

# Langley Fitzurse Church of England Primary School



## Newsletter



### Newsletter 01

Tuesday 7th September 2021

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you have had a good summer break. It is wonderful to have all the children back in class and fully immersed in their learning, and to see how well our new Reception children are settling in. It was wonderful to see so many families at the Welcome Service at St Peters Church on Sunday. This is just the start of a year where we can hopefully be 'together' more in person, and grow our school community.

Over the next two weeks, we will be holding Meet and Greet sessions for you to meet with your child's class teacher. These will take place at 2.45pm to tie in with pick up at the end of the school day. For parents who are unable to attend, we will send the content of the meeting home electronically. Class letters and curriculum maps to outline the areas of learning will also be shared this week.

I am very much looking forwards to the new school year, hopefully one that is less disrupted by COVID. The school still has a Risk Assessment that identifies and mitigates infection as best as possible in school; and includes a contingency action plan should there be any positive cases at Langley. In general though, the school is back to being a whole school, with whole School Collective Worship, singing, the reintroduction of the Buddy System and as the term progresses some extra-curricular school clubs. We will retain the split break and lunch times, together with receiving the children at the front of the school at the beginning and of the day as we have found that these work well for us.

Lots happened at school during the summer closure. I am sure if you have been passing, you will have seen lots of vans and contractors. The school had a new emergency fire system, emergency lighting and new IT wifi systems installed. Once we are connected to the super fast broadband we *should* be whizzing!

We have also had some staffing changes over the summer break too. We have welcomed Mrs Helen Rimmer, who will be Hercules' Class Teacher to our school team, plus Mrs Stables and Mrs Plaskitt who will also be joining Hercules Class as TA support. We also have a new name but not a new member of staff – Miss Causer got married in August and is now Mrs Webster!

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Moor at the end of August. She has left Langley to embark on new challenges, and we wish her every success in the future. This has led us to look at the office structure in a different way. Mrs Howe will continue to be the school's Administrator but will now also be the point of contact for booking wrap around care and school clubs. Please email her with any queries on [admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk) Mrs Pennington is now the Bursar/Finance Officer across both Langley Fitzurse and Stanton St Quintin schools and so anything regarding finance will now come from her. Her email is [bursar@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@lfssq.wilts.sch.uk). The Governing Body are also in the process of appointing a premises lead across both schools, and once this is finalised we will be able to share this information with you.

Karen Winterburn



## Communication

We are going to trial a change to our communication by sending you newsletters at the beginning and end of each term, where we hope to share more about the children's learning and school events. You will continue to receive weekly 'What's On' emails every Friday, plus information that is specific to your child's class. Let us know what you think of these new arrangements.

## Dates for your Diary

Tue 7 September	Meet the Teacher—Phoenix—2.45 pm
Tue 7 September	Football Club starts
Wed 8 September	Creative Dance Club starts
Thu 9 September	Drum Lessons start
Thu 9 September	Street Dance Club starts
Thu 9 September	Meet the Teacher—Pegasus—2.45 pm
Sat 11—Sun 19 Sept	Peacock Arts Trail in NW Wiltshire
Mon 13 September	Year R children start full time school
Mon 13 September	Langley Fitzurse Play Pod opens!
Tue 14 September	Piano Lessons start
Tue 14 September	Meet the Teacher—Chameleon—2.45 pm
Wed 15 September	Guitar/Ukulele Lessons start
Wed 15 September	PTA Welcome Meeting—2.30 pm
Fri 17 September	Gardening Club starts
Mon 20 September	Whole School Art Project starts
30 Sept & 1 Oct	Year 6 Bikeability Course 1
Sat 2 October	Music Quiz in aid of our First Access Violin lessons
Mon 4 October	Harvest Service
Wed 6 October	Space Dome visiting school
7 & 8 October	Year 6 Bikeability Course 2
14 & 15 October	Year 6 Bikeability Course 3
Wed 21 October	Last Day of Term 1
Thu 21—Fri 29 October	Half Term
Mon 1 November	Back to School for Term 2

During 2021/22, TD Days will be held on Mon 28 February 2022, Fri 27 May 2022, Fri 22 July and Mon 25 July 2022



## Values in Action

### This term we focus on the value of FRIENDSHIP

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

Friendship is about trust and kindness, sharing and caring. It is a key value that enables our school vision to become reality, helping pupils to be **happy and confident**, and recognised by parents and visitors in our **friendly, family feel**.

[Here are some questions to think about this term in school and at home: – What do you think? What do your friends and classmates think? Chat with your family and find out what they think.](#)

- What is friendship?
- Why are friends important?
- Do you have to have a friend to be happy?
- Can friendships be a bad thing?
- How many friends can you have?
- Are online friends really friends?
- Can we be a friend to people we don't know?
- How can we strengthen our friendships?

Why do some people say that God/Jesus is their friend?

*Values are the principles that guide our thinking and behaviour. As a Church of England School, we choose to explore these values in a Christian context, using the Bible and the teachings of Jesus, and looking at how Christians through the centuries have been inspired and strengthened by these values. **They are values for everyone – of all faiths and none.** These values support our vision; growing these habits and practices across the whole school will strengthen our community.*

*'Let us help each other to love others and do good'* Hebrews 10:24

## Gardeners Needed!

Mrs Twelves has kindly offered to run a gardening club for children on Friday afternoons from 1-2pm, starting on Friday 17 September, and is looking for another parent to assist her so that all the classes can enjoy this club. Please contact Mrs Howe on [admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@langleyfitzurse.wilts.sch.uk) if you can help—thank you!



**Chippenham RFC Open Air Cinema**  
**Saturday 25 September—5.30pm for 7.00pm**  
**'The Greatest Showman'**

Joel in Year 6 plays for the Chippenham U11s Mini's rugby team. This is their last year in the minis division and as is tradition, before the kids transition into junior rugby the club likes to take them on a tour which is a great team bonding exercise where we put on various activities and where they also get to play a local team.

These tours are completely self funded and therefore the club is tasked with carrying out various fund raising activities.

The club includes a number of disadvantaged children and the aim is to make sure all the kids get to go on the tour therefore they have to raise a lot of money to be able to pay all expenses which include accommodation, food, activities and a tour jersey.

One of the fundraising events they are holding is an open air cinema evening being held at the Rugby club.

Please see link below:

<http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/crfcoutdoorcinemanight>

The movie being screened is The Greatest Showman, and they are planning to be able to provide as authentic a cinema evening as possible with the sale of popcorn, food, drinks etc. and promises to be a great family evening out

All proceeds will be going towards the minis' tour planned for April 2022.

**Missing Cat**

Holly in Year 6 has lost her grey tabby cross cat. He has one white ear, and goes by the name Jack.

He was last seen on Thursday 26 August in Silver Street, Kington Langley, and is an important part of Holly's family. If you see him, please contact Holly's mum, Kirsty on 07723 642 502.



Collect FREE gardening equipment for our school! For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help us get everything we need to get growing... Thank you!