



Langley Mill Infant & Nursery News

November 2018



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.

NON FICTION NOVEMBER



During the whole month of November we will focus on information and factual books by exploring the many types of non-fiction books that are available for children. We'd like every child to bring one non-fiction book to school to share with their classmates over the month.

DECORATE A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



During this week, the Marvellous Moles will design and make a Christmas card to send to the local MP Nigel Mills as part of this year's competition. This is open to all children aged 11 and under who live and attend school within the Amber Valley constituency. The winner and their school will be presented with a prize and their design will be published on the front of Nigel's Christmas card for 2018. Four runners up will also have their entries featured on the reverse of the card.

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 9th 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



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).



Nursery start and finish times are given above.



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.



Please remember, following 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.



STAY AND PLAY



Starting Wednesday 7th November 2018, 1-3 pm in the nursery building, then every Wednesday after that. Please come along with your pre-schoolers and enjoy a range of activities for £1 per child.

PARENT SESSIONS

- 15/11/18 at 9am – learn more about the Reception year with Mrs Cass.
- 20/11/18 at 9 am – learn more about Year One with Mrs Rose.

VALUE OF THE TERM



Over the second autumn term we will be focussing on the value of **trust** across the school. The children will learn that **trust** is a really important value that must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. We will be thinking about people who we know who are **trustworthy**, practical ways that we can show others that we are **trustworthy** and why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team. 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 16th NOVEMBER 2018



For our annual fundraiser, your child can wear non-uniform in exchange for a donation to charity. In class, the children will hear about 'Pudsey's Great Fundraiser' and make odd socks and a favourite meal for Pudsey or Blush to finish off National Schools Meals Week and Anti-Bullying Week.

INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL PLACES 2018

If your child is due to start infant school in September 2019 (birthdays between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015) or junior school (birthdays between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012) you should apply for their place by 14th January 2018. You will be able to make your application from 9am on 12th 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 Friday 23rd November if anyone requires help with their application.

NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK (NSMW)

MONDAY 12th to Friday 16th NOVEMBER

This week is designed to encourage the children to take up the daily free school meal option. NSMW includes a 'Children's Choice' meal on Thursday 15th, which all children voted for, and a fruit/vegetable sculpture competition. Any children wanting to take part will need to bring in their finished sculpture from home to be entered into a countywide competition on this day.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - 12-16 NOVEMBER 18



The 2018 Anti-Bullying Week has the theme 'Choose Respect'. Throughout the week we will help children, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online.

During this special week there are lots of things happening:

- We will hold 'Odd Socks Day' on the first day (12th), teaching the children the amazing toe-tapping song and using the accompanying resources.
- We will hold our first ever 'Stop Speak Support' cyberbullying day on the Thursday of AB Week (15th).
- We will continue to reinforce our 'bucket filling' theme to encourage positive behaviour through daily kindness, appreciation and love.
- Additionally, we will use the NSPCC PANTS 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 (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>).
- New displays will be created by each class in the corridor showcasing work completed during the week.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2018



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 3rd 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 3rd 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.

- **Tuesday 11th December – Experience Christmas**

The Wonderful Wolves class will visit St Andrew's Church during the morning session to learn about the true meaning of Christmas.

- **Wednesday 12th December – EYFS Nativity Play**

Nursery and reception children will combine to put on a performance for parents/cares and family members. Tickets will be £1.50 each to pay for props and costumes. Keep an eye out for ticket sales to make sure you get your seats!

- **Wednesday 12th 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 19th December at 1.30 pm and Thursday 20th December at 5.00 pm - Key Stage One Christmas Concerts**

All of the year one and year two children will be a part of this year's concert and be required to attend both performances. 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!

We break up for school on Friday 21st 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 Tuesday 7th January 2019 (Monday 7th January is an INSET day for staff only)