



# Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

September 2017

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a really good summer. A special welcome to all of our new pupils. As the children had opportunities to meet their new teachers and classmates last term, they have all settled really quickly and we look forward to seeing them all progress throughout the year.

## UNIFORM

Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. Everyone looks so smart and the children love the sense of belonging that wearing a uniform brings. Please remember all items of clothing must be clearly labelled. With well over 100 children in nursery/school, it is impossible to keep track of all items of clothing without this!

### Remember we wear:

- Royal blue jumper/cardigan/fleece
- White shirt/polo shirt
- Grey or black skirt/trousers or blue/white check dress
- Sensible, flat shoes

## PE KITS

Remember your child must have a full PE kit in school at all times (shorts, t-shirt, plimsolls), again which must be fully labelled. PE kits stay in school every day and are returned at the end of each half term for washing and checking items still fit. It is essential that your child can dress and undress independently so please ensure lots of practice at home if they cannot already do so.

## 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 a reading book, key words and a reading diary sent home each day. Children need to be helped with their reading at home at least 3 times per week, preferably every day. You can record your child's reading in the blue diary provided. The bookmark inside will help give you guidance on how to hear your child read to help him/her progress.

If your child is consistently reading at home a minimum of 3 times per week, s/he will be placed on the Rocket Reader and the more times you read, the more chance your child will get of being the astronaut of the week. Children who read every day are rewarded with weekly prizes in our Friday Awards Assembly and will build their way to gaining a new book from our book shop.

Specific workshops on supporting your child with reading will be held throughout the year. Our first one, 'Ready for Reading', will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 2.30 pm and is specifically aimed at parents/carers who have children who have started school for the first time in Reception (Marvellous Moles) and want to know more about how children learn to read and how they can be supported at home.

## Attendance & Punctuality

School 8.55am – 3.25pm

Nursery AM 8.45 - 11.45  
PM 12.30 - 3.30

In school the bell rings on the rear playground at 8.50am to allow the children 5 minutes to get into school, hang up coats/bags etc. and be ready for the register at the start time of 8.55am. Anyone arriving after this time must sign in at the main office.

If your child is absent/late please send a letter or phone to give reasons.

Tel: 01773 713429

If your child is absent due to medical appointments (which should be taken out of school times whenever possible) please bring appointment cards/letters to the main office.

## CONTACT DETAILS

In case of an emergency it is important that we always hold up to date contact details.

We also use a texting service to communicate quickly and effectively with parents.

It is imperative therefore that mobile numbers are always 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

[www.langlevmillinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.langlevmillinfantschool.co.uk)

Don't forget to use our school website. You will find lots of important information there which you may find useful. You can also log on Parent View to give your views.

### **Jewellery**

Thank you for supporting our 'no jewellery' policy (including earrings) to keep the children safe and well. It is very much appreciated to have all parents adhering to our policies.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

As you know, our location makes us difficult to access as the school was built way before we all had cars.

On-going access right disputes also mean our rear Ebenezer Street entrance is currently not in use. 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 had lots of complaints last year about this and want to ensure safety and good relationships between school and local community.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

We are holding a cake sale on the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September in aid of this wonderful charity. Cakes will be on sale before school, on the rear playground (weather permitting) from 8.45am. Please come along and support us in raising funds. Any donations of cakes will be very welcome, to be in school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> if possible.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30 pm and all classes play a part. 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. This is our final day of term and the children will be allowed to leave after the concert to enjoy the half term break.

### **TEXTILE RECYCLING**

If you have any unwanted clothes, bedding, laundry, etc. then please bring into school for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October for our recycling event. We will accept donations starting week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

All children will have individual photographs taken on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9 am onwards.

### **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.

### **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. Last year, the vast majority of pupils in school took up this option and enjoyed a daily hot meal.

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If your child has specific dietary needs, as clarified by a medical professional, a specific form needs to be completed which is available at the main school office.

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For those continuing to bring a packed lunch, remember that as a Healthy School we do not allow fizzy drinks, sweets and only one chocolate covered biscuit bar.

### **EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST CLUB**

Remember we have a daily club running from 8am-8.55am. This costs £2.50 per day for a healthy breakfast and games, run by qualified teaching assistants. Book your place at the main office.

### **PARENT SHARE DAY**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October all parents will be given an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class, how well they are learning and what home support can be given. Please ensure you attend, we had nearly 100% attendance in all classes for our last share day.

### **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

Every Friday, at 9.00 am, we hold a celebration assembly where we give praise to selected children across a range of areas. We give awards for behaviour, academic achievement, out of school achievements and for frequent reading. Our first one will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and every Friday thereafter (apart from the first week of each term). All parents are welcome to attend, and those with children receiving specific awards will receive a text message alert.

### **COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL**

Please note that children are not allowed to go home on their own before the end of school sessions or at the end of school. They will not be allowed out with anyone except their parent/carer known to staff (unless otherwise informed) or to be taken from the playground/class without reporting to the headteacher or other senior leader. The known parent/carer must have spoken or written to staff giving permission and description of any other person collecting their children.