

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Tuesday 1st December 2020

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

There has been so much excited chatter this morning—Number 1 on the advent calendar opened and lots of lovely pictures and treats inside.



The school's Christmas Tree is now in the foyer and this year it's being decorated with eco decorations.

Our Advent Candle is being lit during Class Worship times, and during these special times the children are also exploring Christmas in a Box. This is a gift from the Church that children will be able to take home at end of the term.

Counting down to the end of term there are a couple of dates for your diary:

Week Beginning 7th December—Christmas Cards can be brought into school for posting in the Christmas Post Box. These will be quarantined before being given out during the last week of term.

Hercules presents a virtual Nativity—this is being recorded next week and will be shared during the final week of term with the rest of the school plus Hercules parents via Tapestry!

Thursday 17th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day. We will be supporting the charity Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers on this day. Please look out for a payment request on Parentmail.

An online form will be going out this week for you to order a Christmas Lunch for your child. Please can you complete it by the deadline of **Tue 8 December**—thank you!

Friday 18th December—Class Carols—each class will sing carols to parents at the end of the day. This will be socially distanced and COVID compliant—invitations and timings to follow.

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Home Learning

Our new approach Home Learning started this week. We hope that be being in clear in the tasks that are being set and expectations for when tasks are due back in school.

If you find your child is not bringing Home Learning tasks home, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you.

Thank You Sarah!

A big thank you to professional gardener and Langley Fitzurse mum, Sarah Sudbury, who has raised £48 for the PTA by selling plants during lockdown!



PTA Christmas Hamper

It's not too late to grab a date for our fabulous Christmas raffle! The following days are still available:

January: 2, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30

February: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 18, 20 & 24

March: 5, 8, 10, 14, 19, 26 & 31

April: 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26 & 29

May: 2, 3, 6, 7, 12, 14, 18, 19, 26 & 28

June: 2, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 17, 28, 29 & 30

July: 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 27, 28 & 30

August: 2, 3, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29 & 30

September: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 15, 16, 19, 21 & 22

October: 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27 & 30

November: 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 14, 19, 23, 26, 28 & 29

December: 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 14, 22, 23, 26, 28 & 29

Dates are £3 –please contact Mrs Howe to buy them. If you are on our ParentMail system, you can pay online. If you're not—cash is fine too! Please help our PTA reach their fundraising goal of £1,000!

Bronze Reading Certificates

Huge congratulations to the following children, who have gained their Bronze Reading Certificates:

Emilia, Maizy, Holly C, Harry, Felicity, Railey, Anya, Devon, Robyn, Lizzie, Sophia W and Lola

Well done!

Christian Distinctiveness at Langley Fitzurse School

Week 5: Advent – Valuing Special Times

Sunday 29th November marks the beginning of the church season of Advent. It is a time of waiting and preparing for the festival of Christmas. Making time for prayer and reading the Bible during shows that Christians respect and value this special time. In church we light candles which remind us of the gifts that Jesus brings to the world.

Spend a few moments together thinking about these words and what they mean.

HOPE

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

What do you and your family need right now – hope, peace, joy or love?

Which of these gifts will you and your family try and share with other people this Advent?



Advent Reflections 2020

W/c 30th November – 1st week in Advent: HOPE

In your garden, or when you are out for a walk, can you find trees or plants sprouting new growth?

When we start to see green shoots it brings hope in our hearts.

Advent brings the hope of a promise – of a love that will never let go. God's love for each of us.



Formal Consultation on Co-ordinated Schemes 2022/23 and Admission Arrangements for VC and C schools 2022/23

I am inviting comments on four documents and would be grateful if responses could be made on or before **Tuesday 19 January 2021**.

1. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Primary Admissions 2022/23
 2. Proposed Co-ordinated scheme for Secondary Admissions 2022/2023
 3. Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C primary schools for 2022/23
- Proposed Admission Arrangements for VC & C secondary schools 2022/23

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

Should you wish to provide any comments, then please email admissions@wiltshire.gov.uk

I would like to encourage parents/guardians to email any comments to the Local Authority, so that any returns give an accurate reflection of the views of all school communities.

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 2021.

Kind regards

Debbie Clare

Admissions Co-ordinator

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Langley Fitzurse was originally formed by the Church of England, and we remain a committed and vibrant church school. Every governor is responsible for nurturing this aspect of school life, as a positive underpinning to the development of our pupils. Like other governor roles, such as finance or child protection, certain governors play a more active role in leading this agenda. These are the Foundation Governors, and we now have a vacancy for someone to join this team.

There are 3 Foundation Governors on the new Federated Board. Each has to be approved by the Diocese, to perform the role. As a Foundation Governor you would perform all the other roles open to governors, but also have a special emphasis to further a distinctively Christian ethos.

I have just stepped down after 3 rewarding years as Chair of Governors, in the capacity of a Foundation Governor. My time is now up, and I would like to hand over to another who has a heart for developing children within a Christian environment. Please apply to Liz Howe at the school if you are interested, or I would be happy to talk to you further about it.

Kind regards

David Bloomer