



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Coronavirus safety

Unfortunately, we have now experienced our first cases of Coronavirus at our school prior to half term, but thankfully the children and their families are recovered and well. As cases are rising locally, we are aware there are likely to be more cases over the winter. We are, of course, strictly following the government and Public Health advice. We have updated our COVID risk assessment in readiness for the winter period and you can find it here:

<https://3lxschoolpolicies.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/3lx-covid-risk-assessment-nov-2021-.pdf>

Our school must remain well ventilated, even as we move into winter, so please bear this in mind with regards to school clothing.

Please make sure you follow the latest guidance if your child is experiencing any COVID symptoms and do not send them to school. You can order a PCR test here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Find the guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

If you and your family would like the peace of mind of a negative test, you can still order lateral flow tests here:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Learning

The annual anti-bullying week takes place 15th to 19th November. This year the focus is 'one kind word'. You can find out more here: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>

We will be focusing our PHSE (Personal Health and Social Education) learning for the month of November on kindness and understanding the idea of 'consent' for primary school children.

There is a useful poster about consent for young children and their grown ups at the end of this newsletter.



Christmas Events

We will continue to ensure that our children's education is not adversely affected by the pandemic but please bear in mind, some of the usual Christmas events may be different or could be cancelled, if needed.

At the moment, we are tentatively planning to host some safe on-site Christmas events:

- Our Christmas fayre is back this year! A mini Christmas fayre will take place on 30th November 2021 at 1.30pm, however, this will be held outside and will be weather dependent. The class stalls will be positioned at the classroom doors, so you will be able to buy the children's craft items. Other general stalls, such as the raffle, tombola and Father Christmas will be outside the library doors or in the Early Years outdoor area. In preparation for the fayre, the children can wear non-uniform on Friday 26th November and bring in raffle/tombola prizes. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the cost of £1 each from Monday 22nd November at the school gate. You can pre-book your child's visit to meet Santa in advance of the fayre, a time slot and ticket will be issued on receipt of payment, this can be made by cash or by bank transfer up to Monday 29th November, please make sure you include your child's name at the time of booking. Please see more fayre details at the end of this newsletter. Helpers will be needed on the day and beforehand to prepare some of the stalls/prizes.
- Blitz disco with Darren is booked for Wednesday 1st December from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The children can wear their party/disco clothes all day. Tickets will be priced at £5 per child or £9 for two siblings. Tickets include a snack and drink. Tickets will be available from Monday 22nd November. Please send your request for tickets in a sealed, named envelope. Tickets can be paid for by cash or by bank transfer. If you have any queries, please email the office. At the end of the disco, the children will be brought to the gate in class groups.
- Our Christmas Nativity will be a little different this year. Our reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform their Christmas songs and a dance on these dates:

Gatekeeper Year 2	Wednesday 8 th December at 9.30am
Skipper Year 1	Thursday 9 th December at 9.30am
Peacock Year R	Friday 10 th December at 9.30am

A maximum of two parents/carers per family will be able to attend. We request that face coverings are worn or that a lateral flow test is completed prior to coming in to school. We will ensure that the seating is socially distanced.

- Our **Year 3 and 4 children** will perform their Nativity play, 'Peace on Earth', on Wednesday 8th December at 6.00pm. This event will be ticket only. This event is not suitable for younger siblings. Tickets can be purchased from Wednesday 1st December at a cost of £3 per ticket. A maximum of two parents/carers per family will be able to attend. We request that face coverings are worn or that a lateral flow test is completed prior to coming in to school. We will ensure that the seating is socially distanced.
- A short **Nursery** outdoor singalong will take place on Monday 13th December at 2pm in the Early Years outdoor area. Again up to two parents or carers are welcome to attend. As this event will be outdoors, masks will not be necessary, however, please wrap up warm! *Due to compliance with adult/child ratios, we will not be able to accommodate extra children who do not normally attend that session.*
- Please send any money for raffle tickets, disco tickets, play tickets etc. into school in a sealed, named envelope. All funds raised will support school fundraising.
- If photos are taken at these events, please remember they will be for personal viewing only and must not be posted on social media.



Fundraising

Please check out our parent run Facebook page for updates on fundraising.

Thank you for your donations to our dress up and decorate a pumpkin day on Friday 22nd November. We were able to raise a total of £126.50 towards new playground markings and our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations next summer.

Christmas card post box

If you would like your child to send Christmas cards, the children must use the Christmas post box. The post box will be in school from Wednesday 1st December. Please make sure that the name and class name/year group of whom the card is being sent to are clearly written on the envelope. Cards will be sorted by Year 4 and delivered during the last week of term.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day is Friday 10th December. Children are able to wear non-uniform along with their Christmas jumper. Donations of £1 will be collected for the national charity, Save the Children.



Our website and learning

Following some great suggestions from parents, we will be changing some aspects of our website. The class pages will soon be password protected. You will be sent a password via email.

Instead of just showing aspects of the classroom each day, we will be posting an overview of the week's learning with some key questions for you to discuss with your child. This will also incorporate the weekly home learning task.

We will no longer be using Instagram and Twitter, so please check our website for all information.

As always, if you have any further suggestions, let us know.

School Collection

If a different adult to normal is collecting your child at the end of the school day, please ensure you email office@3lxschool.com to inform the school. It is important that the school is aware of who is collecting your child. We are unable to release your child unless you have let us know.

Recycle your printer ink

We are now part of a scheme where you can recycle the ink from your printer. In the coming days, we will send home a bag to place your empty ink cartridges in. Please send your empty cartridges into the school in the bag provided, visit www.emptiesplease.com to see what you can and can't recycle. If your cartridges are not on the list, please do not send them in.

Shopping online? Use easyfundraising!

Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/threeleggedcross/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Out of school school care

Breakfast club is available from 7.30am or 8.00am daily. After school club is available daily until 4.00pm or 5.00pm, (4.00pm only on a Friday). These sessions are open to all nursery and school age pupils.

Sarah's afterschool club, which currently focuses on sports, is an enrichment club. This club is not the same as the usual after school club. It may not always be a sports focused club. Spaces are limited at this club. Sessions must be booked through the school office but priority is given to children who have not previously had the chance to attend. This is so all children have equal opportunity to take advantage of the enrichment experience.

In the spring term, the enrichment focus will be science. There will be one six session club starting on 11th January 2022 and another six week session club from 1st March 2022. However, there will only be 12 places at each club, so only 24 places in total. This is so the club can be focused on the awe and wonder of science with some safe but fun experiments. It will be open to Year 1 to Year 4 children.

We will let you know the details of requesting a place at the club later in the term, so please do not request a place yet. However, the office will confirm places in advance of the club starting.

School closure

We are committed to remaining open in the event of adverse weather conditions if it is safe to do so. Please make sure children have suitable footwear in icy or snowy conditions. If conditions are dangerous, we may take the decision to close the school. As soon as the school closure decision is made, it will be posted on our website. If closed, due to dangerous weather, our learning will switch to the remote learning model.

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 you 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.

If you, or anyone you know would like to look around our school prior to making your school application, please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

A polite reminder...

Due to a few instances of unacceptable parent interaction with staff, we would like to remind our school community that the expectation is that all adults set a good example to children at all times.

Our staff members are committed to establishing positive working relationships and have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect.

Our school will close for the Christmas break at normal time on Friday 17th December 2021. (There is no early finish time).

We return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Remember our school office will be closed during the holiday period, so if you need any uniform items or breakfast/after school bookings for January, please contact the office in advance of the Christmas holidays.

(Our support staff operate on term time only contracts so are not paid to work during this time).

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	
26 th November 2021	Non-uniform, please bring a tombola/ raffle prize
30 th November 2021	Mini outdoor Christmas Fayre
1 st December 2021	Christmas disco
w/b 6 th December 2021	Christmas performances this week
10 th December 2021	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December 2021	Christmas lunch in school (order through Forerunner school meals)
20 th December 2021 to 3 rd January 2022	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>
2022	
21 st to 25 th February 2022	<u>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2022</u>
11 th to 22 nd April 2022	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2022</u>
2 nd May 2022	<u>Closed for Early May Bank Holiday</u>
30 th May to 3 rd June 2022	<u>MAY HALF TERM 2022</u>
15 th July to 31 st August 2022	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022</u>
1 st September 2022	<u>School starts for the autumn term 2022</u>

