

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



NEWSLETTER 09 2019-20

Tuesday 7 January 2020

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone. As we start the new year and new decade, it was lovely to see all the children arriving at school yesterday chatting about their Christmas holidays.

This term we have a few exciting events to look forward to. First of these is Thursday 30th January when we will be spending the whole day focussed on the country of Ghana. As you may know, we sponsor a Ghanaian girl called Vivian. We are keen to learn more about the country of Ghana and at the same time raise money to continue the sponsorship. We have a Ghanaian visitor who will explain some of the traditions of the country and a drumming workshop for each of the classes. To get us in the mood, we would like everyone to dress in the Ghanaian colours of red, green and gold for the day. We will finish with a special assembly to celebrate our learning about Ghana, and we would love you to join us.

The following week we will be holding our annual Christingle Service at 2.30pm on Monday 3rd February at St Peter's, and again you are most welcome to join us.

The teachers have been busy planning all sorts of exciting learning activities for the next term, and I am particularly looking forward to seeing the work Phoenix class will be doing as part of their topic “The Titanic” and Pegasus class's work on China as we approach Chinese New Year.

We are also excited about seeing our Street Dance Club perform their Olympic routine at the Dance Festival at the Neeld Hall on Monday 3 February, and our Year 4 First Access violinists give their final performance at a special assembly on Tuesday 11 February.

Mr Richard Hearn
Headteacher

Our Learning this week will include:

	Maths	English
Hercules	Place value	Mystery story
Hercules – Phonics		Revision
Pegasus	Multiplication and division	Scientific instructions
Phoenix	Balancing number sentences	New Year resolutions
Chameleon	Decimals	Balanced arguments

Swimming starts on Wednesday!

Years 3 & 6 will be swimming at The Olympiad Leisure Centre every Wednesday afternoon this term, starting tomorrow. They will need to bring a swimming costume (one piece for girls, swimming trunks for boys) and towel each week plus a swimming hat in their house colour (available from the School Office, price £1).

We would be grateful for a voluntary contribution of £4.30 per week (£25.80 for the term) towards the cost of transport and pool hire. This should be paid via ParentPay. Please see the attached letter from Mr Hearn re parental contributions.

Children being collected from school to go to a party

In the interests of security and safeguarding, we would be grateful if you could follow this procedure for children's parties taking place straight after school – thank you!

- The party organiser hands in a list of the children due to attend to the School Office
- The parent of **each child attending** informs the School Office by phone or email that they give their permission for their child to be collected by the party organiser

Service Children

Please can you let us know if you are currently serving in HM Forces, as the school can claim a premium for your child if this is the case. Many thanks!

Past Pupils helping out at School

Whilst it has been lovely to see some familiar faces helping out at school during secondary school TD Days, this does cause us problems from an insurance point of view, so reluctantly we need to end this practice. Children can still contact us to volunteer at our clubs for their Duke of Edinburgh awards, and we will still accept work experience students from years 10 and 12.

PTA NEWS

I am very proud to announce that we raised a record breaking **£1,490.21** in the run up to Christmas! Thank you SO much for all your support.

However, we are not resting on our laurels, and are turning our attention to 2020! Please come and bring your ideas to our next meeting, which is being held on **Tuesday 14 January** at 7pm at the Langley Tap. We hope to see you there!

Watch this space for news about a Film Night this term!

Amy Stenner, PTA Chair

Paper letters sent out this week

Science Club leaflet

Dates for the Diary

Wed 8 January	Swimming starts for Years 3 & 6
Mon 13 January	Dogs Trust Workshops at School Science Club starts
Tue 14 January	PTA Meeting, 7pm Langley Tap – all welcome!
Thu 16 & Fri 17 Jan	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 2
Thu 23 & Fri 24 Jan	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 3
Fri 24 January	Sheldon Art Teacher in Phoenix Year 6 Hockey Team to Hockey Festival at Sheldon School
Thu 30 January	Ghana Day – non uniform – wear gold, red and green
Mon 3 February	Christingle Service, St Peter's, 2.30 pm – all welcome! Street Dance Club performing at the Chippenham Dance Festival
Tue 4 & Thu 6 Feb	Year 6 Bikeability, Course 4
Fri 7 February	Sheldon Art Teacher in Phoenix
Mon 10 February	Board of Governors' Meeting
Tue 11 February	Violin Assembly, 10.15-10.45 am – all welcome!
Fri 14 February	Last day of Term 3
Mon 24 February	TD Day
Tue 25 February	Back to School for Term 4
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert