



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

March 2018

WELCOME BACK ☺

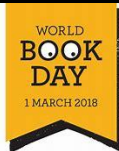
Welcome back to school everyone. We hope that you all had a wonderful half term break. We look forward to another exciting four-week learning journey, which will take the children up to Easter.



READING

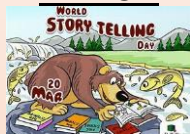
We will continue our reading focus this term, as will all of the schools in the Aldercar cluster.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 1ST MARCH



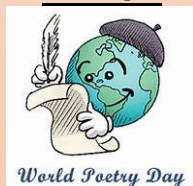
World Book Day is an event held annually in the United Kingdom on the first Thursday in March. This year for World Book Day, we are doing something a little different! Each class has been tasked with designing and creating a new, fabulous book area within the classroom. If you have any ideas or would like to help, let your child's class teacher know. The best class book area will be chosen during the last week of term.

WORLD STORYTELLING DAY – TUESDAY 20TH MARCH



World Storytelling Day is a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling. It is celebrated every year on the spring equinox in the northern hemisphere. On this day, we are very excited that a children's author Mr. Paul Keeton, will be sharing his story 'The Tiny Man's Dream' with the children.

WORLD POETRY DAY – WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH



The purpose of the day is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. The children will learn a spring/Easter poem as part of the day.

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

CARETAKING



Sadly, Mr Cooper will be leaving us at the end of this term after many years of looking after our school and keeping it safe, clean and tidy for us. He worked in the print industry prior to becoming a member of the Langley Mill Infants staff team and is keen to return to this form of work. We thank him for all he has done for us over the years and wish him all the best for the future.

EASTER TOMBOLA

We will run a Spring/Easter themed tombola in school from Monday 12th March to the end of term (25p each or x5 for £1).

Staff are very kind and donate prizes for this. If any parents/carers could add to the prize stock, it would be much appreciated.

EASTER STALL

On Monday 19th March, the PTA will be selling Easter cakes and goodies before school. Please make sure you come along and support the PTA. Any donations for the stall would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER CONCERT & COMPETITION

Our annual Easter competition this year is to create an Easter Wreath. All entrants will need to be in school by Thursday 22nd March ready to be displayed at the Easter Concert which will take place on Friday 23rd March at 1.30 pm, before the children break up for the holidays.



Year 2 Music Party



As part of our ongoing commitment to partnership working across the Aldercar cluster of schools, we are holding a special 'Music Party' for all Year 2 pupils in the cluster with the theme of 'Healthy Me'. The party will take place at our school during the morning of Wednesday 28th February 2018 and will be led by a specialist music teacher from the Derbyshire Music Education Hub. Over this half term, all the pupils have been learning the same set of songs in order to participate together at the party. There will also be a range of games and activities designed to develop the children's understanding of the National Curriculum elements of pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and structure within music.

VALUE OF THE TERM

Over the second spring term we will be focussing on the value of *FORGIVENESS* across the school. The children will learn that everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens, we need to be able to forgive.

Forgiveness can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. 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.



National Science Week 12th-16th March 2018



Each class will invite parents into school (either this week or the one prior to this week) to take part in a science related activity as part of their current topic:

- Brilliant Bears – What is a shadow?
- Marvellous Moles – What is a reflection?
- Dazzling Ducks and Wonderful Wolves - Moon Zoom!
- Fantastic Foxes – Land Ahoy!

Look out for the poster competition, which our Chair of Governors will judge on the 16th March.

Key Stage One – Learn to Play Tennis Tuesday 6th March 4-5.30 pm (William Gregg Leisure Centre)



3 boys and 3 girls from Y1/Y2 will be chosen to take part in this after school inter-sports competition. Details to follow.

We break up for the next holiday on **Friday 23rd March** after the Easter concert. The children then return to school on **Monday 9th April**.