

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter



### Newsletter 4

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"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

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#### Bag 2 School—Save the Date

Our next collection is on **Wednesday 7th October**. If you have any bags of unwanted clothes that you can donate to raise school funds, please bring them to the front gate by 9am on this date. Please do not bring them to school earlier than this date, as we are not able to store them inside the school building.

#### Census Day—1st October

This Thursday is School Census Day. This is the day where school data is collected and used to calculate future funding, including Infant Free School Meals. **Reception—Year 2 parents** Please help our School receive the maximum funding to enable our children to receive their Infant Free school meal entitlement by taking a hot dinner next Thursday. The menu for this day will be...

Fish Fingers (M)

Two Cheese French Bread Pizza (V)

Jacket Potato (J)

Please take up your meal on Thursday—thank you. You can pre-order using the form we sent you on ParentMail.

#### Federation Update

On Monday, at the Full Governing Body meeting, the governors ratified the decision to hard federate with Stanton St Quintin Primary School.

You may be wondering what this means now? The proposed date for Hard Federation is the 2nd November 2020, and the governors of both schools, together with the local authority will be working on the legalities to allow this to happen. From this date, both existing Governing Bodies will dissolve and a new Governing Body will be formed, one which will be accountable for both schools. From a leadership point of view, the systems that are in place today will remain the same. The quality of teaching and learning across the school will be as good as ever. Opportunities for collaboration across the schools will be explored, and as time goes on, shared economies of scale will support the efficiencies of both schools. Both schools will retain their own identities, vision and ethos.



Dear Parents and Carers,

***Times are changing and so is the PTA.***

With new social distancing measures and the expected duration of restrictions we need to think of new ways to fundraise. Do you have any new and exciting ideas that would uplift the children while raising some much-needed funds for the PTA? Every parent/ carer is a member of the PTA, so your ideas matter. Please get in touch with the school if you have any suggestions on how we can all come together during these difficult times.

Come along to the online AGM on **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER** at 7:30 pm. You will be sent a link nearer the time. It's a great way to keep up to date with events and the fundraising that has taken place over the year. It also gives us a chance to discuss any plans for the year ahead! (Who knows what that will bring!) We won't be making any big plans...

This year we can even wear PJ bottoms and fluffy socks to the meeting, and no-one will know!

**Did you know?**

- Langley Fitzurse PTA are registered with both Amazon Smile [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and [easyfundrasing.com](http://easyfundrasing.com) These are both great and easy ways for the PTA to raise funds. With more households shopping online it really is effortless. Please either download the Easy Fundraising app or shop via the websites to access hundreds of shops online.
- Langley Fitzurse PTA has a 50/50 club. For just £2 a month you could be in with a chance of winning a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place cash prize (prize value varies, draws quarterly)!

The PTA is also a registered charity, and this comes with some perks! For example, does your business or company support the 'Match Giving Scheme'? If they do, it means if you help out at an event, your company will match the money you raise! It's worth asking!

The PTA is currently in need of some fresh faces to take on committee roles at the AGM. If you are good at leadership, organising, taking notes, numbers, or none of the above but full of ideas, then please don't be shy and step right up. You will be supported and offered guidance by longstanding members and trustees in your new highly rewarding role.

Stay Safe

**Amy Tayler**  
**Trustee of Langley Fitzurse PTA**

## What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

As a Church of England School, we recognise how important it is to teach our pupils about supporting others, both in their own community and communities around the world, recognising that people do not grow up with the same experiences in life.

As a school we support many local, national and international charities, welcoming visitors into school to help our pupils to develop an understanding of the wider world in which we live and the needs of people around the world. Sometimes this involves raising money, but more often it is about learning, building relationships and finding ways to speak out on behalf of those who cannot. For example, we actively support The Children's Society through our Christingle collection, we have worked with St Peter's Church supporting their Harvest campaigns for Doorway and The Rise Trust, and we love taking part in the Kington Langley Scarecrow Festival. For many years the school has also supported Vivian, who lives in Ghana, through Plan International UK.

Our charity work gives our pupils opportunities to put the Christian values of service, generosity, and compassion into action. We are extremely proud of how well our pupils and families engage in charity work to make a real difference to the lives of others, as they show and share the love of God, living out our key Bible verse " *Let us help each other to love others and to do good*". *Hebrews 10:24*

**Katherine Bloomer,**  
**part of the Draycot Ministry Team and member of the Christian Distinctiveness Committee.**



## Piano Lessons at Langley Fitzurse

Mrs Moore will be resuming piano lessons in school on Wednesday 4 November, and has space for some new pupils. She charges £8.50 per week for a 15 minute lesson. Open to children from Year 1 upwards. Please contact Mrs Moore direct on [cellorunner4@gmail.com](mailto:cellorunner4@gmail.com)

## Gardening Help Needed

A big thank you to the people who have already volunteered to help us tidy up the school garden! Mrs Moor could do with a couple more volunteers, though, to get our front and side gardens looking gorgeous in time for our Open Morning on Sat 17 October.

## October Half Term Holiday Club in School

Grassroots Sports Academy, who run our Early Morning, After School, Football and Multi Skills Clubs, are holding an October Half Term Holiday Club at Langley Fitzurse School this year.