

September 2022

Langley Mill Church of England Infant School and Nursery

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone. We are so happy to see you all after a lovely summer holiday. A special welcome to all of our new pupils and staff. We look forward to getting to know you throughout the year. We have an INSET day on Friday 21st October, so the children break up on Thursday 20th October and will return on Monday 31st October.

UNIFORM

Remember – unless you are in year one or two and are using up old stock before changing to our new policy, all children should be wearing our new active uniform every day. You can buy this from your chosen retailer or online using our supplier: www.loopwear.co.uk.

- * Plain white polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- * Royal blue sweatshirt or v-neck jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- * Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings (long or cropped) or sports shorts (not fashion shorts or denim) or skort
- * Plain black trainers (Velcro unless child can tie own laces)

PE KITS

The only children who need a PE kit in school are those wearing old uniform stock that is not suitable for PE (i.e. dress/skirt/trousers). Everyone else will be wearing our active uniform, suitable for PE. The only thing needed for every child is a pair of black pumps in a drawstring bag so that any wet and/or muddy footwear is not taken from outside into the hall.

JEWELLERY AND BAGS

Thank you for supporting our 'no jewellery' (including earrings) and 'no rucksacks' (flat book bags only) policies to keep the children safe and well. It is very much appreciated to have all parents and carers adhering to our health and safety documents.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We have the same timings again this year which are:

Breakfast Club: 8.00am

Nursery: 8.45 am - 11.45 pm / 12.30pm - 3.30 pm

School: 8.55 am - 3.25 pm (bell rings at 8.50 am)

- For Breakfast Club, all children wait outside the front door, waiting for the leader to collect the children and take them inside.
- In nursery, all children line up at the Curious Cotton Mice signpost, waiting for the nursery staff to collect the children and take them inside for their session.
- In school, all children line up in the rear playground behind their class signpost. When the bell is rung, all teachers collect their classes, with the oldest entering first.

It is essential that all children are punctual. If your child is absent/late please phone to give reasons (01773 713429). If your child is absent due to medical appointments, which should be taken out of school times whenever possible, please phone and keep appointment cards/letters.

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.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Don't forget to use our school website and Facebook page. These contain lots of important information and updates. You can also log on Parent View to give your views:

Website: www.langleymillinfantschool.co.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Langley-Mill-CofE-Infant-School-Nursery>

SEESAW

We are continuing to use Seesaw families to send messages and share information, please ensure that you are signed up.

READING

At our school, we view reading as the most vital skill that children need to gain. Reading allows access to all other areas of the curriculum and is essential to success in education.

In school, your child will have two reading books and a reading diary sent home each day. Children need to be helped with their reading at home at least five times per week.

One book sent home will be decodable, matching the sounds taught in the daily phonics lesson. YOUR CHILD CAN READ THIS BOOK TO YOU. One book will be a chosen coloured book. YOU CAN READ THIS BOOK WITH YOUR CHILD. Please record your child's reading in the blue diary.

If your child reads at home at least 5 times per week, s/he will be placed on the Church Towers painted in the veranda. This will result in stamps on charts and the earning of new books.

We will run specific workshops on supporting your child with reading throughout the year.

We keep the profile of reading high across nursery and school through monthly book events. This term we will celebrate Roald Dahl Day and National Poetry Day.

ROAD SAFETY

The school location makes access difficult as it was built way before we all had cars. It is always preferable to walk whenever possible to avoid congestion. If you unavoidably have to use a car to travel to school, please ensure you do not park on pavements, restricting access for buggies / pedestrians etc., or blocking residents' drives. We want to ensure safety and good relationships between school and local community.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

After school parent consultations will take place WC 10TH October in classrooms. You will be able to see your child's classroom, discuss how s/he has settled in and learn about progress so far. Letters to book your time slots will be sent home nearer to the time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 20th October at 1.30 pm in the school hall. Tickets will be £1 per person, which give entry to the raffle in order to win an autumn themed hamper. Further details for this event will follow later in the term.

NO SMOKING

Please remember that the school grounds are no smoking and/or vaping throughout. We also ask that entrance areas remain smoke free.

NO DOGS

Please remember that dogs are not allowed the school grounds at any time.

MEDICATION

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

LUNCHTIME

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to access a daily free school meal. These are nutritionally balanced and made from locally sourced, quality ingredients. This year we will be offering the choice of hot meat, hot vegetarian or sandwich platter. Most pupils are expected to take up the option of the school provided meal. If your child has specific dietary needs, as clarified by a medical professional, a specific form needs to be completed which is available by phoning the school office. For those few continuing to bring a packed lunch, it must meet our nutritional standards. Remember that as a Healthy School Community we do not allow fizzy drinks, sweets and only one chocolate covered biscuit bar.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Our 9.00am Friday Awards Assembly will restart this term on Friday 16th September, when the whole school plus parents, carers and family gather to celebrate achievements of selected pupils. We reward the children for good conduct behavior and learning behaviour, out of school achievements and frequent home reading. All parents are welcome to attend, and those with children receiving specific awards will receive a Seesaw notification. Please make sure that you are using the Seesaw families app.