



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Thank you for all your help with the Christmas Fayre. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as it has been counted.

- Don't forget our Christmas events...

The most recent government coronavirus guidance must be followed for all our Christmas events. A maximum of two parents/carers per family will be able to attend. **Face coverings** must be worn. **Lateral flow tests** should be taken prior to coming into school. Order your tests here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> Please **record your lateral flow result** on the government website, (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) and show the text or email to staff on entry. We will ensure that the seating is socially distanced.

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

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 are £3 each and are limited to two adults per family, tickets are available now.

- 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.*

Remember there is a closing collection in aid of our children's nominated charity at the end of each Christmas performance.

All funds raised from the Christmas play tickets will support the replacement of costumes and resources for the Christmas plays.

However, our other Christmas fundraising, such as the Christmas fayre, will be put towards the Platinum Jubilee party, an in school theatre show by the Treehouse Theatre group to celebrate the jubilee, and renewed playground markings.

Our website and learning

We hope you are finding our new look weekly learning posts useful. Please chat with your children about what has been happening in school. More support for helping with learning at home is available on our 'home learning and useful links' page.

You can find it here: <https://3lxschool.com/useful-links-3/>

You can find out more about your child's learning for the whole year here: <https://3lxschool.com/classes/>

Just scroll down to the bottom of the page to find each year group's curriculum. (We have moved this information to make it easier to find).

We will also continue to publish our termly class newsletters at the beginning of each term to give an overview of the term's learning in advance.

As always, please let us know how we can further improve our information.

Clubs

As you know after school club is open daily until 5pm on Monday to Thursday and 4pm on Friday. At this club, the children can access a range of activities. Snacks and drinks are available at this club, run by Anna, Karen and Emma.

Breakfast club is also available daily from 7.30am. During this club, the children enjoy breakfast and choose a quick activity before heading to their class to start the day.

We are trying to organise more specific activity-based opportunities, as we know Sarah's sports club has proved very popular. However, as we always put safety first and must ensure that safeguarding and safety is paramount, finding suitable outside providers has proved quite challenging. However, we hope to offer some more activity-based clubs next year.

Democracy in our school

Supporting our aims of developing responsible, respectful, and active citizens, our children take part in opportunities to influence decision making.

This year, we are attempting to involve all children rather than just a limited number of children as school councillors.

All our children have been voting on the nominated Christmas charity, refreshments at the Christmas disco and, of course, the winners in any craft event, such as the recent pumpkin competition.

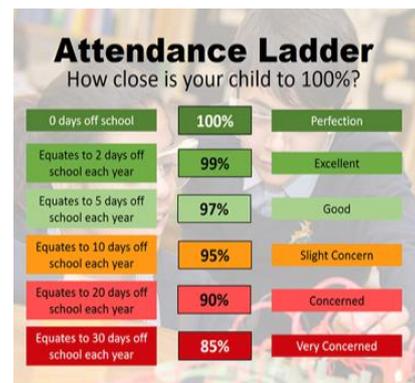
Attendance

Please support good attendance at school.

Every piece of educational research shows that children who attend school as much as possible achieve better in all areas. If you need help with improving school attendance, we will be pleased to help. Just contact us in the usual way.

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 can wear non-uniform along with their Christmas jumper. Donations of £1 will be collected for the national charity, Save the Children. Find out more here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about>



Recycle your printer ink

Don't forget, we are now part of a scheme where you can recycle the ink from your printer. 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

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.

Remember 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).

Seasons Greetings

Merry Christmas to all our children and families.

We wish you all a fantastic festive period and thank you all for the tremendous support you provide for your local school.

We are pleased and proud to serve the Three Legged Cross community.

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	
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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