

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School

Newsletter



Newsletter 5

Thursday 23rd May

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Dear Parents

Another term comes to an end and it was one that was filled with hard work and exciting times for the children across the school. Over this term, one of the main focuses in KS2 has been the SATs preparation for our year 6s. We have just a small number of children taking these tests this year, so the ratio of adults to pupils enabled us to support them in the best way we could. The breakfasts put on by Mrs Flynn and Mrs Flynn each morning were greatly enjoyed, and these helped to set the children on a settled and positive start to the days. The levels of concentration across the cohort for each test were excellent, and we are very proud of their efforts.

We continue to improve the outside areas around the school, especially the Early Years areas. This is not only to make it look nicer, but chiefly to promote the best learning and development of skills for the children. This has been through the ideas and efforts of the Hercules team, but also with the invaluable help of Mr Dale, our site manager, who seems to have a tool or a solution to virtually anything!

The Maypole has been a tradition at Langley Fitz for many years. It is always a pleasure to have Mr and Mrs Howe in school to help the Lower Key Stage 2 children learn the dances and (re)familiarise them with the music. Not only is this great fun for the children involved to be part of, it is a lovely way to promote the school in the wider community as they perform at Langley Burrell Fete, the Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival and the Chippenham Folk Festival. Go maypolers!

St Peter's church continues to have a strong and frequent connection with our school. Over term 5, both Chameleon and Hercules classes have enriched their RE lessons with visits to the building, where Mrs Bloomer has guided and supported the learning objectives alongside the teachers. These sorts of visits, as well as strengthening the ties in the village, are an invaluable resource that we strive to utilise to supplement our curriculum.

With the beginnings of some hotter weather on the way, we ask all pupils to bring to school a sunhat to wear at playtimes and when learning outside. We also ask you to apply sun cream to your child at home before school and not to send it in to school. Please ensure your child brings a filled water bottle into school with them every day, and we will encourage them to drink plenty of water.

The last day of Term 5 will be Friday 24th of May. We reopen for the start of Term 6 on Monday 3rd June. Please note that we will not authorise holidays, or long weekends during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. It is important all pupils are in school and not missing their learning.

We wish you all a very pleasant half term break and see you in June!

Yours sincerely

Mr Osler

Langley Fitzurse CofE Primary School Governor Update

Stimulated by Science!

I feel privileged to be one of the parent governors for Langley Fitz and one of my roles is being a science link governor.

School is not just about classroom based theory of course; everyone wants to have fun whilst learning as this will always provide the most positive and therefore, strongest memories.

There are so many ways in which the staff and governors for Langley Fitz provide stimulating learning across the curriculum, as well as providing lots of non-curricular enriching opportunities too.

We are just about to begin the school's science week, where there will be daily science experiences for the pupils including visiting scientists sharing their knowledge and passion for the topic, as well as extra opportunities for carrying out a wide variety of experiments. As a governor, I love hearing about these experiences offered to the children. Then after the event, we will also do a "pupil voice" where we will ask as many children as we can, how they found the week, what they learnt, what they particularly enjoyed, as well as what else they would have liked included.

The school carries out these pupil surveys and discussions on a regular basis across many subjects, which all the school leadership team find to be invaluable in helping children develop the ability to communicate well and to feel empowered in offering their opinions and ideas, as well as helping to make future events as stimulating as possible.

I have learnt so much about the school since becoming a governor a year and a half ago. I love playing a role in helping the school to continue to develop and to be able to offer the best for the children. Maybe someone reading this article might like to consider becoming a school governor, and if that's you, why not contact the school for more information. It really is a joy to have this type of community involvement.

Summer is just ahead of us now and I know Langley Fitz are really looking forward to lots of fun incorporated into their learning in the final term of the year.

Amber Batson
LFSSQ Governor



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Term 5: Perseverance

This term the school value we focused on was 'PERSEVERANCE'. **Perseverance involves patience, determination and staying power.** For Christians it is closely linked to placing hope and trust in a faithful God.

We have seen this value in action while pupils prepared and sat their SATS – well done, all. Time for some fun now!

Looking back over this term:

What has helped you not to give up?

Who has helped you to keep on going? Have you thanked them yet?

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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Values in Action

The school value we will be focusing on in Term 6 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'

Dates for your diary

JUNE

- Monday 3rd - Start of Term 6
- Pegasus 'Grow Me a Story' Dress Up Day
- Wednesday 5th - Chameleon Swimming Lessons Start
- Thursday 6th - Year 5 Taster Day @ Sheldon
- Monday 10th - Selected Year 4's+5's to attend event @ The Arc
- Year 6 Transition Transfer Morning @ Sheldon
- Year 5+6 Lacrosse Festival @ St Mary's
- Tuesday 11th – 17th - Scholastic Bookfair in School
- Thursday 13th - KS2 Conductive Music Event (in school)
- Friday 14th - KS1 Field and Forest
- Tuesday 18th - Year 4 Power in Me Event @ Olympiad (tickets available to purchase on ParentMail **UNTIL** Monday 3rd June)
- Wednesday 19th - Year 6 to Chippenham Games Event @ Stabley Park
- Thursday 20th - Sports Day (9.15am-11.30am)
- Friday 21st - Summer Fair
- Tuesday 25th - Music Concert @ Kington Langley Village Hall 2-3pm
- Wednesday 26th - Bags2School Collection
- Thursday 27th - Year 5's @ Sheldon for Poetry Masterclass (bus to collect children promptly @ 8.45am)

JULY

- Monday 1st - Year 6's @ Junior Good Citizen Event in Potterne (will return to school at est.3.15pm)
- Tuesday 2nd / 3rd - KS2 Production (times to be confirmed)
- Wednesday 3rd - No Chameleon Swimming
- Thursday 4th - Year 6 Leavers Treat @ Grittleton House
- Tuesday 9th - KS2 Swimming Gala @ St Mary's 1.30pm - 3.15pm
- Friday 12th - Langley Fitzurse Moving Up Day (School Ties Available from the school office for children moving into Year 6)
- Sheldon and Hardenhuish Yr6 Transition Day
- Monday 15th - Year 6 Sheldon Transition Day
- Wednesday 17th - No KS1 Street Dance
- Thursday 18th - Year 6 Leavers Service @ St Peter's 2.15pm
- No KS2 Street Dance
- Friday 19th - End of Term 6