

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



NEWSLETTER 07 2019-20

Tuesday 3 December 2019

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

Advent has finally begun, the Christmas Tree will be arriving soon, and there is a real sense of anticipation among both children and adults. Our PTA are working very hard to make our Christmas Fair extra special – please come and join us from 3.15pm this Friday (6 December) for festive fun. Kat Austin and Vicki Barton deserve a special mention for persuading around 20 local companies to donate raffle prizes! Our thanks to them, and the rest of our wonderful PTA.

We have been thinking about Advent calendars and there are increasing examples of ‘reverse’ Advent calendars which encourage people to do something for someone else rather than to expect something. One which I saw had a lovely quote from Desmond Tutu alongside suggested acts of kindness for each day: “Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world”. Some of these reverse calendars have a specifically Christian perspective and include prayers and Bible verses, some simply encourage us to be more thoughtful about those around us. In any event I think it is very important to try and be a little less materialistic as we are bombarded with adverts encouraging us to spend, spend, spend, and think more about what is really important. We are posting a daily Advent theme from Draycot Churches on the school Facebook page this month. Today's theme is Kindness.

The youngest children have been busy preparing their nativity performances and they have already impressed me with their singing and acting. I am really looking forward to seeing them in action on Thursday 12 December.

We are also looking forward to seeing acting, singing and dancing at our whole school visit to see ‘Robin Hood’ at the Salisbury Playhouse next week – I am sure there will be opportunities for a bit of audience participation and sing-a-long. On the subject of singing, thanks are very much due to Mr Osler and all the choir members who sang at the Pit Stop Café on Saturday. Thank you for representing Langley Fitzurse so brilliantly.

Congratulations to the winners of our first Reading Super Stars Raffle: John Paul, Charlie S (Yr 3), Honor, Sophia W and Kit. The children need to have read at home at least four times to be entered into this weekly draw.

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Fact families	Nativity Practice
Hercules – Phonics		Yr R: ch, th Yr 1: ph, ew, oe
Pegasus	Multiplication	Non chronological text
Phoenix	Multiplication methods	Play scripts
Chameleon	Four operations of Fractions	Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought in a Bag2School on Monday 25 November. We raised a record breaking £196 for the PTA!

'The Landlord's Cats'

We have a handful of tickets left for both the 2pm and 5.30pm performances on Thursday 12 December. Please see Mrs Howe if you would like an extra ticket.

Fitzy's Friends!

Fitzy's Instagram page is now live! You can follow his adventures at

<https://www.instagram.com/fitzysfriends/> If you would like to take Fitzy Bear on one of your adventures, please see Mrs Howe.

Are Your Children entitled to Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, your child/ren may be entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on'
- Universal Credit

Please contact Mrs Moor on finance@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk for more information. We would also like to hear from you if your child has ever been in Local Authority care, as the school can claim extra grant for them if this is the case.

Calling all Horse Riders!

Louisa in Year 6 competed for Langley Fitzurse School on 17 November at the Dauntsey's Inter-Schools Equestrian Show Jump Competition 2019 held at West Wilts EC . She came 3rd out of 37 competitors. If there are any other horse riders who are jumping 70cm and would like to compete for the school please ask Louisa for more info.

Louisa then went on to compete for our school at the National Schools Show Jumping Competition – huge congratulations, Louisa!

Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2021/22 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2021/22

Wiltshire Council would like to hear your views on:

1. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2021/22
2. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2021/22

Full details of the proposals can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-consultation

Should you wish to provide any comments, please email admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk before Friday 17 January 2020.

The results of the consultation will be considered before the Cabinet Members of Wiltshire Council are asked to adopt them as the determined policies. This will be at the meeting prior to 28 February 2020.

PTA NEWS

Christmas Fair - Friday 6 December – 3.15-4.45 pm

Christmas Market, games, refreshments, toys and much much more to be enjoyed, and of course the chance for the children to have some time with the man of the moment!

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Dates are now on sale for £2. If the PTA aren't outside selling them, Mrs Howe can oblige. You don't want to miss out on a chance of winning one of these gorgeous hampers!

Christmas Table Centrepiece Workshop on Friday 13 December

Super creative Kerrie Beaven will be helping you make a gorgeous centrepiece for your Christmas table on Friday 13 December from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15 from the School Office, and the price includes all materials, drinks and nibbles. It is guaranteed to be a really fun evening!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For all upcoming events we rely on this support. Please see below what events we require volunteers for.

- Selling Christmas Hamper dates each morning at the school gates
- Setting up and clearing away the Christmas Fayre
- Helping on stalls at the Christmas Fayre
- Refreshments at the KS1 Nativity Play on Thu 12 December, 2pm and 5.30pm
- Helping set up, serve and clear away at the School Christmas Lunch on **Wed** 18 December – please note that this is not the last day of term as in previous years!

We are now on Easyfundraising!

We've just joined #easyfundraising! It's a great site where you can raise money for FREE when you shop online. All you have to do is create a FREE account and choose to support Langley Fitzurse PTA. Then 4,000 shops and sites (including all the BIG names like eBay, John Lewis and Partners, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more) will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

See how it works by watching this 60 second video: <http://efraising.org/Cqr4I6Ucy8>

This is a great way to support us for FREE, to create an account just visit our page: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/langleyfitzursepta>

Thank you so much for all your support at this busy time of year!

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Paper letters sent out this week

School Christmas Fair Flyer
Draycot Churches Christmas Services
Stagecoach Chippenham Flyer
The Camp Christmas Holiday Club Flyer

Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Fri 6 December	Pegasus Class taking part in a Christmas Cross Country Run at Hardenhuish School – bring tinsel, Santa hats etc Christmas Fair in School from 3.15 to 4.45 pm No Netball – Multi Skills Club as usual
Mon 9 December	Board of Governors' Meeting
Wed 11 December	'The Landlord's Cats' Dress Rehearsal in front of the school Last Street Dance Club this term
Thu 12 December	'The Landlord's Cats' performances at 2pm and 5.30pm in Cherry Hall
Fri 13 December	Whole School Visit to 'Robin Hood' at the Salisbury Playhouse – back c 6pm
Sun 15 December	Carol Service at St Peter's, 6pm
Mon 16 December	Christmas Service, St Peter's, 9.30 am – all welcome! Chameleon Class watching 'Dracula Spectacular' at Sheldon School
Wed 18 December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children – suggested donation £1- non uniform School Christmas Lunch
Thu 19 December	Carols on the Common, 6.30 pm outside the Union Chapel
Fri 20 December	Last Day of Term 2 – Langley's Got Talent! Please note: school uniform as usual Break up for Christmas
Mon 6 January	Back to School for Term 3
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert