



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

November 2017



Welcome back to school everyone, we hope you all had a lovely half term break. The last term was very exciting and fun-filled as the children undertook enthusing topics through which they learned lots of new skills and knowledge. We look forward to another exciting seven weeks and two days learning journey which will take the children up to the Christmas break.

PARENT/CARER SHARE DAY

Parents and carers were invited into school on Friday 13th October 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. This was really well attended with nearly every child in school having someone talk to their class teacher. If you didn't manage to attend, please ensure that you have spoken to your child's class teacher so you are fully up-to-date on all aspects of your child's schooling. Many parents also completed the bi-annual questionnaire which helps us to know how well we are doing and what we can do to improve. A separate letter about this will be sent showing the very positive results of the survey.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER



Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 will receive their immunisations during school time if parents/carers have completed and returned the consent form.

POPPY APPEAL



We will collect donations for the Royal British Legion throughout school in the run up to Armistice Day. The children will learn about soldiers and war, with the Fantastic Foxes visiting St Andrew's Church to see the war memorial and plaques there (Friday 10th November). Please help us give something back to the Armed Forces community who risk their lives for our nation by buying a poppy.

Attendance & Punctuality

School 8.55 am – 3.25 pm

Nursery AM 8.45 - 11.45
PM 12.30 - 3.30
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In school the bell rings on the rear playground at 8.50am to allow the children 5 minutes to enter school, hang up coats/bags etc. and be ready for the register at the school start time of 8.55am. Anyone arriving after this time must sign in at the main office, giving reason for the lateness. Children who are late will be given an L mark after 8.55 am or U if more than 15 minutes late (after 9.10am).

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If your child is absent/late please send a letter or phone to give reasons.
Tel: 01773 713429

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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.

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Please remember, following September 17 government legislation, no term time absence requests will be authorised unless exceptional circumstances are given. Any term time absences, including holidays, that have not been authorised, may result in a fine. National

SPORTS EVENTS



Last term, 8 of our Y2 children took part in an athletics competition at William Gregg Leisure Centre. 12 schools competed in a range of events testing skill, strength, stamina and physical ability and although we didn't win overall, we did come first in lots of the team events!

Our next event is on Tuesday 14th November, again at WGLC, but this time focussed on handball. Further information and consent forms will be forwarded to those involved. We also have our second 'Fitness Fun' club running after school on Thursdays.

VALUE OF THE TERM



Over the second autumn term we will be focussing on the value of **COMPASSION** across the school. The children will learn that compassion is about ‘standing in someone else’s shoes’ when they are having a hard time. In others words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help. The Home-School Values sheet is attached to the newsletter which gives ideas that will help you explore the value and have fun together at home.

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2017



For our ‘bear’ themed day, your child can wear non-uniform and bring in a favourite cuddly bear and bear story to share in school, in exchange for a donation to charity. We will have an action- packed, fun day including making new bear friends for Pudsey.

INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES 2018

If your child is due to start infant school in September 2018 (birthdays between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014) or junior school (birthdays between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011) you should apply for their place by 15th January 2018. You will be able to make your application from 9am on 13th November. You can do this online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by phoning [Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190](tel:01629533190).

Mrs Rivington will be available all day in the school office on Thursday 23rd November if anyone requires help with their application.

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK (NSMW)

MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

During this week, different events will take place to encourage children to take up the daily free school meal option. NSMW week starts with Headteacher’s choice lunch on Monday 13th. We will be having sausage and mash and hot chocolate sponge and custard –Miss Scrivens’ favourites! On Wednesday there will be a decorated cupcake competition. Any children wanting to take part will need to bring in a decorated cup cake from home. These will be entered into a countywide competition.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

13th - 17th NOVEMBER 17

As part of our on-going drive to tackle all forms of bullying, we will spend a whole week looking at anti-bullying messages to focus on what bullying is, why we don’t tolerate it in our school and what to do about it if it is happening. The message for the week this year is ...



We will also reinforce our ‘bucket filling’ theme across school during the week to encourage positive behaviour through daily kindness, appreciation and love.



Additionally, we will use the NSPCC PANTS and “Speak Out, Stay Safe” 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 (You can view these resources online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>).



We will also think about keeping ourselves safe online as lots of bullying now occurs in the cyber world.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



This is always a very special time in school and this year will be no different, with lots of exciting things planned for the children in the run up to the end of term.

Monday 4th December - Christmas Jumper/Clothes Day



On this day the children can come to school in their best Christmas themed clothes to help decorate their classrooms for the festive period.

Monday 4th December to end of term - Christmas Tombola



The children will be able to buy 25p tickets (or 5 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 FOR THIS TO ADD TO THE STAFF'S GENEROSITY.

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Dinner



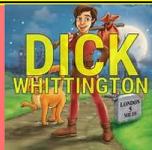
The annual Christmas dinner will be served on this day, with all of the special treats and trimmings of this time of year. All children are welcome to partake, even if they usually bring sandwiches.

Wednesday 13th December at 1.30 pm and Thursday 14th December at 5.30 pm - Key Stage One Christmas Concerts



Due to school numbers, the Christmas concerts this year will have all of the Year 1 and 2 children in them. Nursery and Reception children will partake in their own event for parents/carers. Tickets for the concerts will be £1.50 each to pay for all of the wonderful staging and costumes. Keep an eye out for ticket sales to make sure you get your seats!

Tuesday 19th December – Pantomime



A theatre group will be visiting school to tell the story of Dick Whittington.

We break up for school on Tuesday 19th 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 **Wednesday 3rd January 2018.**