



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Welcome back to the new school year. We are hoping to complete a full school year on site this year! We are committed to keeping our school open for teaching and learning for all our pupils. With that in mind we are continuing to keep our site as safe as possible. Staff members continue to complete rapid antigen tests twice a week and we are ensuring hygiene and ventilation remain a top priority. The latest coronavirus advice for parents is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Our risk assessment, which is subject to change to reflect Public Health concerns, is available here: <https://3lxschoolpolicies.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/3lx-covid-risk-assessment-sept-2021-.pdf>

Visitors to our school are still limited and we are asking visitors to show proof of a negative test or wear a face covering. Our class groups are now able to mix and we have already had our first whole school assembly in 18 months. We hope to reintroduce more of the usual parents' events when it is safe to do so. The first of these will be the class harvest assemblies.

Sports club

Sarah Ward, our sports teacher will be running an after school sports club on Tuesdays from 14th September 2021 for Year 1 to 4, (after school club is still available for nursery and reception children at this time). Costs are the same as the usual after school care. Please contact the office to book. There will be no sports club on Tuesday 11th October.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Meet the teacher meetings have taken place on Zoom on Monday 6th September. If you missed it, class newsletters will be available here: <https://3lxnewsletters.wordpress.com>. Individual parent teacher update meetings to discuss progress and attainment will take place during the week beginning 18th October 2021.

Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are welcome to come to a quick class harvest festival during the week beginning 20th September 2021 for your child's class. Please do not attend if you have COVID symptoms and please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. The children will sing a song and share some learning, for no more than 10 minutes, in individual classes. We will be limited on space, so please no more than two parents/carers per child. The children can bring a harvest donation of a food packet or tinned item, on the morning of their assembly, for the Ringwood Foodbank, which serves our locality. The Foodbank is currently short of these items: tins or cartons of custard; mashed potato packets; tinned potatoes; rice pudding; packet soup (not tinned); snacks; sponge pudding; long life fruit juice; tinned carrots; chocolate; tinned fruit; jam; UHT milk; jars pasta sauce; jars curry sauce.

Please find the harvest times below.

Class	Date	Time
Year 1 Skipper class	Monday 20 th September 2021	9.00am
Year 2 Gatekeeper class	Tuesday 21 st September 2021	9.00am
Year 3 Admiral class	Wednesday 22 nd September 2021	9.00am
Year 4 Emperor class	Thursday 23 rd September 2021	9.00am
Reception Peacock class	Friday 24 th September 2021	9.00am

Attendance

We have received some updated government guidance about attendance, which is given below. Usual attendance expectations have been resumed and the local authority will be implementing sanctions this year.

The guidance says:

"Information on school attendance expectations. School attendance is mandatory and the usual rules continue to apply, including:

- a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where the child is a registered pupil at school
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability for schools and local authorities to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

To promote excellent attendance this term, we expect schools and local authorities to continue to:

- communicate clear and consistent expectations around attendance to families
- identify pupils who are reluctant or anxious about attending or who are at risk of disengagement and develop plans to re-engage them, especially those who are persistently absent or at risk of persistent absence
- use the additional recovery funding, attendance staff, resources and pupil premium funding, as well as existing pastoral and support services, to put measures in place for those families who will need additional support to secure pupils' regular attendance."
- work closely with other professionals to support regular attendance."

Remember to follow the new class blogs to find out about the class learning. Just click the 'follow icon on the class page on our website.



Our school aims

Learning Perseverance Manners

-  *To be lifelong learners*
-  *To develop positive attitudes and tolerance for both themselves and others*
-  *To foster a strong sense of respect and responsibility for themselves and the community*

Our school 'Golden Rules'

Do be gentle	<i>Do not hurt anybody</i>
Do be kind and helpful	<i>Do not hurt people's feelings</i>
Do work hard	<i>Do not waste time</i>
Do look after property	<i>Do not waste or damage things</i>
Do listen to people	<i>Do not interrupt</i>
Do be honest	<i>Do not cover up the truth</i>

Hot Meals

Please book your meals in advance. You will need to register on the Forerunner website in order to book your meals. Please follow this link to register: <https://forerunner.myschoolmealorders.com/>

Contact information

Please ensure that you keep us up to date with your contact telephone numbers and email addresses.

A contact sheet will be sent home with your child, please amend as necessary and return to school. If there are no changes, please sign and also return it to school.

