



## Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

*Learning Perseverance and Manners*

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### Dressing for the weather

Please be prepared for the changeable British weather. Sun cream must be applied prior to coming to school. Please apply the longer lasting variety for full day protection, as detailed in the previous newsletter. No sun cream is kept at school. Sun hats with a peak offer good sun protection. Sunglasses should not be brought to school and are likely to break or cause injury. Please name all hats! (School sun hats are in stock and available for £4 from the school office).

For forest learning, children will continue to wear wellingtons and long trousers and tops. As we are a rural school, we need to be tick aware. Find out more about tick safety here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/69415/7/PHE\\_Tick\\_Awareness\\_Toolkit.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69415/7/PHE_Tick_Awareness_Toolkit.PDF) or

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2014/03/24/tips-and-tricks-to-stay-safe-from-ticks/>

For our nursery learners, light coloured cotton long sleeved tops and looser trousers help keep the children cool.

A lightweight, waterproof coat will be useful for those showery days to enjoy outdoor breaks. Please continue to tie back long hair with plain hair bands/slides. Big party bows are not part of our uniform or suitable/safe for school. Earrings for school must be the safe small stud variety to protect the wearer and other nearby children in the event of accidents. Closed toed shoes only should be worn to school. Open toed sandals are not suitable for busy learning.

**MAKE SURE ALL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE NAMED!** In the hot weather, the children are highly likely to remove their jumpers and if they are not named, it is impossible to return items to the correct owner, as we have in excess of one hundred school jumpers on the school site. If you use a pen to write the name in, even a permanent pen, please check that it is still clearly visible after washing.

More information about our uniform is available here: <https://3lxschool.com/our-uniform/>

The royal blue polo shirts appear to have been well received. We are happy for royal blue or white shirts to be worn throughout the year. (Not sky blue or navy please).

### Uniform orders for September

Please order your uniform items early. Remember the school office will be closed during the summer break. So the last day for school based uniform orders is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. You will then receive the ordered items by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (the last day of term).

### Jubilee celebrations

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the Treehouse Theatre will be in school to perform the play, 'Pirates Ahoy'. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the children can wear red, white, and blue to celebrate the platinum jubilee. They will have a traditional party lunch so will not require a hot school meal or a packed lunch on that day. The menu will include cucumber sandwiches, pineapple and cheese, sausages on sticks, scones with jam and cream and Victoria sponge. Fruit and drinks will also be available. We are aiming for the full traditional street party experience!

### Reading books

Reading remains a priority at our school, and we are always adding to our library and reading book supply. However, some books are becoming damaged in book bags, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to fit all book bags in the classrooms, so please remember one small key ring style item per book bag only.

### Coming into school in the morning

The school gates open at 8.25am and all children can come into school from this time. All children must be in school ready to start their learning by their class time below:

- Reception - 8.25am to 2.25pm
- Year 1 - 8.30am to 2.30pm
- Year 2 - 8.35am to 2.35pm
- Year 3 - 8.40am to 2.40pm
- Year 4 - 8.45am to 2.45pm
- Nursery - 8.50am to 11.50am or 2.50pm

For ease of collection, parking, and safety, the going home times remain staggered. You are welcome to collect siblings at the later class time.

### Parents' Questionnaire raffle

Let us know your views on our school. Please fill in the parents' questionnaire which will be sent home in your child's book bag. You can, of course, add your name to the questionnaire, but if you'd prefer to keep it anonymous, there will be two raffle tickets attached. Please keep one and leave the other attached to enter the raffle draw. We will let you know the winner after the draw on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

(Prior to the COVID school closure, we sent this questionnaire out annually. It is based on the Ofsted parent questionnaire).

### School timings from September 2022

The new school year will start on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Our timings are changing slightly in the new school year, but here is some advance notice:

- Reception - 8.15am to 2.45pm
- Year 1 and Year 2 - 8.20am to 2.50pm
- Year 3 and Year 4 - 8.25am to 2.55pm

Our gates will open at 8.15am and all school age children are welcome to come in from 8.15am, then go straight to the class to start their learning. However, the expectation is that all children will be in school ready to start their school day at the timings above at the latest. At home time, younger siblings can leave with their older brother or sister at the later time.

From September, nursery sessions will be:

- Morning - 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Afternoon - 12.00pm to 3.00pm
- Full day - 9.00am to 3.00pm

Nursery children attending all day and afternoon sessions will require a lunch. You can provide a packed lunch or order hot meals, in advance, through Forerunner, our meals provider.

Of course, breakfast and after school club is available from 7.30am daily until 5.00pm (4.00pm on Friday). Please make advance bookings through the school office.

### Breakfast and after school club

To ensure we stay safe in breakfast and after school club and comply with staffing ratios, we must ask that you are prompt and keep to the drop off and collection timings. Breakfast club can be booked from either 7.30am or 8am. After school club can be booked until 4pm or 5pm. Any late collections will incur a late fee charge, as we must be fair to our staff who also finish prompt at 5pm.

## Friends of Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

We now have an official fundraising group. The group is raising funds for our playground renovation. This means they will operate a separate bank account to the main school account. If you wish to transfer funds for any fund raising event, please contact Lisa via the friends Facebook page.

## Message from the Friends of Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School

Since starting in February we have organised a raffle, doughnut sale and our first sponsored event. In total we have raised:-

Raffle - £335

Doughnuts - £66.95

Sponsored Event - £1075.50

We have now become a charity and are awaiting gift aid approval which will assist with our fundraising.

Next meeting to discuss future fundraising events will be held on 23 May 2022 at 1pm at the school.

Please attend if you are able - little ones welcome.

Our next big event will be the Summer Fayre 5th July 2022 - if you or a family member or friend can help with a stall at the fayre or have any other useful skill, please grab one of us at the gates or email friendsof3lx@outlook.com. All support appreciated.

**Please park responsibly and consider our neighbours. Keep our access clear at all times.**

**Consider our children's safety. Please do not use our gate entrance as a turning or stopping place. It is not safe.**

## 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/>

We break up for the summer holidays on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**. This is because we have amalgamated our five school Inset (staff training) days and the extra Jubilee bank holiday. You may want to investigate more affordable holidays during this time... 😊

| <u>2022</u>   |   |
|---|---|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2022                                 | <u>Treehouse Theatre in school</u>  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022                                 | Platinum Jubilee Street Party - no Forerunner lunches today, party food!<br>Wear red, white and blue. |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022         | <u>MAY HALF TERM 2022</u>   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2022                                | <b>Reception class assembly</b> at 9.00am   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022                                | <u>Climbing wall in school</u>  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022                                 | <u>Year 4 children to spend the day at their middle schools</u>                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022                                 | <u>Summer fayre from 1.30pm</u>   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022                                 | <u>Sports Day (for school age children) at 1.30pm</u>   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022                                | <u>Last day of term. School closes at the usual time.</u>   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022     | <u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2022</u>   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022                            | <u>School starts for the autumn term 2022</u>   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022         | <u>OCTOBER HALF TERM</u>  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December to 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 | <u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>   |

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