



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

November 2021



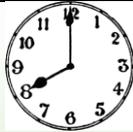
Welcome back to school everyone, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. It was lovely to return to some sort of normality last term following two years of huge disruption. We look forward to another exciting eight week learning journey, which will take the children up to the Christmas break.

NON-FICTION NOVEMBER



During the whole month of November, we will focus on information and factual books by exploring the many types of non-fiction books that are available for children. We will start this week with books about Bonfire Night, followed by books about Poppy Day. It would be lovely to see you sharing non-fiction books at home too. Send photos into your class teachers using Seesaw and we can print them for our 'Year of Reading' display in the main corridor.

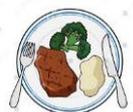
START AND FINISH TIMES



Please ensure that you are prompt for the start and end of school day:

- Breakfast Club – 8am
- Nursery – 8.45 am – 11.45 am / 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm
- School – 8.55 am – 3.25 pm (bell rings at 8.50 am).

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Most children are now taking up the offer of a free, hot meat/vegetarian meal or sandwich platter each day.

If your child currently has a packed lunch, why not give the daily school meal a try. They are nutritionally balanced, use local produce and support healthy diets.

If you continue to send your child with their own packed lunch, they must meet healthy standards. Please don't provide too much food, the children have a dedicated half hour to eat their food.

COVID SAFETY



This term we will continue to try and keep our school as COVID safe as possible by:

- Ensuring regular hand washing and use of sanitiser throughout the school day.
- Using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to sneezing/coughing.
- Maintaining increased cleaning of key touch points.
- Encouraging twice weekly LFD testing for staff, parents and pupils.
- Ensuring good ventilation in all classrooms and busy areas.
- Not allowing non-essential visitors into the school building except by prior appointment.
- Keeping everyone up to date with all correspondence via the school website, Facebook page and text system.
- Following local authority and national guidance.

INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES 2022

If your child is due to start infant school in September 2022 (birthdays between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018) or junior school (birthdays between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015) you must apply for their place by 15th January 2022. You will be able to make your application from 9am on 8th November up to the closing date of 15th January 2021.

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You can do this online at

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by phoning [Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190](tel:01629533190).

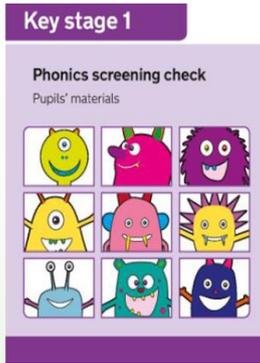
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Mrs Rivington will support anyone who needs help with this process.

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Follow the link to view our virtual tour and see our school in action.

<https://youtu.be/VpiBGa9s3JA>.

Please share this with anyone that you know who is looking for a nursery or school place for their child.

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK



Cancellation of the Phonics Screening Check in June 2021 meant that our current Year 2 pupils (Fantastic Field Mice) did not take the check in Year 1.

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This year only, it is statutory for schools to administer a past version of the Phonics Screening Check to Year 2 pupils during the second half of the 2021 autumn term and return the results to the Local Authority.

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Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in the autumn check will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard in the autumn check will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2021, alongside all Year 1 pupils.

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER



The Children in Need charity has raised over £950 million to change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people.

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For our annual fundraiser, your child can wear non-uniform / Pudsey merchandise, in exchange for a donation.

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In class, the children will have a 'duck day', taking part in duck themed activities including the annual Duck Race Sweepstake which is televised live across the BBC website and social media channels at 1pm.

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This year's Duck Race promises to be something special with twenty ducks battling down a lazy river racecourse.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - 15-19 NOVEMBER 21



Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year has the theme 'One Kind Word'. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. During this special week, there are many things happening:



- The week will begin with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 15th which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks.
- Throughout the week we will use lots of books about kindness to reinforce the theme.
- We will continue to emphasise our 'Bucket Filling Fillosophy', encouraging positive behaviours such as being kind and helpful, having good manners, being polite and caring for each other.
- We will use the NSPCC PANTS resources to teach the children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>).
- We will use our child friendly books to reinforce how to keep safe online.
- New displays will be created by each class in the main corridor, showcasing work completed during the week and to serve as prompts and reminders throughout the year.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2021



Christmas is always a very special time in our Church School. We love to remember the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate this wonderful time of year. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children in the run up to the end of term – let's hope we have no disruption to our plans!

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Wednesday 1st December - Christmas Jumper/Clothes Day

On this day the children and staff are asked to come to school wearing their best Christmas themed clothes. This will start the period of ADVENT. Everyone in school will help decorate the classrooms and shared areas to get us all in the Christmas mood!

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Monday 13th December to end of term - Christmas Tombola

The children will be able to buy one ticket for 25p or five for £1 to win a winter / Christmas themed prize. All money raised will be used to fund special Christmas events, prizes and activities. We would really appreciate donations of prizes to add to the generosity of staff (new not used).

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Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner will be served in the hall, with all of the special treats and trimmings of this time of year. All children are welcome to partake, even if they usually bring their own packed lunch.

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Christmas Parties

During the week commencing 13th December, all year groups will have their own Christmas party – so please come in your favourite (warm) party clothes on your party day!

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- Nursery (Curious Cotton Mice) – Friday 17th December
- Reception (Dazzling Dormice) – Friday 17th December
- Year One (Super Satin Mice and Wonderful Wood Mice) – Thursday 16th December
- Year Two (Fantastic Field Mice) – Monday 13th December

Christmas Concerts

Early Years (Nursery and Reception): 15th December @ 1.45 pm

Key Stage One (Years One and Two): Tuesday 21st December @ 1.30 pm and Wednesday 22nd December @ 5 pm.

Tickets for all concerts will be £2 each.

Every ticket purchased will be entered into a raffle to win a luxury Christmas hamper. 🎁

We break up for school on **Thursday 23rd December** ready for Santa's visit. Make sure you are good boys and girls all term as he is always watching! See you back in school on **Monday 10th January 2022**.