fundraising efforts and support to the school. They are a vital part of the school, and also help the parents to have a voice on any issues. If you are interested in joining the PTA or just finding out more, you can contact Kat at ptachair@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk

I'd also like to thank the many volunteers who support the school by giving their time in other ways – whether this is joining in with sports and clubs, coming on trips or listening to the children read. It is greatly appreciated.

We hope everyone has a great Easter break term.



***Just as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you must also forgive each other."***

Colossians 3:13

Term 4: FORGIVENESS

This term the school value we focused on was 'FORGIVENESS'. **Forgiveness can be difficult and costly, it takes strength and courage, but without it a new start is impossible.**

As Christians prepare to celebrate Easter, we remember that God is abounding in love, slow to anger, and forgives all our sins completely, because of Jesus' death on the cross. And because we have been forgiven, we are expected to forgive others.

A prayer for this term:

Forgiving God, thank you that your arms are always open. Thank you that you forgive us for the things we have done wrong. And welcome us home to you. with love. Amen



'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Term 5: Perseverance

Next term we will be focusing on our school value of 'PERSEVERANCE'. Perseverance doesn't mean being good at things or being a big success, it means keeping on trying when we feel like giving up. In the Bible, perseverance is closely linked to trust in God rather than self-reliance. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit helps them to keep going when things are tough. Some questions to reflect upon.

- *Who helps you to keep going?*
- *How can you encourage others to keep trying? Is there someone you can encourage today?*

Here is a prayer you might like to use: *Dear God, we thank you that you are always with us when we find it hard to keep going. When we feel like giving up, help us to stay strong. When others are struggling, remind us to encourage them. Amen.*

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Term 5 Dates for the Diary

APRIL

- Monday 15th - **Start of Term 5**
- Wednesday 17th - **Phoenix** Swimming Starts
- Friday 19th - Whole School Mini Marathon (please wear PE kit into school)
- Tuesday 23rd - Whole School iSing Pop. Parent are warmly invited to join the school for this special assembly at 2.40pm
- Wednesday 24th - PTA Meeting 7.30pm TBC
- Thursday 25th - **Year 3&4** May Pole Practice (weekly throughout T5)
- Friday 26th - **Whole School** Visit to Red Barn Solar Development Site (please wear long trousers and bring wellies into school)
- Friday 26th - **Hercules and Pegasus** Field and Forest starts
- Monday 29th - Class and Year 6 Leavers Photos

MAY

- Wednesday 1st - **Hercules** Read Together @ 2.30pm
- Monday 6th - Bank Holiday
- Thursday 9th - **Hercules** Stay and Play @ 2.45pm
- Monday 13th - - KS2 SATS
- Thursday 16th
- Friday 24th - **End of Term 5**