

Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

Autumn 1 2023



Welcome back to school everyone, we hope you all had a lovely summer break (even if the weather has decided this is our week of summer!). A special welcome to all our new pupils.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with lots of exciting learning happening. There have been lots of changes in school over the summer, we hope you saw the photos on our Twitter (X) page and Facebook page.

CONTACT DETAILS

In case of an emergency, it is imperative that we always hold up-to-date contact details. Latest statutory guidance states we must have a minimum of two emergency contact details per child. We also use a texting service to communicate quickly and effectively with parents. Therefore, mobile numbers must always be kept up-to-date or you will miss vital reminders, key updates and events that happen which haven't been planned for. Please inform us immediately of any changes of address, telephone numbers, contacts or medical conditions of your child.

Ways to Keep in touch with what is happening in school

Don't forget to use our website. There is lots of important informtation on it about our school. Each class has a page where you can find out all about the learning in their class for the term and any important dates. www.langleymillinfantschool.co.uk

We also have a facebook page and twiiter (X) page where we will share information. Please follow us.



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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

This is a reminder that the government expectation is for all children to have attendance of 96% or more.

As a school our attendance has been significantly lower than it should be so we have worked hard to produce a flowchart to support you with what will happen if attendance is lower than it should be and how we want to reward good attendance. These will be sent out at the beginning of next week and added to our website.

Please can you try really hard to ensure your child is attending school and on time (lateness can also affect their attendance rate too).

Remember to let the office know before school if your child is unwell so we can log it.

Thank you

- > Breakfast Club 8am
- Nursery 8.45 am 11.45 am / 12.30 pm 3.30 pm
- > School 8.55 am 3.25 pm

In school, the bell rings on the rear playground at 8.50am to allow the children five minutes to get into school, hang their coats/bags up and be ready for the register at the start time of 8.55am

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day (which should be taken out of school times where possible), please bring the appointment cards/letters to the main office.

Thank you.

MEDICATION

Please remember that if your child needs to take prescribed medicine in school, a medical form must be completed at the main school office. We cannot administer medicines that are not prescribed or less than x4 times daily dosage.

BEHAVIOUR

We have been working really hard to make our behaviour approach really clear for children, parents and staff. We have created a behaviour blueprint which will be sent out the beginning of next week.

Our main aim is to approach behaviour by praising the positives. Our motto is 'Praise in Public, Reprimand in Private'.

There will be lots of praise and reward when children make good choices and we will be ensuring you, as parents know through sending your child home with sticker, postcards, via text or a positive phone call.

There will be times when a child doesn't make the right choice and we want them to learn behaviours have consequences using a positive approach and through a restorative approach and reflection.

We will still be having bucket bonanza on a Friday for 30 minutes for the children who have made fantastic choices that week.

I have already seen a really positive change in the way children are walking around school. It is great to see them smile when they are praised for making good choices.

HOME LEARNING

The home learning for this term will be a focus on Reading as it is such a vital skill that children need to gain.. The expectation is for you to read 5 times a week with your child.

NO SMOKING

Please remember that the school grounds are no smoking or vaping throughout. We also ask that entrance gate areas remain smoke free too. It is very unpleasant for nonsmoking children and adults to have no choice but to walk through plumes of smoke on their way into and out of school. Please be mindful of the health and safety of all our pupils and their families.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

All children will have individual photographs taken on <u>Wednesday</u>

13th September from 8.00am for photos with siblings in another school. I can't wait to see them all come on that day looking extra smart.

EARLY HELP OFFER

Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you are concerned about or would like support with.

Here is the link to our Early Help Offer on our website.

<u>Langley Mill Church of England</u> <u>Infant School and Nursery: Early Help</u> (langleymillinfantschool.co.uk)

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will
be held on Thursday 26th
October. We will send out more
details nearer the time.
On the day, please send your
child to school with in-date,
non-perishable goods that can
be added to the Langley Mill
Food Bank to help those less
fortunate than ourselves.

UNIFORM

A reminder of our active uniform expectations.

- A plain white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- A plain royal blue sweatshirt or v-neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Plain black/dark grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings or shorts (not fashion shorts or denim) or a skort.
- Plain black shoes or trainers (Velcro unless child can tie their own laces with no logos or branding)
- Plain black pumps for PE (to be kept in a drawstring bag in school to avoid wet/mud in the hall
- A pair of wellies (to be kept in a plastic bag on pegs)

Depending on the weather please bring in sun hats, suntan lotion (to be kept in school with the child's name on) or raincoats etc.

Your child also needs to bring their book bag into school every day. Please remember it is no rucksacks (due to space on pegs).

We also have a <u>no jewellery</u> in school policy for children.

PRIZE DRAW

Please don't forget to have completed the form online to see if you are eligible for Free School Meal funding to be put into our prize draw. Forms that are completed by the end of September will be put into the draw to <u>WIN £150</u> regardless of whether you were eligible or not, if it has been completed, we get a notification and will add you into the draw.

The form only takes a few minutes to complete so you have nothing to lose. Scan the QR code below and then click on the purple strip that says check your eligibility for free school meals.



Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.

<u>If school meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - why do I still need to apply?</u>

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- · travel costs to school
- · school uniform costs
- · music lessons at school

For, every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

These will be slightly different this year. <u>Please only come when</u> <u>you receive an invite</u> from a member of staff. Children will receive certificates for; -Class Mouse of the Week (Learn) -Bucket Filler of the (Respect/Behaviour) -Readers who have won a free book (Aspire/Learn) -Class Attendance

Celebration Assemblies are on Fridays at 9.15am.

certificate of the Week

DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

(Dates are also on the calendar on our website)

Monday 4th September - Inset Day

Tuesday 5th September - Inset Day

Wednesday 6th September - Welcome Back

Wednesday 13th September - Individual Photo Day

Thursday 14th September - Year 2 Parent Meeting 9.15am

Friday 15th September - Year 1 Parent Meeting 9.15am

Friday 22nd September - Friday Celebration Assemblies Begin

Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th October - Parent's Evenings (details to follow soon)

Thursday 26th October - Harvest Festival Celebration (details to follow nearer the time)

Friday 27th October - Inset Day

Other Dates may be added so please keep an eye on messages from school and the website calendar as this will be updated regularly.



