



Langford Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe it is already Friday! I am delighted to report that this week has been another wonderful week with plenty happening. It was wonderful to have our first 'Langford Stars' assembly last Friday and I had a delightful Headteacher's Tea Party with the children who the teaching teams nominated as their stars.

The children have now all completed their assessments. At the moment we are analysing the data and next week all teachers will meet with me to discuss the data for their class and to action plan steps forward and ensure the children make the best progress possible.

I had mentioned in a previous newsletter that I would write a response to the survey completed by parents at the start of September. I have outlined below some of the key concerns brought to my attention and actions we will be taking as a school to address these concerns:

Staff Turnover: Many parents expressed concern at the large staff turnover last year, especially in Key Stage 2. Let me reassure you that our staff have all got contracts with the school and are on a permanent basis. They are committed to teaching at Langford and doing the best for your children.

Home Learning: By now your child should have brought home their team newsletter, explaining the approach to home learning. All children will be receiving home learning, which varies depending on your child's year. If you have any further questions regarding home learning, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Clubs: Club letters have now been sent out to children and they will soon be allocated their club. We are looking to continue to add more clubs to what we already offer and this provision is currently being evaluated. We are fortunate to have staff members who volunteer to do these clubs for free.

Communication: We hope you have provided the office with your most recent email address as this will ensure you get each week's newsletter. SLT are always on the playground in the morning and after school, so please do feel free to come and have a word with us if you would like to discuss anything. We will be sending out letters soon to confirm dates for parents' evening so you can have a discussion with your child's class teacher, however if you ever require a meeting with the teacher please contact the office and an appointment will be made at a mutually convenient time. You are always welcome to our Friday assemblies and we hope to hold more events which will bring parents into Langford more often.

Trips: Some surveys expressed disappointment at the lack of school trips the children went on. All our teachers will be ensuring they take advantage of our wonderful London location and ensuring our children go on more trips to enhance their learning.

Constant change of Headteacher: Finally I have had several parents question how long I will be at Langford. Let me reassure all parents and carers that I intend to go nowhere anytime soon! I absolutely love being the Headteacher at Langford and I am privileged to be part of such a wonderful community. I leap out of bed in the mornings with excitement to come to Langford and the energy and enthusiasm your children bring to Langford make me smile endless times each day. Who wouldn't want this wonderful job? I feel incredibly lucky that I am fortunate enough to be in this wonderful position.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes
Seamus Gibbons



**On Friday, 25th September
we are hosting a
coffee morning for Macmillan.**

We aim to raise much needed money to help the nurses reach more people with cancer and their families, helping them deal with all that they have to go through. All the classes will be coming down to join us for some juice and a cupcake and we are asking for a 50p donation from each child. Parents are invited to come and join us in the morning 9:30 - 11:00 for some coffee and a cupcake - for a donation of £1. If you are able to help us by donating some cupcakes/cake that would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you then and thanking you for your support.



Eid Notification:

Any parent who wish their child to fast during Eid must notify the office in writing or we will presume your child is having a school lunch.

Dates for your Diary

24th September

Team 6 Secondary Transfer and SATs preparation meeting 3.30pm

19th October

Individual photo's

31st October

Deadline for Secondary Applications

23rd October

Last day of term

Half term

26th Oct – 30th Oct 2015

**AFTER
SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES**

After School Activities begin on Monday 21st September. Lots of children signed up for clubs and all of them are able to take part in at least one.

There are still some places available in the activities listed below, so please speak to Miss Deleon if you are interested.

Homework T1
Choir T3-T6
Get Active T1-T4
Recorder T3 – T6
Homework T5 – T6

Reception and Nursery are looking for big / small boxes and lids.

Please could you pass on any you might have to one of the Reception or Nursery Team.



**T6 Secondary Transition Meeting
24th September 3.30pm**

All parents of Team 6 children are invited to join Mr Gibbons and the Team 6 Teachers to discuss the transition to secondary school. We hope many of you have visited perspective secondary schools over the last few days, and we would like to take this opportunity to answer any questions you have with the application process.

During this meeting we will also be discussing the schools expectations for Team 6 and will introduce the new Year 6 SAT's and study books.

These will be available to buy at a 50% discount.
(Total cost for all study books - £10)

School Journey Update

This school year, Team 6 will be going on school journey after SATs week. They will be travelling to Magdalen Farm on 16th May 2016, returning to school on 20th May 2016. Please look out for updates in future newsletters.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week who get to attend the Headteacher's tea party.



- Keiran - Team R** - For trying new things, helping around the class and being responsible
- Elaf - Team 1** - For always showing growth mindset and being eager to learn new things everyday
- Poppy - Team 2** - For starting all her learning promptly without any fuss
- Santiago - Team 3** - Great effort using personification to bring your cup to life
- Aola - Team 4** - For being kind and caring to everyone around here
- Makyla - Team 5** - For being an excellent role model for her team
- Arya - Team 6** - For showing a good attitude towards learning

A message from the Head Boy & Head Girl

Hello my name is Sayj-U-Deen from Team 6 and I have been nominated for Head boy. I am a determined and hardworking young man. I also assure you that your children will have an excellent role model to look up to. The Headgirl and I have our jobs and duties around the school which we do with pleasure and pride.

From Sayj-U-Deen.

Hello, I am Leanne from Team 6 and I have been nominated for Head Girl and I wish to make this school to be the best it can. The Head Boy and I work with the Deputy Heads and the Headteacher and will assure you that your child will have a brilliant academic life.

From Leanne

ATTENDANCE CUP WINNERS:



1st T5 - 97.3%

2nd T1 - 96.3%

3rd T4 - 95%

PUNCTUALITY CUP WINNERS:



T5