



# Langford Budville Church of England Primary School

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***'Celebrating life and learning together'***

## **Newsletter 5: 2020-21**

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers

There are just two weeks left until we break for half term; the new children have settled very quickly, and almost everyone has relaxed back into their school lives. We have all benefitted from a return to familiar routines, despite the roadworks at the bridge in Wellington causing many of the adults, like you, daily moments of stress.

Staff have felt that the parents' meetings with telephone appointments have so far been a success, despite some technical glitches – I hope that you have also found this means of communication satisfactory as a compromise until we can hold face to face meetings again. There are still a few parents who haven't signed up for a conversation – please telephone the office to make an appointment for this week.

**Class 1:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm; Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm

**Class 2:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm (other days can be available – please ask).

**Harvest Celebration Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October:** A reminder that our Harvest celebration on the playground will be held this Friday, weather permitting. Please bring donations for the Wellington Food Bank to school on Friday – the staff there have requested toiletries, 'treat' foods such as chocolates and any dry goods as offerings. We cannot invite parents to join us on this occasion, but do ask your children about the celebration when they get home.

**Fizz Pop Science – for children in Years 2-6:** Many of you will remember this exciting and well attended after school club; we cannot offer visits from Fizz Pop Science at the moment, but the scientists have created an online, fully interactive version of the club, run through Zoom as an alternative for this term.

If sufficient people are interested, the school will run an introductory assembly provided by the Fizz Pop team, and parents can enrol their children via the Fizz Pop Science website. The school will receive a pack of resources for each child who has been registered to take home to support their learning during the sessions. Adult support may be needed for the children to gain the maximum understanding from the activities. The cost is £36 for 6 weekly sessions, plus all the resources needed which can be kept afterwards.

If your child is interested, please contact the office and we can send you the promotional email from Fizz Pop Science which gives further information about the sessions and the safeguarding measures they have in place to ensure your child will be safe whilst engaging with this online learning.





**KS1 School Dinners:** Several of the younger children are bringing extra food items to school to supplement the cooked school lunches, which has caused some confusion as they have been refusing to eat their school lunch in favour of the snacks they have brought from home. Please either send a packed lunch – and don't order a cooked meal for that day – or expect your child to eat the school cooked lunch. If your child is a very fussy eater and you are worried that they will be hungry, please discuss this with Miss Coombes; we are happy for you to provide us with a small supply of a healthy snack such as cereal bars that we can give to your child if they haven't eaten very much.

**KS1 Playtime Fruit Snacks:** Miss Coombes has asked me to remind KS1 parents that all children are entitled to eat the free fruit available at school each day – this is usually shared just before the children go outside for break in the morning. Fruit snacks may be brought from home (eg pieces of fruit in a small container or a fruit-based bar), but chocolate bars, cake and sweets are not allowed as a playtime snack.

**Reception Intake 2021:** Applications for children entering Primary School next September must be submitted online by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. We invite prospective parents to telephone the school for a conversation about their child and our school, and to visit our website where there is more information and recent images. If you know any 3 and 4 year olds who are due to start school next September, please do encourage their parents to contact us about a place in Class 1; thank you to those existing parents who have already made contact about their children who will joining us next September.

**Uniform:** All children need a coat in school now that the weather is colder and less predictable. The children will go outside to play in light drizzle, so coats must be worn. Windows are also being left open in classrooms to help air circulate, and although the heating is turned on, the rooms are not as warm as they usually are, so jumpers or cardigans are recommended.

**Covid-19 Symptoms:** If you or any member of your household show any symptoms of Covid-19 please notify the school immediately. All members of the household, including children, must remain at home for 14 days. We will ask you to arrange a Covid-19 test and to inform us of the outcome. If this is negative then children can return to school, otherwise they will be expected to remain at home for 14 days.



**FLBSA News:** We hope some new parents will be interested in joining the FLBSA team as they plan Covid-friendly fundraising activities this term. Meeting each other isn't easy at the moment, but I am sure existing FLBSA members will be ready to welcome new faces once everyone is in school full time.

Please do contact us by email or telephone if you need to speak with me or the class teachers. We will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Jane Major  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Dates for your diaries:

W/B 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October: 1-1 Parents meetings see dates above

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest on the Playground

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: break up for half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: School starts again