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

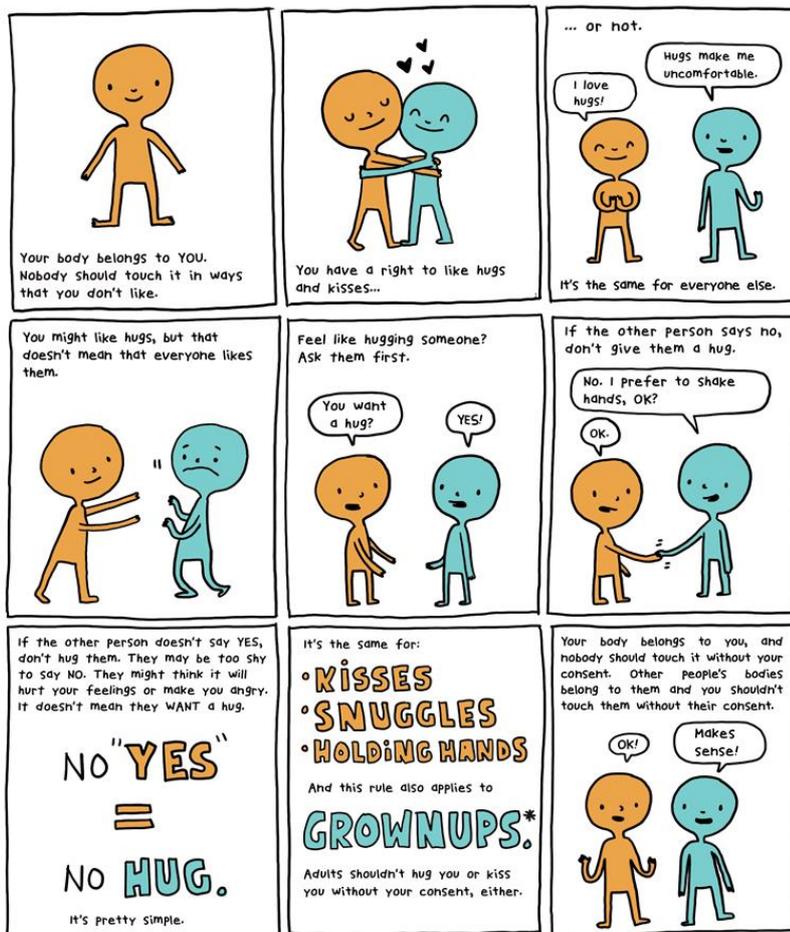


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CONSENT

EXPLAINED TO KIDS AND THEIR GROWNUPS



* Except for your safety or for your health.

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Tuesday 30th November at 1.30pm

<p>Christmas Raffle</p> <p>Raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle will go on sale from Monday 22nd November. We have lots of fabulous prizes including: family day out passes, garden centre vouchers, sports centre passes, chocolates, wine and lots more...</p> <p>Be quick, the draw will take place at the Fayre.</p>	<p>CAKE STALL</p> <p>Your child will be bringing home a paper plate. If you could make/donate a cake for the Christmas Fayre and bring it in on the morning of Tuesday 30th November that would be fantastic. Large or small cakes are most welcome.</p>	<p>Soft Toy Tombola</p> <p>This very popular stall will return this year. Please donate any clean unwanted soft toys. These can be brought into school on Monday 29th November.</p>
 <p>Decorated Jar Tombola</p> <p>Home learning in the coming weeks will be 'decorate a jar' for the Christmas Fayre. Please fill the decorated jar with wrapped sweets or chocolates, stationery items or small toys. These can be brought into school on Monday 29th November.</p>	<p>Please help with our Christmas fayre</p> <p>refreshments/tombola/lucky dip</p>	<p>SANTA</p> <p>Santa will be visiting the school Fayre again this year and the children will have the opportunity to visit him and receive a gift for a cost of £5.</p> 
<p>CLASS STALLS</p> <p>The children will be making items to sell such as decorations. Don't forget to buy them!</p>	<p>NON-UNIFORM DAY</p> <p>Friday 26th November is non-uniform day. Please bring in tombola prizes and hamper donations for the Christmas Fayre. We need as many as possible. Thank you.</p>	<p>Christmas Jumper/Used Uniform Stall</p> <p>Got any old Christmas jumpers or school uniform that no longer fit? Please send them (clean) in to school on Friday 26th November ready for the fayre.</p>

*As usual, parents may collect their children from 1.30pm to take around the fayre, by signing them out on the register with the classteacher at their classroom door.