



Langley Mill C of E Infant & Nursery News

Autumn 2 2023



Welcome back to school everyone, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are really looking forward to another term of fantastic learning. This term also includes all the Christmas celebrations. Please check the diary dates section and the Christmas Dates section so you don't miss out on anything.

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 Remembrance Day. It would be lovely to see you sharing non-fiction books at home too. Send photos into your class teachers on dojo and we can print them off for our Library Reading display.

School Lunches



We hope your children have told you how much they are enjoying getting to choose their own dinner and pour their own water (this seemed to be a highlight on Monday with children saying 'we feel so grown up now').

Most children are now taking up the offer of a free, hot meat/vegetarian meal or jacket potato 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.

Attendance

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone. We have seen an increase in our attendance last term to put us in line with the national picture. Let's try and keep that going in Autumn 2.

We have also seen a massive improvement with our lateness so again a huge thank you. If your child is late there is a form for you to fill out on arrival at school.

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 keep appointment cards/letters and again there is a form for you to fill out.

Please remember schools are being asked not to grant any leave of absence unless it is exceptional and fines have to be issued for any time taken off during term time.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Non- Christmas Diary Dates

Friday 10th November - Year 2 trip to St Andrew for Remembrance 9.45-11.45am

Monday 13th -Friday 17th November -Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November- Open Evening in School for anyone wanting a look round for a Nursery or Reception place in September 2024

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Dress Up

Friday 1st December - INSET DAY

Friday 15th December -Flu Vaccinations for all children who consent was given for

Friday 22nd December - Break Up for Christmas

Please see the Christmas Dates section for more dates.

Staffing News

We have got some exciting news to tell you about our new structure in school. We have appointed an Assistant Headteacher who will be our new SENDCo from January and will be in school full time.

We are extremely upset to be saying goodbye to Mrs Goulding as she has been fantastic and does a superb job one day a week but both she and I felt one day a week just wasn't enough time. She unfortunately could not do anymore days, so we decided to appoint.

I hope you will join us in wishing her the best for the future as she will be greatly missed.

We feel by raising the profile of our inclusion offer and ensuring we have someone full time in school she will have more capacity to work with pupils with SEN and meet with parents more to share all the wonderful work staff do in school to support our learner.

Our new SENDCo will have a teaching commitment 2 days a week but have SENDCo time 2 days a week.

CHILDREN IN NEED – The Great SPOTacular!

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER



Now more than ever Children in Need is committed to supporting organisations and projects nationwide that help the children who need it the most.

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For our annual fundraiser, your child can wear non-uniform with a spot theme or Pudsey merchandise, in exchange for a donation made on ParentPay.

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In class the children will be taking part in some exciting SPOTacular activities including some Spot-inspired games.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – 13th -17th NOVEMBER 23

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and this year has the theme 'Make a noise about Bullying'



During this special week, there are many things happening:

- The week will begin with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 13th which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. It started in 2017 and has had millions of people join in over the years. Please come to school in odd socks on this day.



- Throughout the week we will use lots of books about being there for each other to reinforce the theme.
- We will continue to emphasise our Bucket Filling 'Filosophy', encouraging positive behaviours such as being kind and helpful, having good manners, being polite and caring for each other and linking to our value of Respect.
- 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.



We hope you all have a fantastic term.
From Mrs Gardner and the Langley Mill Team



CHRISTMAS 2023 AT LANGLEY MILL C of E INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY



We are very excited to be announcing the special events that will be happening at school in the run up to Christmas this year.



Thursday 30th November - Christmas Fair

We will be having a Christmas Fair this year in the hall from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. There will be various stalls selling gifts and crafts, a tombola (any donations for this would be appreciated) and refreshments. If there is anyone who would like a stall, please ring or come and see Mrs Gardner or Mrs Downing to check we don't already have a stall selling the same. There will be a charge of £5 per table but then any money made on the day will be yours. We are hoping this will be a fantastic community event.



Monday 4th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Decorating

This is the day that we get Christmas started in school! We all get involved in decorating the classrooms and spaces around school to start our festivities. Everyone can come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers or clothes.



Week commencing 4th December - Colours of Christmas Raffle

The staff have made Christmas colour themed hampers filled with all kinds of Christmas goodies. Tickets will be on sale during this week for £1 each and the winner will be drawn at the end of the last performance on Thursday 14th December.



Friday 8th December - Year 1 to St Andrews Church

Year 1 will be visiting St Andrews Church to take part in some Christmas Activities.



Week Commencing 11th December - Christmas Productions

Early Year (Nursery & Reception) - 'Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel' Wednesday 13th December at 10am (family viewing-under 3s welcome but please leave the hall if they cry) and Thursday 14th December at 2pm (no under 3s please)

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2) - 'Prickly Hay' Wednesday 13th December at 2pm (family viewing- under 3s welcome but please leave the hall if they cry) and Thursday 14th December at 5pm (no under 3s please)



Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Dinner Day/ Jumper Day

We will all have our delicious Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings together in the hall. The usual dietary requirements will be provided for, and your child will still be able to bring their own packed lunch. It is also another opportunity to wear your Christmas Jumper too.

We also have a special Carols by Candlelight event at 3.30pm. This will be for children and families to join us in the hall for some carol singing (the children will have learnt them in school) at the Christmas Tree. There will be mince pies and drinks on sale too.



Week commencing 18th December - Christmas Parties

During this week all year groups will have a Christmas party in the afternoon, so please come in your favourite (warm) party clothes on your party day!

- Nursery (Curious Cotton Mice) & Reception (Dazzling Dormice) - Monday 18th December
- Year One (Super Satin Mice) - Tuesday 19th December
- Year Two (Fantastic Field Mice) - Thursday 21st December



School closes for the Christmas Break on **Friday 22nd December**.
We are all back in school on **Monday 8th January 2024**.