



Dear Parents & Carers

We can't thank all of the families who have been so supportive to everyone in our school community this term, the challenges you have all faced at home are just the same as the ones we have tried to help with here in school. Thanks to the resilience of your amazing children we have all learnt so much and the systems we put in place have gone from being brand new to just part of a lovely school day, so well done everyone.

Christmas is the best time to be in any school and here at Langley Park we have put together some great experiences for everyone, so a great big plea to everyone—save the dates listed !

Seeing the lights in the village switched on, the Christmas trees lit up around school and the excited chatter about advent calendars and Christmas lists in school brightens the heart so please look after yourselves, take care and have a wonderful Christmas.

Mr Walton & Everyone at LPP

Christmas Dates

We have some 'Top Secret' visitors who will be popping in to school and as it is so hush hush we cannot say when but for everything else please make a note of just some things going on:

Wednesday 9th December Santa Fun Run (Reception—Year 6)

Come prepared to run/walk - hopefully not crawl—around our field. If you've got something tinselly or a Santa hat get them on!

Monday 14th December

Nursery Christmas Party—Live Brass Concert

Tuesday 15th December

Year 3 & Year 1 Christmas Parties— Live Brass Concert

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

Year 2 & Year 5 Christmas Parties

Thursday 17th December Last Day of Term

Year 4, Reception, Rainbow Room & Year 6 Parties

Pantomime

All classes are having a virtual Panto during this week with snacks and fun.

Monday 4th January—First Day Back



Raffle

We have some great Raffle Prizes. If you would like some numbers, please send £1 (for 5) into school:

Joma jewellery watch

Whitley Neil Pink Grapefruit gin and glass

Lacoste Touch of Pink Gift Set

Gingerbread house

Christmas Hamper

Baylis and Harding black and gold gift set

Heart trays

Ginsanity glass and miniature

The Orange Tree giftset

Ginfusions bottle

colour changers

Body Shop ginger gift set

Chocolate Bouquet



Berna and Angela make fabulous food in our school kitchen. If you would like your child to have a really great cooked meal please let us know.

Free School Meals

If you feel your circumstances may have changed in these uncertain times and think you may qualify for a free school meal please complete the form which was sent out last week or ask us for another one if you have misplaced it.

Being entitled to a free school meal not only ensures your child could have a cooked meal in school but also could access extra funding for your child in school.

It may also entitle your child and family to hampers, subsidised visits and other extras.

COVID –19

Sadly this awful illness is still very much part of all of our lives, thank you to everyone who is following the advice all schools are being given. Our website has a link to important information and please remember—if a family or household member is being tested please do not send in any siblings until the outcome is known.

<https://www.langleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk/covid-information>

Ushaw College Tree Displays

We made a lovely Christmas Tree based on the song the 12 Days of Christmas. Unfortunately, you can't go inside to see it at the moment, but watch out for it being shown on Ushaw College's advent calendar.

It is crucial that if your child is absent from school that you access the home learning packs we have ensured you have. We have put together a combination of physical resources which match what your child would be taught in school as well as online resources. Your child's class teacher will also keep in contact with you using class do-jo, this will allow sharing of work and feedback directly between yourselves.



Feeding Families

We were amazed by everyone's generosity and can't thank everyone enough for the donations to this cause.



School Library

Thank you to everyone who has bought a book from our Amazon Wish List.

Our school library looks amazing!

If you have a Co-op members card you can select Friends of the School as your chosen 'Good Cause'. The Co-op will match your points with a donation to school that is also going to be used to buy new library books and other resources.

We have an amazing Reception Class and sadly this year not everyone who wished to come to our school was able to. If you know someone who has a child ready to start school in September please tell them to apply straight away.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place-deadline-15-January-2021>

Please share this message so that no one misses out on a great start to their educational journey.



Emails

Please can we ask that everyone shares their most up to date email addresses with us, simply email the office and we will update any records we have.

This is especially important as if we need to contact a number of people quickly with important information this is how we will do it.

Any details of family members being tested or suspected cases of COVID –19 please email our office especially over weekends as this is the only way we can monitor any ongoing or developing situations.



We know that things are tough for many of us at present, if we can help please let us know.

The County Durham School Benevolent Fund is an independent registered charity which offers a grant towards shoes and coats for school pupils. A grant of up to £35.00 can be awarded towards a winter coat and up to £35.00 for a pair of shoes for families who are eligible.

The home page of the Durham County Council website www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund

If you think this may be of help please follow the guidance given.

Following guidance given to all schools ventilation is a key factor in keeping everyone safe at present, this does have its draw backs for those of us who were born for sunnier climes (yours truly!). Please make sure your child is wrapped up as they may be warm and toasty on the way to school with their coats on but once they hang them up we'd hate for anyone to be feeling chilly.



Finally, please take care and look after yourselves, staff are working really hard to have some things to send out to you to share. It's heart-breaking to think we still cannot invite you all in like we do in previous years but please be assured we are doing everything we can to make sure Christmas is still magical here at Langley Park.