Please email the office to let us know if your child is being picked up by a different adult to usual, for nursery children the name of the person must be added to the child's authorised collection form, this can only be done by emailing the office at office@3lxschool.com.

Uniform

Please help us to ensure our children maintain a smart appearance at school by wearing their school uniform. Remember, for their comfort and safety children must wear black, closed toe shoes to school. Open toed sandals, trainers or heeled footwear are not suitable for an active day of learning and play. A waterproof coat and wellingtons are needed in order to enjoy an all-weather playtime. Please make sure that all clothing is named. Long hair should be tied back with simple hair bands, which are either plain or school uniform blue only. Extreme hair styles such as tramlines or steps are not suitable for school. **Large party bow hair bows are not suitable for safe learning and playtimes at school.** Please remind your child not to bring toys from home. They can easily get lost at school. Find out more about our uniform at: <https://3lxschool.com/our-uniform/>

Outside our school gates

Please remember to park responsibly outside our school. Consider our neighbours and keep pavements and driveways clear. Keep our main school gates clear as this is our emergency exit. Remember to switch off your engines. As soon as you have dropped off or picked up, move away so it is safe for everyone.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

As you are probably aware, all schools have a designated safeguarding lead (DSL). Our school DSL is Anna Morris, our senior teacher. Find out more about our responsibility about keeping children safe at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1014057/KCSIE_2021_September.pdf

Our other trained designated safeguarding leads are Justine Horn, Alex Hustler, Karen Hughes, Emma Burnell and Lorna North. Our safeguarding governor is Nikki Hearn.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Jeans for Genes day

Friday 17th September is Jeans for Genes day. Our children can wear their own choice of top and wear their jeans (or similar) on this day. Please bring a £1 donation to the national charity. Find out more at: <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/schools>

Dress up on Friday 22nd October 2021

Wear your fancy dress or dressing up character costume for £1 donation.

Applying for a school place for September 2022?

You can apply for a school place for middle school or reception in September 2022 by visiting the school admissions website at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-school-for-the-first-time.aspx>

If require any help, please contact the school office. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2022. You still need to apply for a reception school place, even if your child currently attends our nursery. Make sure you apply by this date, as late applications will mean you are unlikely to gain your first choice place.

Need to contact us?

Please continue to use email to contact the school. For all absence, uniform, and general enquiries, please email the office on: office@3lxschool.com.

If you need to contact the staff, here are our email addresses:

School Year group	Class name	Age group	Teacher	Email contact
Nursery	Butterflies	2- 4 years	Nursery Leader Emma (Anna M EYFS teacher)	e.burnell@3lxschool.com
Reception	Peacock	4-5 years	Anna	a.morris@3lxschool.com
Year 1	Skipper	5-6 years	Lorna	l.north@3lxschool.com
Year 2	Gatekeeper	6-7 years	Jess	j.fitzpatrick@3lxschool.com
Year 3	Admiral	7-8 years	Becky	r.cox@3lxschool.com
Year 4	Emperor	8-9 years	Alex	a.hustler@3lxschool.com

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are an academy school, directly funded from the Government rather than the local authority. Our responsible body is the Heath Academy Trust. You can find out about our multi academy trust here: www.heathacademytrust.co.uk
The Trust is our official governing body, with exempt charitable status. However, under this, we have local school governing committees. At our school, you can find out about our committee members here: <https://3lxschool.com/our-staff/>. Our local governors check on our school health and safety, monitor our school finances and check on our achievement results. It is a role focused on strategic whole school improvement rather than individual children. Meetings are held once a half term on Monday afternoons at 1.00 pm. We are currently looking to recruit a new parent member for our local governing committee. If you would like to help with the strategic monitoring of our local school, please contact Steph at s.everett@3lxschool.com.

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates. Click on the calendar tab:

<https://3lxschool.com/calendar/>

2021	
25 th to 29 th October 2021	OCTOBER HALF TERM 2021
20 th December 2021 to 3 rd January 2022	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
2022	
21 st to 25 th February 2022	FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022
11 th to 22 nd April 2022	EASTER HOLIDAYS 2022
2 nd May 2022	Closed for Early May Bank Holiday
30 th May to 3 rd June 2022	MAY HALF TERM 2022
18 th July to 31 st August 2022	SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022
1 st September 2022	School starts for the autumn term 2022

Paper copies of newsletters are available if requested via the office.



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