

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Welcome Back Everyone!

I hope you all had a good half term and managed to get as much fresh air as the weather allowed.

Term 4 has started with a flurry, but the best news of the week is that we will be all back together again on Mon 8th March. This is great news! The governors and staff will be working through plans and risk assessments this week to make sure that school is COVID compliant and as safe as it possibly can be.

We are anticipating that our Early Morning and After School Cubs will restart on the 8th March. If this is something that you need, please look out for the online booking form that will be sent this week. Please complete this promptly, so that we are able to plan for the appropriate staffing ratios.

After school clubs such as football and dance will be confirmed next week.

For the next fortnight though through a blended approach, school and remote learning will continue. This will include some Teams sessions, so that children can stay connected with friends and their teachers. Learning will continue to be set through Seesaw/ Tapestry with an expectation that children try their hardest to complete tasks set and post back learning to their class teachers. I fully appreciate that for families at home this is a really challenging time both from a motivational perspective and a juggling act, especially if you too are working from home. Thank you for everything you are doing to support your children, and for your ongoing support for the staff and school.

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Road Closure!

Plough Lane, the road that leads from the traffic lights on the A350 into the village, will be closed on **Thursday 25 and the morning of Friday 26 February**. This is part of the ongoing Gigaclear works in the village.

We suggest you use the Swindon Road (B4069) to access school on these days.



This is going to look a little bit different this year as we are unable to all be together at school. World Book Day is always great fun at Langley Fitzurse, and we are adamant that we shall make the day just as special as usual for the children, and celebrate everything to do with books and reading.

With today's newsletter is a map of ideas that we are hoping to take part in to celebrate our love of books and words. Your child's class teacher will share further details in the coming days but here are some things that you might like to start thinking about now with your child.

Dressing up as a word

We are inviting children to dress up as a word as part of the day. On World Book Day itself, we shall be having a virtual parade of our word costumes so the children can enjoy each other's creations.

Scheduled author activities and class stories on World Book Day

We are delighted that Sophie Cleverly, author of the Scarlett and Ivy series, has agreed to work with our older children on WBD and will be holding a series of Q & A events on the day. We shall be setting an activity on Seesaw this week, asking your child to think of questions they might like to ask a real life author!

Extreme Reading!

Please take photos of your child reading in the most unlikely places possible and email them to us at admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk

Favourite Character Creations

These can be made out of anything you have at home—boxes, cans, Lego, even a potato! This might be something you might like to start collecting for WBD now.

Please see the attached map for more details.

In case you haven't already downloaded your WBD £1 voucher, here's the link:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf



Christian Distinctiveness at Langley Fitzurse



Encourage one another and build each other up' 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Term 4: Friendship

This term the school value we will be focusing on is 'FRIENDSHIP'.

It is also the Christian season of Lent. It is a deeply reflective time. Lent helps us to make space, so that we can draw closer to God, and become more like Jesus. This Lent we are focusing on the importance of prayer. Listening and talking is an important part of any friendship, and it's important too in our relationship with God.

Week 1: Introduction & Home-School discussion

Discuss at home what we mean by the word 'Friendship' before looking at the questions below:

Do you have a friend who you can't see at the moment? How do you stay in touch?

A true friend brings out the best in you. How might you do this for one of your friends?

A true friend is someone you can trust & rely on for their help and support when you need it. Real friendship lasts through good times and bad times.

Katherine Bloomer,

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



Thank you very much for your generous donations to our Christingle appeal. We will be sending £80 off to The Children's Society!



Red Nose Day 2021!

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 19 March** with a non-uniform day! We also have three boxes of 100% plastic free noses to sell. In order to prevent the potential risk of transmitting Covid-19, we will issue noses at the end of the school day and ask that they are **not** brought into school this year.

Here's how to nab your nose! We will send you a ParentPay link for £2 per child. This covers £1.50 for a nose and a 50p voluntary donation for the non-uniform day—all of which will be sent to Comic Relief. Once we have received your payment, we will issue your child's nose. Thank you for supporting this fantastic cause!



Our next Bag2School collection is on **Tuesday 2 March** so you'll need to get your skates on! We are not issuing bags this time, so just use a bin bag for your unwanted good quality clothes and soft toys.

If your child is not in school at the moment, just drop off a bag or two whenever you're passing and we'll store them until 2 March—thank you!

This is a great way to raise some cash for our PTA at a time when fund raising opportunities are limited.

Vacancy for a Foundation Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on our federated board. Educational experience is not required, as we are looking for someone to bring a community perspective to the board and to support the Christian ethos of the school. We value the experience that all governors bring to their roles

If you join our governing body, you will serve for a four-year term. There are usually six governing body meetings each year, and governors usually serve on a committee which meet once a term. This may alter depending upon circumstances – e.g. pandemic variances. You will need to set aside time to be able to be an effective governor: time to prepare for meetings, for visiting the school, undertaking training, and updating.

To find out more about what being a governor at this school is like, you can contact Mrs Winterburn or Mr Edward Shire (Chair of Governors), who will be very willing to answer any questions.