

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Tuesday 9th March 2021

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

What a fantastic start to the week!

I have to say that yesterday was one of the loveliest moments! Having all the children back at school and eager (yet for some a little nervous at the beginning of the day) and coming through the gates was just a moment of delight. All the staff were excited and looking forward to having full classrooms again, and the buzz of chatter, learning inside and play outside reminded me of why I became a headteacher.

A huge well done to the children and to all our parents and indeed school community for hanging in there during this recent lockdown. Let's hope it will be the last!

Over the next three weeks we will be supporting the children in settling back into the school routine. You may find that you child is tired by the end of this week. We know that children have been working hard at home and school, but the readjustment will take extra energy and focus; and it will be worth bearing this in mind on Friday and over the weekend if behaviours are a little different.

Towards the end of the term we will be carrying out assessments in reading, writing, phonics/spellings and maths. These are not statutory assessments, nor do children need any preparation, it is simply to help teachers support all the children in their class from day 1 of the Summer Term.

Parents' Evenings have been planned for the week beginning 26th April, and appointments will be sent via ParentMail after the Easter break.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who dropped off a Bag2School last Tuesday—we raised £140.70 for the PTA!

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Clubs... Clubs ... Clubs... Clubs...

Football and dance will recommence after the Easter break, and we are hoping to offer new dance clubs as well for KS1 and KS2. We are just in the process of confirming arrangements, as we will have a new dance teacher. More information to follow.

Early Morning, After School and Multi-Skills Clubs started back yesterday.

World Book Day

It was fantastic to see so many take part in the World Book Day celebrations last week. Some great words were used as a theme for dressing up and we hoped you worked out all the staff from the masked reader challenge.

A huge thank you to Sophie Cleverly, who worked with our Key Stage 2 children on a live Q and A session during the morning, and for the gift of her books—Chameleon children have already found them and are devouring the pages!

Mrs Nathanson would love to see any photos of activities made or taken part in during the day, so please could you send these to the admin email so that we can share them with everyone in school. Thank you!

Don't forget to redeem your WBD voucher!

Parking at Drop Off/Pick Up times

Parking at the beginning and end of the day has always been a challenge at Langley Fitzurse.

Yesterday in particular, with all the children back at school, the line of cars parked at the beginning and end of the day was out of sight.

Ed Shire, our Chair of Governors, and I met last week with representatives of the Parish Council to explore how we can alleviate the congestion/parking issues particularly at these pinch point times of the day. Some form of parking and possible drop off facility were discussed, and initial plans are being drafted. We are also looking at ways in which we can take some vehicles off the road, as there have been a number of incidents where cars have been scraped by other vehicles passing through. Once we have these plans, we will be able to share thoughts and ideas.

In the meantime, please can I ask that parents park considerately. Please do not block our neighbours' drives and avoid the grass of Middle Common.

There is also 'crete' underneath the grass between the school and Union chapel which would support vehicular access. I appreciate that this is a bit of a bump up and at times may be muddy, but cars are able to park on this area.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Library Opens Next Week!

Each class will have a slot every two weeks—starting with Phoenix and Hercules next week.

Please can your child return their library book as soon as possible so that we are fully stocked—thank you!



Hot Dinners—a change to the usual ordering system

In order to help in ordering supplies we are changing the way hot dinners are being ordered. Look out for an online form every Wednesday.

Please order hot dinners by Friday 12.00 noon.

Of course, should there be an issue with a packed lunch on the day, we be able to arrange a hot dinner.

We appreciate this is a change and thank you for your support in this matter.

Christian Distinctiveness in School

Christian value – Bible stories & the teaching of Jesus

At Langley Fitzurse Church of England School we explore our values through Bible stories and the teachings of Jesus.

Jesus chose 12 disciples (followers) who lived and worked with him for 3 years, learning how to love God and love their neighbours. He called his disciples friends, not servants (John 15: 14-15) But Jesus was also criticised for being 'the friend of sinners' because he spent time and ate with the least, the last and the lost – those rejected by society. Jesus, and therefore God, welcomes everyone into his circle of friends – and the challenge is for us to be welcoming too.

Find out about one of Jesus' special friends – would you have wanted them as your friend?
What do you like about them? What would be hard about having them as a friend?

