

Langley Mill Church of England Infant School and Nursery

September 2018



BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a really good summer. A special welcome to all of our new pupils. We look forward to seeing them all progress throughout the year. We have an INSET day on Friday 5th October and break up on Friday 26th October – returning on Monday 5th November.

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 (and regularly checked). 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

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.

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 and carers adhering to our policies.

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 on (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 imperative that we always hold up-to-date contact details. Latest statutory guidance states we must have a minimum of two emergency contact details per child. We also use a texting service to communicate quickly and effectively with parents. Therefore, mobile numbers must always be 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.langleymillinfantschool.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.

COLLECTION FROM SCHOOL

No children are allowed to go home on their own before the end of school sessions or at the end of school and they will not be allowed to leave 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.



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 Reading Rocket. Children who read every day are rewarded with weekly prizes in our Friday Awards Assembly and will build their way up to choosing a new book.

Specific workshops on supporting your child with reading will be held throughout the year. Our first one, 'Ready for Reading', will be held on Tuesday 2nd October 9.00am and 3.30pm and is specifically aimed at parents/carers who have children who have started school for the first time in Reception (Marvelous Moles) and want to know more about how children learn to read and how they can be supported at home.

In school we will keep the profile of reading high this term by celebrating Roald Dahl Day, National Poetry Day and National Libraries Week.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Every Friday, at approximately 9.00am, we hold a celebration assembly where we give praise to selected children across a range of areas. We give awards for good conduct behavior and learning behavior, out of school achievements and for frequent reading. Our first one will be held on Friday 14th 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.

ROAD SAFETY

The school location makes access difficult as it was built way before we all had cars. On-going access right disputes also mean our rear Ebenezer Street entrance is temporarily 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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 26th October at 1.30pm and all school 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.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

All children will have individual photographs taken on Monday 1st October from 9.00am 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. 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. 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.

PARENT SHARE DAY

On Friday 12th 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. We have nearly 100% attendance in all classes for these days.

