

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter



**NEWSLETTER 1.10 2019-20**

**Thursday 6 February 2020**

**“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”**

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Dear Parents,

It was lovely to spend last Thursday learning all about Ghana. The children have told me that they had a great time and we must thank Mrs Bloomer who organised so much of the day and especially Barbara Amponsah, who was able to give a first-hand account of life in Ghana. We held our Christingle service on Monday, and it was lovely to see so many parents in church joining us for this traditional event. Thank you for all the donations towards the work of the Children’s Society.

As the daffodils and primroses show themselves after their winter sleep and the mornings seem just a *little* bit lighter as I drive to work, I am reminded how enjoyable the season of spring is. It is easy to forget as we live through the cold and dark of winter that there is always warmth and light around the corner.

This week marks Children’s Mental Health Week (<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>) and living with any kind of mental health issue can seem like living through perpetual winter. We hear it reported often that children are increasingly suffering mental health issues and from an increasingly young age. No one knows why this is the case (although many people are quick to blame phones and social media) but whatever the causes, everyone agrees communication is key to supporting children. Encouraging children to speak up and taking the time to listen are so important, and we’ll be reminding everyone of this over the next few days.

**Mr Richard Hearn**  
**Headteacher**

## Our Learning this week will include:

	<b>Maths</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>Hercules</b>	Height and length	Writing our own stories
<b>Hercules – Phonics</b>		Tricky words
<b>Pegasus</b>	Measurements	Non chronological reports about dragons
<b>Phoenix</b>	Area sequences	Exciting scenes from 'The Titanic'
<b>Chameleon</b>	Starting algebra	Warning stories.

### **Ghana Day – Thursday 30 January**

What an exciting day it was! Huge thanks to Agi Lebiecz for her beautiful photos, Barbara Amponsah, Justin Fellows and Fi Redmond for their inspirational workshops, and of course Katherine Bloomer from the Draycot Benefice for putting the whole thing together! Check out the coverage in this week's Gazette & Herald. If you haven't yet paid the voluntary contribution of £4 towards the day, you still can! This money helps us to continue to provide profound learning experiences like this.

### **Street Dance Success!**

We are so proud of our Street Dance Club, who performed brilliantly at the Chippenham Dance Festival on Monday night, and were a credit to our school. We thought you'd like an opportunity to see their routine, so they will be giving a special performance on **Wednesday 12 February** at 3pm in Cherry Hall – everyone welcome!

We also received the exciting news last week that they have been accepted into the South West heat of the Great Big Dance Off at Bath Forum on Monday 27 April. This is a nationwide dance competition for schools, and we wish our Street Dancers the very best of luck.

### **Violin Assembly**

Our Year 4 violinists are bowing (!) out next week with a special performance on **Tuesday 11 February** from 10.15 to 10.45 am, when they will be joined by the children in other classes who are learning the violin. These violin assemblies are a real pleasure, so do come along even if your child isn't performing.

The baton (or perhaps bow) will be passed to Year 3 after half term, when they commence their year of free first access violin lessons (funded by the annual Music Quiz).

## **No Field & Forest until Term 4**

Hercules Parents please note that there will be no Field & Forest learning tomorrow or on Friday 14 February. Children should come to school in uniform.

## **Wintry Weather**

If we need to close the school due to extreme weather, we will let you know via the following means:

- A message on the rolling bar on the school website
- ParentMail
- Posts on our social media accounts: facebook, twitter and Instagram
- Announcements on Heart Radio and BBC Radio Wiltshire

## **PTA NEWS**

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with tomorrow's Film Night! We are also looking for volunteers to help with our Mother's Day event on Friday 20 March and the May Fayre on Friday 1 May – but it is a great start!

Look out for a Bag2School coming home tonight – our next collection date is **Thursday 27 February**.

Best wishes for a great Half Term!

*Amy Stenner, PTA Chair*

## **Paper letters sent out this week**

- Your PTA needs you flyer
- The Camp Holiday Club flyer
- Bag2School bag

## Dates for the Diary (new dates in red)

Fri 7 February	Sheldon Art Teacher in Phoenix PTA Film Night – Toy Story 4 – no Netball
Sun 9 February	'The Bird Show', Kington Langley Village Hall, 3pm
Mon 10 February	Firefighters visiting Hercules Class Board of Governors' Meeting
Tue 11 February	Violin Assembly, 10.15-10.45 am – all welcome! Bikeability Course 4 Day 2 Deadline: Design a Flag Competition
Wed 12 February	Street Dance Club Performance at 3pm in Cherry Hall – all welcome!
Fri 14 February	Last day of Term 3
Mon 24 February	TD Day
Tue 25 February	Back to School for Term 4 School Launch of the Draycot Benefice Lent Challenge Book Fair arrives in School
Wed 26 February	Girls' Football Event at Stanley Park
Thu 27 February	Bag2School
Fri 1 May	May Fair
Thu 18 June	Sports Day #1
Thu 25 June	Sports Day #2
Tue 30 June	School Concert