



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to school everyone. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. We look forward to another exciting time in school over the next half term, which will take the children up to the February break.



National Storytelling Week 27th January – 3rd February 2018



As you already know, the Aldercar family of schools have made a commitment to sustain and develop joint working to help support and raise the aspirations, progress and attainment of all of our children and young people. During the 2017-18 academic year and into 2018-19, all of the schools are focussing on raising enjoyment in reading. We want to develop a real culture of reading in our schools and be able to give our pupils the key to learning independently so that they can fulfil their potential.

Our first school based reading initiative will take place during National Storytelling Week. We want the children to hear stories read by a range of different people. If you think you could come into school and share a story during the week, or know someone that would, like a police officer or fireperson, please let your child's class teacher know or Mrs Rivington in the school office.

On Friday 2nd February, we are holding an NSPCC Number Day, where the children will use a number related story to as prat of the week.

SCHOOL PLACES 2017

Make sure you have applied for a Reception place by 15th January 2018 if your child is due to start school in September 2018 (birthdays between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014). You can do this online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by phoning [Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions).

Mrs Rivington in the school office will also assist with the process if required.

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 enter 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, giving reason for the lateness.



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

REMEMBER

- Attendance is monitored daily, weekly and every 6 weeks.
- Attendance of any less than **96%** is a concern.
- Attendance less than **90%** is very alarming and will result in an attendance plan, education welfare support and possible fines.
- More than **3** lates in a term will raise concerns and be followed up.

PARENT SHARE DAY

We will be holding our next parent share day on Monday 5th February. This is an excellent opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress. A letter will be sent out nearer the time so you can book your time slot.

Health & Safety

Remember we are having a new roof fitted in the spring term, which will result in some disruption to normal proceedings. You will be informed throughout the process but please stay safe, paying extra care and attention around the school building during this time.

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER

We will be holding our annual fundraiser on Wednesday 14th February in memory of Mrs Speirs, a teacher who passed away a few years ago. Money raised will be sent to the Headcase Cancer Trust for on-going brain tumour research. We are calling the day 'friendship day', with a themed lunch. We would like the children to wear red/pink clothes in exchange for a donation to the charity. We would also like the children to bring in a book that shows the theme of 'friendship' to share with each other. They will display these in our library with a recipe for friendship.



VALUE OF THE TERM

Over the first spring term, we will be focussing on the value of COURAGE across the school. The children will learn that being courageous means different things to different people and that everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find courage to overcome them. 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.

COURAGE

Mrs Cass is the new teacher to join our Reception team in the Marvellous Moles class. She is very excited about working with Miss Gordon, Mrs Rose, Mrs Purdy and Mrs Robinson to continue the exciting learning journey that the class have been on since September. We are very much looking forward to having her as part of the dedicated and hard-working Langley Mill team.

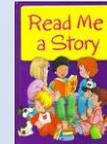


EXCITING TOPICS

The Brilliant Bears in Nursery will be learning all about colour mixing and more through their topic 'How many colours in a rainbow?' about colours in the natural and man-made world.



The Marvellous Moles Reception class will be learning all about traditional stories like Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks, through their magical project 'Will you read me a story?' which is all about fairy tales and their goodies and baddies!



The Dazzling Ducks and Wonderful Wolves will be learning all about animals, from pets at home to animals in the zoo, through their 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' topic. They will be finding out what animals like to eat and where they like to sleep.



Fantastic Foxes will be thinking about castles and their special walls, tunnels, drawbridges, moats and towers through their 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' topic.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be reaffirming online safety with all of the children with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts With You".

Children need to know how to keep safe when using technology and this day will be used to reinforce on-going work on internet safety in school.

We break up for the next holiday on Thursday 15th February, as Friday 16th is a training day for staff only. The children then return to school on Monday 26th February.