

Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



Newsletter



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Tuesday 20th April 2021

"Amaze, Excite, Inspire"

Welcome Back!

Dear All,

I hope you all had a good Easter break and enjoyed the variety of weather—snow, sunshine - quite changeable!

This year has flown by and it really is quite strange that we are now moving into the summer term. There are many plans on the horizon that are currently being 'firmed up', all dependent on the COVID Roadmap, but we are definitely hoping to finish the school year by bringing our school community together. Watch this space for more news!

If you remember, towards the end of last term teachers were completing maths and English assessments. We have used this information in planning and supporting all our children to make the very best progress and attainment they can possibly can.

We have arranged Parents' Evenings for this term. These will take place 'virtually' via telephone—**Phoenix and Chameleon Parents' Evenings will be held the week beginning 4th May and Hercules and Pegasus Parents' Evenings w/b 10th May.** Mrs Howe will be sending out a booking link for appointments via Parent Mail this week.

A second date for your diary is linked to RSE—Relationship and Sex Education. This becomes a statutory part of the school curriculum from September 2021, and we would like to invite you to a Parent Information Meeting on **Wednesday 19th May at 6.00pm.** Again this will be a virtual meeting. We will share the RSE Policy and Overview with you in advance, and you will have an opportunity to raise questions during the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn
Executive Headteacher

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Cake Raffles!

Our PTA is delighted to announce that they will be holding a Cake Raffle every Friday this term—and believe us, you will really want to win these cakes!

We will be sending everyone a link to buy a ticket for each Friday in term 5. There are five, starting this Friday (23 April) and the tickets are £2 each, so you will see a payment request for £10. You can alter the amount when you pay—so if you just want to enter for one week change it to £2, or if you would like two chances each week, change it to £20—or any amount you like. Please see Mrs Howe if you have any difficulties with this. Good luck!



Getting to and from school safely

With the warmer weather, we are noticing that more children are coming to school on bicycles, scooters or skateboards.

If children are doing this, they should be wearing appropriate safety clothing—helmets especially.

For their safety and that of others, children should also disembark at the top of the 'drive' and walk their bike/scooter/skateboard to the bike racks.

I appreciate that it is a smooth area and will be fun to ride down, but with vehicles, gates and other pedestrians in very close proximity it is not a safe thing to do.

If children are unable to respect these rules they will be asked not to bring their bikes/scooters/skateboards into school.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter.

You might also want to take advantage of this bike clinic:

Dr Bike Free Bike Safety and Maintenance Check

Saturday 24th April, 9-12am, Sutton Benger Village Hall, no booking required.

Sponsored by Draycot Churches (U16s accompanied by adults please)



Clubs Clubs Clubs!

A big thank you from Mrs Moor for responding quickly to our online club booking forms! The following clubs are now full: ASC on Tuesdays, Creative Dance, Street Dance and Multi Skills. There is one space available at ASC on Thursdays, but there is still room at our Early Morning and Football Clubs. If you have signed up your child for any of our clubs, you will receive a payment request shortly.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Dylan Hatt from Grassroots, at the end of last term. He was with us for a couple of years and made a big impression on everybody. His replacement is called Eliot Green, and he has made a great start here this term.

This Week's Church Service at St Peter's

Sunday 25th April 10.30am

Holy Communion

Guest speaker: Archdeacon Christopher Bryan



Church School News—Values in Action

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Term 5: Perseverance

This term we will be focusing on our school value of 'PERSEVERANCE'. Perseverance means not giving up, even when things are difficult. It is about having a go and keeping a positive attitude.

In the Bible, the word 'perseverance' is used where a person is facing difficulty. Often the story tells of people facing something that seems to be pushing them beyond their own resources and then God reminds them of his support and strength. Perseverance is closely linked to trust in God rather than self-reliance.

Home-School discussion

Discuss at home what we mean by the word 'Perseverance'.

Perseverance is something we all find difficult. Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day to master their instrument.

How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 to 10 at perseverance (1 = little sticking power, 10 = dogged persistence)? How would you rate each other?

*Can you each give an example of something you have achieved by determined perseverance?
How did it make you feel?*

Take time to watch together 'Faith at Home – Episode 6: Resilience' which can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7utR1OzDXPM>

*But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.
2 Chronicles 15:7*



PTA News

After a very quiet start this year due to Covid, I'm delighted that we have lots of things happening over the summer terms! You will have read about our Cake Raffles on page 1, and lots of you are outside at the moment buying second hand uniform. We have also produced a gorgeous Langley Fitzurse tea towel—see below for a sneak preview—and will be sending out order forms later this week. We are even hoping to arrange an event when we can meet IRL—watch this space for more details!

If you would like to get involved, and we would love you to! - why not join our virtual meeting on Monday evening. Here's the link:

Topic: PTA Meeting

Time: Apr 26, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78033070904?pwd=TGgwNVZhSi9qNzNhZkgvc1pVZDlxQT09>

Meeting ID: 780 3307 0904

Passcode: zBjs7J

We'll send out an agenda nearer the time.

Best wishes

Amy Tayler
PTA Chair



Gardeners Needed!

We would be very grateful for any volunteers who would be happy to help tend the gardens and playground beds/pots, Spring has sprung, including the weeds! Our outdoor areas could do with a good tidy up if anyone has spare time before or after pick up/drop off. Please see Mrs Moor or contact her on finance@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk if you can help. Thank you!

