

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Wednesday 30 January 2019

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

In this week's newsletter I want to share briefly a story I told the children in assembly on Monday. On Saturdays I go running in Bath as part of a 'Parkrun' event which some of you may be familiar with - there is one which runs in Chippenham every week. Last week a young girl (she is 12) called Hester was running. Hester is blind which must make running a huge challenge for a start! She runs with a guide to lead her but running through mud, over tree roots and stones and through fields full of rabbit holes must be especially challenging when you can't see. But that's not all. In her own words:

As a Blind Athlete I run with a guide – usually a friend or my brother but today I was joined by my ski coach Charlotte. Charlotte is running with me as part of our training for a fundraising event that we are doing in Ethiopia in March this year. Together we are going to compete in the Women First 5k in aid of the Blind Children of Mekele school in Tigray, Ethiopia. It is one of the biggest women's run in Africa with around 13000 participants. We will also visit the blind school and hope to take lots of useful specialist equipment like Braille and audio books, jingly balls, tactile maths and science kit. We are hoping to raise £5000 for Ethiopiaid to support the school.

To take on all that she does shows tremendous perseverance (our value for this term) and I wanted the children to see that, whatever our personal challenges we can work through them *and* make a difference in the lives of others, even as young children.

In other news we must celebrate the success of the hockey team who played brilliantly last week at the Chippenham tournament. The children did extremely well, especially at learning to play as a team, and won two of their five matches, drawing one other. Congratulations to you all.

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Mr Hearn will be in school on Monday and Thursday next week

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Money	Isambard Kingdom Brunel
Hercules – Phonics		Yr R – recapping sounds and introducing oo Yr 1 – ph and ft
Pegasus	Fractions	Adventure stories
Phoenix	Volume	Explanations
Chameleon	Algebra	How to survive an earthquake

School Closure due to Bad Weather

As there is some snow creeping into the weather forecast, here is our policy regarding school closure:

- We will only close the school as a last resort if it is unsafe for pupils and teachers to travel here
- We will take the decision to close the school as early as possible
- We will announce the closure on the rolling bar on the front page of the school website, and will post on our Facebook page and Twitter feed
- We will email parents via ParentMail
- The closure will be announced on local radio

Christingle Service – Monday 4 February 2019, 2.30pm at St Peter's

We would be delighted to see you at this lovely service. Please can you send your child into school with an orange and their Children's Society money box on Monday – many thanks! Please note that this will take the place of our usual Celebration Assembly.

Dance Festival – Monday 4 February 2019

Please note that this event is now due to finish around **8pm** rather than 8.30pm as originally stated. Good luck to all the children involved – the routine looks amazing!

Extra 'Flu Immunisation Clinic

In light of the recent news of a flu outbreak in our area extra catch up clinics have been arranged as follows:

Chippenham – Thu 31 January 2019

Swindon – Wed 6 February 2019

Devizes – Fri 15 February 2019

If your child has not already received the nasal flu vaccine and you would like to book them in, please call 0333 234 1125 for the Chippenham and Devizes sessions and 0333 321 9838 for the Swindon session.

Calling all Riders!

Are there any Pony riders who are jumping 70cm who would like to join the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) Show Jumping / Arena Eventing Challenge competitions? There are also smaller classes if anyone would like to give it a go. Information can be found on the NSEA website or for further help ring Annabel (Louisa's mum) on 07929722823 or email aniker@hotmail.co.uk.

Half Term Holiday Club at School

Our friends at Grassroots Sports Academy (who run our Early Morning, Football and Multi Skills Clubs) are running a half term club **at school** wc Monday 18 February 2019. Look out for a letter in your child's bag.

Pupil Data Sheets

Every year we need to check that we have the correct phone numbers and addresses for each pupil. In the pre-GDPR days we used to send the data sheets home with the child, but as this is not acceptable now, we would be grateful if you could come in to check your child's sheet with Mrs Howe. **Please could you also bring their birth certificate in at the same time.** To avoid queues, please could we do this class by class as follows. If you have children in different classes, you can check their sheets at the same time.

