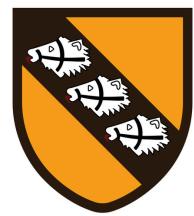


# Langley Fitzurse Church of England



## Primary School Newsletter 2



End of Term 2



### A Message from Mrs Winterburn...

I know that I say this every year, but what a busy Term 2 we have had! There has been a hive of busyness in classrooms and across the school as a whole. A huge well done to Hercules Class for their expert performance of the Wriggly Nativity, to our Choir and the Worship Council for leading a super Christmas Trail at St Peters. A huge thank you also to the PTA for their continued support. Your fundraising and involvement in all school activities make a huge difference to the opportunities that children at Langley Fitzurse take part in and all which enhance learning in school.

The PTA can only continue to do their fantastic job if there is commitment from parents. A little time goes a long way and if you can help in any way, please do – whether this is with sponsorship, helping with events or with anything else, please do contact the PTA committee.



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SENCO Update - we say farewell to Miss Waylen at the end of this term. Miss Waylen has been our SENCO for the last year and will be sadly missed. We wish her all the very best in her new adventures and endeavours.

From mid Term 3, Mrs Horrocks will be the school's Interim SENCO. In the meantime, I will support as SENCO from the beginning of the new term until Mrs Horrocks returns from maternity leave. The SENCO email [senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk) will continue to be monitored during this period.

Music at Langley - Music at Langley continues to be a strength of the school. From beautiful and enthusiastic singing in and out of school; class music lessons; First Access violins for our Year 3 and Year 4 children to a wealth of peripatetic music lessons. And thank you for joining us for a Christmas Sing Song on Thursday afternoon!

The Lost Property Mountain is growing – please take a look at lost items. Our aim is that named clothing will be returned to rightful owners. If, however, your child has lost uniform and it has not been named it will be in the library on Friday at the end of the school day. Please do take a look and reclaim.

Bookings for Clubs and Wrap Around Care will be live this week, please make sure you have booked for these sessions as they are well subscribed. A gentle reminder for booking school dinners too - booking before the deadline for January.

School reopens for children on Tuesday 6th January.

On behalf of all the staff at Langley Fitzurse, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Karen Winterburn

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A thank you from all Staff at Langley Fitzurse!

On behalf of all the staff, we want to say a heartfelt thank you for the thoughtful Christmas gifts you have given. Your generosity and kindness mean so much to the team, and we truly appreciate the support you've shown us throughout the term.

Wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful, joyful break.

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### **Term 3 PE Days...**

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**Hercules** - Tuesday and Thursday

**Pegasus** - Wednesday and Friday

**Phoenix** - Monday and Tuesday (Swimming)

**Chameleon** - Monday and Wednesday

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## A Message from Our Governors...

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Well somehow the end of term 2 is upon us, and what a wonderful start to the new academic year these first 2 terms have been.

Whilst the role of the governing board is mostly strategic in its actions, monitoring finance, monitoring curriculum and its outcomes, ensuring all statutory actions are occurring, continuing to help plan the ongoing development of both schools in the federation whilst achieving their respective visions, it is a privilege to attend the schools or local events and see the children in action.

Not only have we as a governing body been in at various points to meet with subject leads and catch up with how things are going in the classrooms, we also get to meet many of the children and hear their thoughts on how school life is and what they are learning and remembering, both from the curriculum but also in extra curriculum activities too.

It certainly has been an action packed 2 terms for both schools as the newsletters always reflect. A highlight for me personally was attending the festival at the Wyvern last month and hearing both schools' choirs performing so beautifully. Singing as a group has so many benefits including positive social experience, learning about rhythm and cohesion, improving breathing, as well of course as being great for emotional wellbeing with such a strong feelgood factor. They all did a fantastic job.

Lots of sporting participation, the seasonal performances at both schools, discos, Christmas fayres .... it has been wonderful to see your children really enjoying so many experiences the schools provide.

A huge thank you to all of our brilliant staff who have worked, as ever, so hard already this academic year creating these learning opportunities, and also to our PTA's for their huge efforts in fundraising, needed more than ever in these current times.

I would also like to thank Tom Stables, Luke Facey and Tori Purton who have finished their terms on our governing board. Volunteering as a governor is a pleasure but of course takes up some precious personal time across the year, so we are extremely grateful for their input. We currently do have two vacancies on our governing board so if you feel you would like to know more about becoming a governor, please get in touch via the school office and we can provide more information.

And of course, a huge thanks to you and your children for being part of our federation community and everything you do, from reading a heap of emails, supporting our clubs and activities, helping your children at home with reading or making items for events, donating to local causes and in fundraising.

We hope you have an amazing break over the next couple of weeks and enjoy making precious family memories in whichever form that takes for you.

We look forward to 2026 and continuing to support your child(ren)'s education journey as best we can.

Best wishes

Amber Batson, Chair of Governors LFSSQ federation

## This term we focused on the value of RESPECT

Respect is a key value which supports our school vision:

We are an inclusive, friendly church school with a family feel.

Respect means valuing everyone and is fundamental to living in a school or any community. Christians believe that every person is created in the image of God and is loved by God – therefore we should love and value everyone, just as God does. We have thought a lot about how we show respect in our words and actions.



This term has been a busy and exciting one, but Christians believe that Advent is an important time to stop and reflect on the wonder of God coming to us as a human through the birth of Jesus (the Incarnation). We have been pausing each day in the busyness to stop and notice where we see God's love and light and be thankful.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

**'Tell the truth to each other' (Zechariah 8 v 16)**

**Term 3: TRUTHFULNESS**

**The BIG QUESTION - Why is it important to be truthful?**

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'TRUTHFULNESS'. As a Church of England School, we believe that truthfulness is important because it is part of God's character and the way in which he wants us to live. Christians often ask themselves 'What would Jesus say or do?'