'A friend loves at all times.' Proverbs 17:17

Friendship at home

We value our friends. Friendship is about trust and kindness, sharing and caring. A friend is someone we can share our joys and our sorrows with.

Think about this question with your family:

You can trust what your friend says, even when it hurts. But your enemies want to hurt you, even when they act nice. Proverbs 27:6 Friends should not be afraid to tell each other the truth – sometimes it is a big responsibility to be a friend. Have you ever had to tell a friend a difficult truth?

Let's celebrate our Mums and carers together



Mothering Sunday

A time of reflection, singing and thanksgiving

March 14th at 10.30am

*Online service – for Zoom link
See information from your school*

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! I really hope your children are happy and excited to be back with their Fitzy Family. There was a real buzz of excitement yesterday morning!

It seems like a long time since I last wrote to you. At that time there was a lot of uncertainty with the return to school and the PTA wasn't functioning on all cylinders like it has in previous years. This meant new parents didn't get the welcome that we so love to give at Langley, but I want to thank everyone that responded to the PTA plea for support, a lot of whom were new reception families, which is very reassuring for the future of the PTA.

This week feels like the start of a new term and a fresh start for the PTA.

First of all, I would like to remind everyone that we are all members of the PTA. Any adult with an invested interest in their child; whether this be Mum, Dad, Carer, Grandad, Aunty...you get my point. Everyone is a member and if we all work together, we can ensure our children have an enriched education. It is NOT exclusive to women!

What's new?

The PTA is about creating links between the Teachers and 'Parents' to give us all the opportunity to support and enhance the children's learning at Langley Fitz. With this in mind, we are introducing class reps.

What is a class rep?

A class rep will work closely with their class teacher to create a link between them and the PTA. They will be able to put forward requests and suggestions for funding from the PTA (in agreement with the teacher) for class trips or resources that each class requires. This is a valuable role within a small school and creates an excellent link within the school environment.

A minimum of 1 Rep from each Class would be expected to attend PTA meetings (usually once a term) and where possible help with events in school.

We are hoping to gain 3 reps per class. This would mean that you could work together in your '3s', one might be able to make meetings while the other helps in school; By having 3 it creates more flexibility.

Please get in touch with Liz Howe in the School Office if you are interested in becoming a class rep, and she will happily pass on your details so I can answer any questions.

Being involved in the PTA is a great way to get involved with your child's education!

PTA Meeting

We would like to hold an online PTA meeting before the end of term. The date for this is **Monday 22nd March – 7pm. A link will be sent nearer the time.**

This meeting will cover a little bit of housekeeping as we need to ensure there is a committee moving forward.

Kat, Tabitha's mum from Reception has kindly offered to take on the role of Secretary, so please don't feel you will be under any pressure to take on roles if you come to the meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to introduce the new class reps at the meeting.

There will be opportunity to talk about how we as a PTA can support the school during these difficult times and ideas for socially distanced fundraisers will be welcomed.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the PTA meeting. The Zoom link will be sent out via Parent-Mail next week. Please don't be shy if you don't get on with computers very well – I don't have the best relationship with technology either, and 'logging on' doesn't come naturally to me. Roll on the days when I can come and pester you at the gates!

Easter Egg Hunt

Without a doubt one of the most popular events of the year and thankfully with a little tweaking complies with current restrictions! All the children will take part in an Easter Egg hunt on the last day of term, in their class bubbles. They will all receive an egg.

Hopefully, we will have lots of class reps by then and this would be a wonderful chance to come and supervise your child's class, it really is a lot of fun!

Tea Towels

I know, it's not Christmas but we did think Tea Towels would make nice gifts at any time, and will feature drawings by every child. These will be completed in school, and you will be able to order your tea towels online.

Reminders

We are ALL members of the PTA

Sign up to be a class Rep

PTA meeting – 22nd March 7pm

It's great to be back!

Amy Tayler

Acting PTA Chair

Celebrating Red Nose Day in School

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.—but they are going fast! 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 have already sent 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. You can just pay the 50p if you don't want a nose, or make a larger donation if you'd like to —just alter the amount. If you would like more noses, just ask Mrs Howe in the School Office. Thank you for supporting this fantastic cause!