Week commencing Monday 28 January:	Pegasus
Week commencing Monday 4 February:	Phoenix
Week commencing Monday 11 February:	Chameleon

Consultation on Special Schools

Wiltshire Council would like you to take part in this consultation on an important development for mainstream schools and schools with resource bases, designed to give more coordinated and integrated support to children and young people with SEND. They would like to know whether you support or don't support the proposals.

They are also running a second consultation regarding children's centres, where they are proposing to deliver more of our children's centres' activities in community settings. Again, your views would be appreciated.

Both consultations can be accessed via the following links:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-consultations> or
<http://wiltshire.objective.co.uk/portal/>

The Special Schools consultation closes on the 1 March; the Children's Centre consultation closes on the 20 March.

Free Concert Tickets!

Renowned local singer songwriter Philippa Hanna is performing on Saturday (2 February) at 2pm at the Sheldon Road Methodist Church and there are some free tickets available (usual price £10)! If you're interested, please email seniorsteward@sheldonroad.church

Lost and Found

Judo Club parents – please can you check your child's kit in case they have gained an extra white judo belt which belongs to Marcus.

PTA News

We had a very productive meeting on Monday and have some great events planned leading up to Easter; including the Traditional Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you to all those parents that came along to the meeting, but for those that didn't, please be assured there is plenty of opportunity to help out and get involved.

I have every intention of handing over 'the reins' in September so in preparation for this, other parent volunteers shall be organising the up and coming events. It would be great to show them our support. One of the things I love so much about our school is how the parents come together to support fundraising and ultimately our children's education.

It's really important if you intend to help at an event that you let the Office know so that they are able to ensure you are DBS checked.

It also really helps to know adult/ child ratio in advance.

We may trial a 'sign up' doodle poll rather than signing up in the Office. More info on this next week!

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday February 14th : Film night in school. Showing 'The Greatest Showman'.

Tickets on Sale from Monday 4th Feb. £4 to include popcorn / sweets and a drink. 3:15-5pm.

Please note that this film is PG rating so please only sign up your child if you are happy for them to view.

Friday March 15th: Bag2School Collection

Friday March 29th – Mother's day event. This happens within school time and needs very minimal parent participation. Donations of unwanted Christmas smellies and gifts would be gratefully received. More info to follow.

Friday April 5th - Easter Egg Hunt. Again this is in school time but requires lots of pairs of eyes, so DBS checked parent helpers would be fab !

We are in the early stages of planning a Fitzy Family Beetle drive that will take place in Cherry Hall near the end of Easter term. This will be a great opportunity to meet families and put some faces to names. I haven't taken part in a beetle drive for a very long time so I for one am really looking forward to it! Children welcome. Please keep an eye out for more info on this.

If you would like to get involved or have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Best wishes

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Paper Letters sent out this Week

- Children's Society candle money boxes to be brought into school for **Mon 4 February** please
- Change for Life leaflet
- The Camp Holiday Club leaflet
- Grassroots Holiday Club at School at Half Term

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Mon 4 February	Christingle Service, St Peter's. 2.30 pm – please can each child bring in an orange and their Children's Society candle money box – thanks! All welcome Dance Club performing at the Chippenham Sports Partnership Dance Festival at the Neeld Hall, 6.30 pm - please note that the performance is now scheduled to finish at 8pm
Thu 7 February	University of Bristol DNA Workshop in Chameleon
Mon 11 February	Board of Governors' Meeting, 7 pm
Tue 12 February	Violin Assembly, 9.30 am to mark the end of the First Access lessons for Year 4s – parents/guardians very welcome!
Thu 14 February	Film Night – 'The Greatest Showman' – 3.15-5pm, tickets £4
Fri 15 February	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Feb	Half Term
Mon 25 February	TD Day
Tue 26 February	Back to School for Term 4
Mon 4 – Fri 8 March	Osmington Bay Residential Visit
Thu 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Bag2School Red Nose Day
Wed 20 March	Yr 5 visit to Sheldon School
Mon 25 March	Board of Governors' Meeting
Fri 29 March	Mother's Day Event
Fri 5 April	Easter Service at St Peter's. 9.30 am – all welcome Easter Egg Hunt
	Break up for Easter
Tue 23 April	Back to School for Term 5