Truthfulness is essential in all our relationships so we can trust one another. Honesty and forgiveness connect us together and strengthen our relationships. Everyone is tempted to cheat or break the rules. We can choose to act honestly, fairly and justly, or not. How we behave is a choice. How we behave when no one is looking is integrity!

In school we show our understanding of truthfulness by:

- Telling the truth to each other all the time
- Knowing we should not tell lies
- Knowing that when we are honest, we can ask for forgiveness

A prayer for this term:

Dear God, help us to be honest when we do something wrong. Help us not to blame other people but admit to our mistakes and apologise, and so learn and move on. Amen.



## School Trips and Events...

### Chameleon Nature in Art Museum – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 travelled to Gloucester to visit the Nature in Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden. On arrival we were welcomed into the Education Centre by Laura and her team of helpers. First, the children made collages out of cut up rectangles of newspaper, using black and white print for the background so that their picture made from colourful tissue paper would pop. Some of the children chose to link their collage to this term's science topic of Earth and Space and the rest chose something from nature. After a short break, during our second workshop, we learnt how to bend garden wire to make the shape of a petal or a butterfly wing. Then the children dipped their wire loops into fantasy film paint (a new experience for all). This amazing paint then air dried to create a stained glass, opaque effect. Everyone made either a flower with five petals or a butterfly. After lunch we explored the Sculpture Garden- the giant golden eagle was amazing. We went round the gallery exhibits and had the time to sketch some of our favourite pieces of art. Finally, we met the artist in residence, Shelly Perkins. She explained to the children how she starts all her ideas with a pencil line drawing and then uses her computer to add up to over 100 layers of colour to finally produce her finished piece. This process could take her a few weeks. We used her art as inspiration to create our own nature-themed water colour paintings in school, which are now on display in our classroom for everyone to enjoy. What a fantastic trip!



### Chameleon Lacrosse @ St Mary's - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Chameleon Class had the wonderful opportunity to visit St Mary's School in Calne to try their hand at Lacrosse. Excitement filled the minibus as we set off after lunch, and before long we were exploring the impressive new sports hall.

Our instructor introduced us to the basics of the game, showing us how to pass and catch the ball, move into space, and anticipate play during a match. After some practice drills, we put our new skills to the test in a series of short matches against other groups....



Everyone took turns on the pitch while teammates cheered enthusiastically from the sidelines, creating a fantastic sporting atmosphere. The teams were evenly matched, and Chameleon Class played brilliantly—scoring several times! Most importantly, it was the teamwork, the skills we gained, and the sheer enjoyment of the afternoon that made the experience so memorable.



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### **Langley Fitzurse Choir @ Wiltshire Voices - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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The choir had a wonderful time at the Christmas Voice Festival at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon last week. They sang a selection of Christmas favourites alongside six other school groups in front of a packed audience.

Well done to them all - it was a really great way of getting the festivities underway this year.



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### **We the Curious School Trip - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

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Children from every class enjoyed a fantastic trip to We the Curious this term. Each class took part in a workshop linked to their current learning, led by the centre's excellent education team.

- Hercules discovered more about rainforests
- Pegasus explored electricity and circuits
- Phoenix investigated forces
- Chameleon delved into the wonders of space

Alongside the workshops, the children had the chance to explore the wide range of interactive exhibits throughout the centre. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and excellent learning behaviour shone through the whole day, and they represented the school brilliantly.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this such an exciting and memorable experience!



## Choir at The Pit Stop - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our wonderful choir members journeyed up to the Pit Stop café on Friday straight after school to share some more Christmas cheer. What lovely singing to start the weekend with. Many thanks to Mrs Howarth and the boys and girls who created such a lovely atmosphere.



## Family Hub Wiltshire Council managed by Spurgeons

Your Funded by Wiltshire Council and managed by Spurgeons, the Family Hub Wiltshire Council is a service for parents of children aged 0-19 years (0-25 SEND) which enables them to share the challenges and joys of parenthood.

Please see the link to our [Christmas Newsletter](#) which can be saved directly from our website.



## Football for Children

Chippenham Town Youth Football Club has spaces in the :

Under 6 (Year 1) – Wednesday 520-620pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Under 9 (year 4) – Tuesday 630-730pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Under 11 (year 6) – Wednesday 530-630pm & 630-730pm @ Stanley Park 3G

Players are most welcome to come along to have a free taster session so you can meet the manager and players to see if YOU wish to join us.



If interested or need more details, please contact:  
Terry McCosh  
Chippenham Town Youth Secretary  
ctyouthceo@gmail.com  
[www.chippenhamtownyouthfc.com.uk](http://www.chippenhamtownyouthfc.com.uk)

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### Term 3 Dates at a Glance...

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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** • TD Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** • Start of Term 3  
• Year 4+5 Swimming Lessons Commence  
• KS2 Football Club Resumes

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** • Guitar Lessons Resume  
• KS1 Street Dance Resumes

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January** • Drum Lessons Resume  
• Piano Lessons Resume  
• KS2 Street Dance Resumes

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January** • Christingle Making in School (children to bring in an orange to decorate)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January** • Candlemas @ St Peters, 9.15am all welcome

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** • Yr5 Primary Liasion Day @ Hardenhuish School

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** • Street Dancers to Perform @ Wyvern Theatre

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** • KS1 Street Dance taster session for reception children

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** • PTA Valentine Bake Sale  
• End of Term 3

