

LANGLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 9th November 2018

Website: www.langleyparkprimaryschool.co.uk

Headteacher Mr D Walton, Langley Park, Co. Durham, DH7 9XN. Tel: (0191) 3731398 Mail: langleypark@durhamlearning.net



We have had a great week in school and as ever things are so busy! Personally I find this half term not only to be the busiest but also the most magical and as a staff we have planned some lovely experiences for everyone in school to enjoy and also to invite yourselves into school to share this magical time of year with the children.

I am still overwhelmed by the support you showed us and your children with our Harvest Festival and thanks to your generosity we were able to send over 100kgs of much needed food to the local foodbank. We never set a target or an amount of tins we aimed for as that really isn't what we feel is the nature of the donations but we were amazed by how much was brought in.



You will no doubt have noticed our Crossing Patrol Officer (lollipop man!) has not been in place to help people cross at the beginning and

end of the school days. I have been in touch with the Local Authority and they do not have extra staff to come and help us until an appointment is made. The Police will not commit to help although they have been requested to do so by myself. Our Local Councillor Mike McGaun has worked tirelessly to try to improve the situation and once we have any news we will let you know. In the mean time if anyone knows anyone who is willing to be trained to fill this position please let us know. The vacancy occurred in a manner totally beyond our control and we can only thank you for your patience and understanding in this situation.

With the lead up to Remembrance Sunday and with this year being even more poignant as it is the centenary of the end of the First World War classes have been heavily involved with work around this tragic subject as a lesson for the future. School has supported the

fantastic work done by Esh Parish and also the work carried out by the volunteers in The Wetlands and thank them for the fantastic effort which has been made.

Please take care and as ever if anyone has anything they wish to discuss with myself concerning school matters please just pop in.

Mr Walton

Wellies

Please ensure everyone has their NAMED wellies in school for break times as we are trying really hard to get everyone outside for as much times as is possible. If anyone has any spare wellies we'd love to have them for pupils without them in school.



Halloween Disco

Many thanks for all of the effort put into making the Friends of the School Disco such a success £219.37 was raised and everyone had a great time.



Food bank

As mentioned previously the amount of donations were staggering:

*Dear Mr Walton and all from Langley Park Primary School,
Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of produce from your harvest festival for our food bank. The total weight of food you donated came to 103 kgs.*

This food will help us feed families who are in great need during this Winter. One of the main needs for our families is the role out of Universal Credit and the delays families have of receiving the new benefit.

We not only serve the families in Consett but also Durham, Langley Park and other areas in Durham where there is a need.

*Once again many thanks for your generosity.
May God Bless and keep you all safe.*

Liz Hume (A team leader for Consett food bank).

Year 6 were joined by our PCSO's for an online safety workshop centred around good relationships and positive use of social media.

A work shop from Durham University also gave the pupils an insight into what soldiers faced in World War 1 and allowed them to handle artefacts to make their topic come to life.



Children in Nee

Friday 16th November will be a non school uniform day for a £1 donation for the amazing Children in Need charity.

School Governor vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for Parent Governors, if you think this might be something you are interested in please pop in to discuss it.

Banks Foundation

The Banks Group Foundation donated money which was used to enhance the drainage on our football field, they came into school to take a publicity photo of our amazing football team so you never know they may be famous sooner rather than later.



School Meals

Next week is week 3 on our new school meals menu.

IF YOU CHANGE FROM PACKED LUNCHES TO SCHOOL MEALS OR VICE VERSA, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANKS



Tuck shop

We hold our healthy tuck shop every Friday at morning break, all items are 30p each and children can bring a maximum of 60p to spend.



30 Hours Childcare and 2 Year old provision

We would like to remind parents/carers that we now offer 30 hours child care for our Nursery pupils and we also offer provision for 2 year olds. For further information please contact the school office.

Hall Hire

If anyone is interested in hiring our sports hall or Community Room for events and parties they are available at a cost of £15 per hour. Please contact the school office if you require further details.

Toddler Playgroup

We would like to remind everyone, our toddler group is open to 0-3 year olds and takes place every Tuesday from 10.00am until 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.



Langley Park Community Fitness Suite

Our fitness suite is open Monday to Friday 9am until 11am and 5pm until 8pm. The cost is £2 a session or £10 for a monthly membership. The fitness suite is run by volunteers who are fully trained and available for inductions for new members. If you require any further information or are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the gym during their opening times or alternatively contact the school office.

