

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



NEWSLETTER 02 2019-20

Wednesday 18 September 2019

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

As the beautiful autumnal weather continues we are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and children to our Open Mornings next week. This is a great opportunity to show off our wonderful school. Last year we showed round more than twenty families and we would love to see even more come to visit this year, so please spread the word and if you know anyone with children due to start school next September, do encourage them to visit.

Our value this term is friendship and we are thinking about this in assemblies and in class. We have considered what friendship means and our list included kindness, honesty, loyalty, love and care. We thought about showing friendship to people we have never even met and agreed through our school sponsorship of Vivian Aidoo from Ghana we were showing kindness and care. The children look out for who is showing particular elements of friendship in their classes during the day and this is recognised in our Celebration Assembly each Monday afternoon, which is open to all.

The term is already getting busy with sports events starting and visits being planned. Our Harvest Service is also coming up soon. The PTA have been busy planning for the year and they are full of enthusiasm. The tea they held on Friday for new parents was a brilliant success. Congratulations to Amy Stenner, who was recently elected as our new PTA Chair.

It is looking like another great year coming up and I for one am looking forward to everything we have planned.

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Introduction to numbers	Weather songs
Hercules – Phonics		Introduction to phonics
Pegasus	Number sequences	Fables
Phoenix	Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1,000	Descriptive language in poetry
Chameleon	Division	Persuasive writing

Open Mornings on Tue 24 & Wed 25 September

Our Open Mornings run from 9 am until 12 noon both days. Do drop in if you have a younger child due to start school in 2020. You will get a completely different view of the school on our Year 6 tour, and it is a great chance to chat with Mr Hearn, parents and governors. Hope to see you there!

Music Quiz on Saturday 19 October

Our annual Music Quiz will be held at the Kington Langley Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Saturday 19 October. Tickets are £7.50 to include a hot supper. Get together with friends to make up a team of six or leave it to us to find you a team on the night. The emphasis is on fun, so don't worry if you're rubbish at Pop Master! Chocolate spot prizes and kazoos are on the menu this time, and there will be a licensed bar. We are very grateful to our friends at CrowZone Radio for running the quiz for us.

This event funds the free violin lessons that all Year 3 children will receive for a year, taught as a year group. The standard of music in our school is incredibly high, and the first access violin programme is the building block for it. Please help us continue this good work by supporting this event. Tickets are available from the School Office.

School Milk

Your child will have received free school milk when they first started school up until their fifth birthday, but did you know that it is available throughout primary school at a very reasonable price? Please visit www.coolmilk.com for more information.

Pet Service at All Saints, Sutton Benger at 10.30 am on Sunday (22/9)

A chance to bring your dog/cat/guinea pig etc to church! Sounds unmissable – please see the attached leaflet.

Volunteers needed for the School Garden

It was great that some of the new parents got to spend time in the school garden at the welcome event last Friday. The garden is a lovely quiet space at the side of the school that, over the years, has been maintained by a small band of parent helpers.

The way this area is used is largely up to us (the parents). In the past, volunteers have run a lunchtime gardening club (either as a regular club or ad-hoc when there are jobs that the children can help with), have popped round to do weeding in the spare minutes before pick up, or have been involved in the periodic clean ups that take place before our Open Mornings and the Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival. Vegetables, flowers and herbs have all been planted at various times, and there is a well stocked tool shed.

The garden now needs some new volunteers as those of us who have been doing it for a while find our attention is drawn elsewhere as our children get older. You don't need to be a gardening expert, just someone who would like to make the place look loved and any level of input would be welcomed. Parents are welcome to walk round and take a look at the space and if you have ideas or questions, please let Mrs Howe in the office know.

Ann Armor (mum to Eric in Year 5)

Considerate Parking

We know it can get a bit manic outside the school at picking up time, but please try to park considerately and make sure you are not blocking the school driveway (or anybody else's) and keep off the Commons. Thank you! Car sharing would ease the congestion (not to mention helping the environment). If you would like help finding a car share partner, please come and see Mrs Howe.

PTA News

A big thank you to all the new parents who came to our Welcome Tea Party last Friday – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! It was lovely to meet you, and we hope to see you at school events (and PTA meetings!) in the future.

Following our AGM on Monday, here is our new PTA Team:

Chair: Amy Stenner (mum to Nell in Year 2)
Secretary: Louise Parkinson (mum to Summer in Year 3)
Treasurer: Vicky Stuart (mum to Erin in Year 3)

We have a couple of dates for your diary:

Music Quiz: Sat 19 October, 7.30 pm in the KL Village Hall
School Disco: Fri 15 November, 5.30 – 6.30 pm in the KL Village Hall
School Xmas Fayre: Fri 6 December, 3.15 – 4.30 pm at School

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Passenger Assistant opportunities available at Wiltshire Council:

We are currently recruiting Passenger Assistants to join both our casual bank and on a permanent basis across schools in Wiltshire.

You will be supporting vulnerable children or adults travelling on Wiltshire Council contracted transport to and from school or their respective social day care services.

Working in conjunction with the driver you will ensure that the passengers in your care have a safe and enjoyable journey.

You will need to be patient, understanding and have the ability to empathise with vulnerable children and adults, who may have a physical disability, learning difficulties and/or display challenging behaviour.

For more information and to apply please visit <http://jobs.wiltshire.gov.uk/>

Alternatively email Patricia.Newton@Wiltshire.gov.uk for further information.

For Sale

A brand new pair of Clarks black lace up school shoes size 3. £15 ono. Please contact Kirsty on 07785 334 408.

Paper letters sent out this week

- Open Day flyer
- Annual nasal 'flu vaccination flyer

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Wed 18 September	Meet the Teacher – Chameleon – 3.30 pm
Thu 19 September	Meet the Teacher – Year R – 3.30 pm
Fri 20 September	Meet the Teacher – Year 1 – 3.30 pm
Mon 23 September	Chameleon Cake Monday
Tue 24 September	Open Morning – 9am to 12 noon
Wed 25 September	Open Morning – 9am to 12 noon AG&T Year 6 English Master Class at Sheldon School
Thu 26 September	Photo Shoot including the G&H First Day at School picture Chameleon Class to 'We'll Meet Again' WWII event at Steam Museum
Tue 1 October	Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix Cross Country Event, Biddestone Sports Ground, 3.45 pm
Thu 3 October	Year 6 to Sheldon School for a University of Bristol Science Demo
Mon 7 October	Board of Governors' Meeting

Wed 9 October	Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix
Mon 14 October	Harvest Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome! Parents' Evening, 3.30-7.30 pm – watch out for an electronic sign up sheet!
Tue 15 October	Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix
Wed 16 October	Parents' Evening, 3.30-5.30 pm – watch out for an electronic sign up sheet!
Sat 19 October	Music Quiz in aid of First Access Violins, KL Village Hall, 7.30 pm
Mon 21 October	Individual Photos Professional production of 'Ensonglopedia' in School
Tue 22 October	Sheldon Drama Teacher in Phoenix
Wed 23 October	TD Day
Thu 24/10 to Fri 1/11	Half Term
Mon 4 November	Back to School and start of Stackpole Week
Fri 15 November	'Flu Vaccinations School Disco, Village Hall, 5.30 – 6.30 pm
Tue 26 November	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 1
Wed 27 November	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 1 Day 2
Fri 6 December	Christmas Fayre in School
Thu 12 December	KS1 Nativity Performances at 2pm and 5.30pm in Cherry Hall
Fri 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Mon 16 December	Christmas Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome!
Fri 20 December	Last Day of Term 2 – Langley's Got Talent!
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert