

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



NEWSLETTER 1

Tuesday 8th September 20

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

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Wrap Around Care

Early Morning and After School Clubs have now recommenced. Bookings should be made through the school office. Football has also started back (today) and we are looking at how we can introduce ballet for our Key Stage 1 children.

There are currently spaces available in all clubs!

First Access Violin Lessons



Today we welcomed Mr Warner to our school. He will be teaching the Year 4 children how to play the violin on a weekly basis over the academic year.

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope your children enjoyed their first week as much as we all enjoyed them coming back. Whilst there were lots of things to catch up on and new routines to learn, we have been so impressed in the way all the children have settled into the new 'normal' way of learning.

Just a few reminders please...

- * Children should bring the minimal things in from home – lunch box, water bottle and book bag. Please leave any toys or personal belongings at home.
- * Please make sure children arrive at school in readiness for classes to go into school. 8.40am for Phoenix and Chameleon; and 8.50 am for Hercules and Pegasus.
- * On PE Days children should come into school in their PE kit

As a school, we are continually reviewing the procedures and Risk Assessment.

At morning break and lunchtimes, children play outside in their bubbles in zoned areas. Children are now able to play on the large equipment within their zoned areas. They will have sanitised their hands prior to going out and on returning to the class. Strict hand hygiene is being followed.

With these week's comms we have included class letters and curriculum maps. We hope that these give an outline of what your child will be learning about during the Autumn Term. Please take note of when PE days are, as this will mean children coming into school in their PE Kit.

Hello to our new Reception Families!

It has been a great pleasure to welcome our 19 new Year R children to our Langley family. Mrs Dixon has been delighted with the way they have settled into school. Welcome too to Ellie, who has joined us in Year 5, and her family.

What does Christian Distinctiveness mean at Langley Fitzurse School?

As a Church of England School, you would expect to see inside and outside the school signs and symbols of the Christian heritage on which our school is built. I wonder how many you can spot?

The cross in Cherry Hall, with mini versions on class reflection tables to remind us that Jesus is the centre of the Christian faith

Crosses made by pupils on the windows in classrooms

Rainbows to remind us that God's promises can be trusted and we can put our hope in him.

The Worship Cloth to help us reflect on important parts of the Church year

Reminders of 'Experiences' when we explore Christian festivals

You will also see prayers around the school, and displays exploring our school values, the Worship Council and RE work. At Advent you might spot the Advent wreath. During SATS week you might come and see our Prayer Space for Y6's, where pupils can be quiet, think, and pray. All of these symbols show everyone how important it is that we are a Church of England school.

Katherine Bloomer,

part of the Draycot Ministry Team and member of the Christian Distinctiveness Committee.

Green Finger help needed.

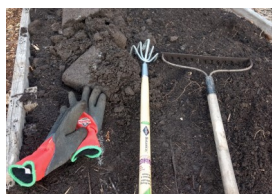
Each class will be taking responsibility for one of the raised beds within the school grounds.

If you have spare time and enjoy pruning, planting, in fact just being 'green fingered' please contact your child's class teacher.

Working outside and helping our children to plan, plant and grow produce, your help would be very much appreciated.

Our side garden needs some tlc too—if you can help, please see Mrs Moor.

Thank you



Your PTA needs you.

Our PTA will be writing a piece for next week's Newsletter, but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for their continued effort in supporting and enhancing the learning opportunities for our children. We invite any parent to join the PTA. We need your ideas, energy and support. The PTA will be holding their AGM later this term – date to follow, but I just wanted to plant the seed that the PTA need your help.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Yesterday we sent information out regarding a vacancy on the school's Governing Body. Should you wish to find out what the role involves, please contact the school. Mrs Howe or I would be more than happy to talk about this further.

'Flu Vaccinations

All children from Reception to Year 6 from September 2020 are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood 'Flu Vaccination.

It is anticipated that this will be delivered in schools between October 2020 to December 2020, this will be administered adhering to all up to date Infection Control, PPE and social distancing guidance at the time.

'Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

In light of the above we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination now. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "no" consent. You will also find answers to your FAQ's on this link.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

School Improvement Priorities 2020-2021

We have an exciting year ahead of us—hopefully with all our children in school all the time!

Our whole school key priorities for the coming year are: as follows

- **To develop a curriculum that reflects the needs of the Langley Fitzurse School Community. Providing enrichment, challenge, support, continuity and progression.**
- **To develop an effective Federation between Langley and Stanton where Governance and Leadership fulfils the Federation aims and meets the needs of both schools.**
- **To continue to develop and enhance the Christian Distinctiveness of the school and be able to evidence this in readiness for a SIAMs inspection**

Whilst these are the key priorities there will be subject and school specific areas that we will be working towards during the year. The aim is to keep parents and the school community updated on how we are working towards these priorities through Newsletters and through the school website.

Last year the school explored the idea of introducing a project called 11 by 11. This identified 11 things that children would participate in during their time at Langley Fitzurse Primary School. These activities would be incorporated into curriculum planning by the class teacher and enhance the wider school curriculum.

11 by 11: opportunities to Amaze, Excite and Inspire every pupil

As we start this academic year, we are launching an exciting new initiative called “**11 by 11**”. We have talked with staff, pupils and parents about the experiences that are important for all our children to take part in during their time at primary school. We have then made a commitment to offer all our pupils the opportunity to take part in all eleven of the experiences in the list below before they leave Langley Fitzurse at age eleven.

Experience	Class / Year Group	Values
Learn to save a life	Year 5 & 6	SERVICE & family
Visit live theatre / enjoy a live musical performance	Year R and 1	Amazing, Exciting and Inspiring
Grow and cook something (<i>seeds to supper</i>)	Year R and 1	RESPECT
Stay away from home	Year 5 and 6	PERSEVERANCE & family
Learn to play a musical instrument	Year 3 and 4	PERSEVERANCE
Represent the school – in sport, music (choir etc.), maypole, dance festival, etc.	All years	SERVICE
Actively take part in a charity event – running a bake sale to raise money, complete a sponsored challenge, etc.	Year 2 and 3	SERVICE and family
Visit Malmesbury Abbey for <i>Lifepath</i> , and visit a place of worship for another faith	Year 5 visit Malmesbury Abbey, additional visits in other years	RESPECT
Support the local community – carol singing at a care home, invite older people to lunch, etc.	Year 5	SERVICE and family
Plant a tree	Year 3	RESPECT
Start a small business – make £5 grow	Year 4 and 5	PERSEVERANCE

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Many of the experiences can be linked to our school values of *friendship, respect, truthfulness, forgiveness, perseverance, service* and our motto "*Amaze, Excite, Inspire*".

Some of these are activities we already offer children, some are new, some expand on what we already do. All are things we believe are important to allow children to develop their understanding of themselves and the community they live in, both locally and more widely.

During their time at Langley Fitzurse the children will take part in many other experiences in addition to the "11 by 11" list. They will have the chance to visit museums, learn from visitors to their classrooms and much more. This list doesn't limit what we offer but provides a way of making sure *all* children have the chance to undertake activities we think are particularly valuable.



All the experiences will be offered to all pupils although it may be the case that individuals don't take up every opportunity. An example might be a child choosing not to attend the residential visit we offer in Year 5 and 6.

Most of the activities are self-explanatory, some are explained a little further below:

Malmesbury Abbey Life Path is an annual event allowing primary school pupils the opportunity to explore Christianity through the 'life path' of a well-known Christian from history with a link to their location and reflect on their response to the story. We'll also visit other places of worship and learn about other faiths.



Start a small business will use the Virgin Money scheme whereby children receive a loan of £5.00 which they use, working in teams, to design and develop a product or service. The children then decide what to do with any money made after the loan is returned.

Learn to save a life will involve First Aid experts visiting school to teach the children emergency first aid.

