



LANGLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term Dates

- *Easter -We close for Easter on Friday 5th April and return to school on Tuesday 23rd April
- *May Day Monday 6th May
- * Half Term - We close for Summer half term Friday 24th May and return to school on Monday 3rd June
- * School closes for Summer Friday 19th July

We have had an amazing first half of this term and as we race towards Easter we are so proud of how hard everyone is working. What a great World Book Day we had and as ever you blew us away with the fantastic costumes and amazing ideas you came up with - it was a great day.

Last week we were joined by Newcastle University who had a STEM challenge for Year 6 who proved what brilliant scientists we have here and as ever their attitude and behaviour was exemplary.

As a school we work in partnership with Durham University as a centre for Teacher Training, this week over 20 students came to work alongside children in Year 1 and 2 to help provide some real hands on science for our great pupils. We have some really exciting things planned to further enhance what we offer pupils outside and as they say - watch this space for some exciting new areas for our great children to play in. We always want to know and value how you as parents feel we are doing so please find attached a parent questionnaire if they could be returned before Easter we will go through them and act on your feedback.

Take care and as ever thanks for sending your fabulous children here to Langley Park Primary School!

Langley Park Defibrillator

On Friday 29th March we are holding a Raffle and cake sale for the Langley Park defibrillator fund. Raffle tickets will be on sale on Thursday after school, and Friday before school from Mrs Burnip. Cakes will be sold to the children at break time for 50p each. (Any cakes we have left will be available to buy at home time.)

Easter Activities

We have a lovely end to the term planned with our Easter Extravaganza (or should that be Eggs-travaganza):

Easter Eggstravaganza part 1

Tickets for the egg-bola will go on sale on Monday 1st April and will cost 20p. The egg-bola will be drawn on Friday 5th April. (All children will receive one free entry into the draw).

Easter Eggstravaganza part 2

The Friends of the School are holding their annual decorated Easter Egg competition on Friday 5th April. Entries cost £1 per pupil. Please bring in your masterpieces at 8:45am on this day to the main hall - hopefully it will be smashing - in a good way- and that's no yolking matter !



Easter Eggstravaganza part 3

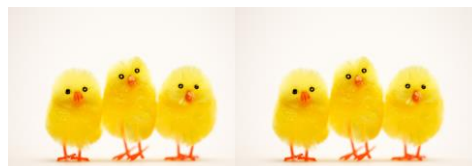
We are holding an Easter assembly for parents/carers on Friday 5th April starting at 2pm. Each class will share a song, story or poem, and the decorated egg prizes will be presented. There will also be an Easter raffle for parents. At the end of assembly parents may take their children straight home.

Book Bus

A big thank you to everyone who visited the book bus yesterday, £94 commission was raised for school to spend on books for the children.

Tuck shop

We hold our healthy tuck shop every Friday at morning break for Year 1 - 6, all items are 30p each and children can bring a maximum of 60p to spend.



Parent drop ins: Wednesday 3rd April

15:15pm - 16:45pm

We aim to keep everyone up to date with the progress of your child/children, last term we had a formal parent evening and will be doing the same in the summer term. This term we are having a more informal drop in session which will give you an opportunity to look at your child's work and have an opportunity to catch up on how they are doing. We understand that many of you have regular conversations with staff around how your child is doing on a daily or even weekly basis, likewise if the date put aside for this term isn't convenient please just get in touch to arrange an alternative.

Attendance and punctuality update

We continue to award 100% weekly attendance and will be continuing to do so. As registers are a legal document, the Local Authority has advised that our Headteacher must be satisfied with reasons given for absence in cases where a pupil's overall attendance is low. In such instances, some parents may be asked to provide medical evidence (e.g. appointment card) to account for their child's absence from school. This does not apply to children who are usually very good attenders at school but experience a short period of illness. If satisfactory medical evidence cannot be provided, the record of unauthorised absence will be referred to the Council's Enforcement team.

Social Media

At Langley Park Primary School we aim for the best for all of our children, we use Social Media purely to celebrate and showcase the great achievements our pupils make but we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better. We would like to encourage you to come in and discuss any concerns with the school by calling or making an appointment to see us. We would be grateful if you did not raise complaints about the school on social media but come into school so we can understand your concerns and help solve the problem. Complaints on social media can be damaging for the school, its staff and most importantly the pupils. If you still feel that the issue has not been dealt with appropriately then we will provide you with a copy of the formal complaints procedure.

Head Lice

We have had a couple of cases of head lice this week, as these incidents were in two different classes please can you all be vigilant and check your children for head lice and treat if necessary.



Wellies

If anyone has any wellies that are no longer required, they will be gratefully appreciated in school for children who do not have any.

If children wish to go on the school field at lunchtime they must have wellies in school.

Nursery

If anyone would like to make a donation of sensitive baby wipes or tissues, our Nursery would be very grateful to receive them.

After School Clubs

We would like to advise parents that after school clubs must be paid for on a weekly basis, if payment is not made by the end of each week children will not be able to attend the clubs the following week. The cost of after school clubs are £1.50 until 4:20pm or £2.50 until 5pm.

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.

