



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Yoga learning...



Reading is a priority!

As always, we are ensuring that the love of reading is embedded at our schools. We have continued to purchase books to inspire and enthuse our learners.

Don't forget to use Boom Reader at home. Parents and children can make a note about all reading at home.

You can access Boom Reader via a webpage here: <https://parents.boomhub.app/signup>

Alternatively, you can download the app by searching for "Boom Reader Parents" on the Apple App Store or Google Play. If you need help, the class teacher will be pleased to help.



Attendance is a priority!

Children who come to school learn more and remember more. Good attendance translates to better outcomes for children. The national average school attendance is 95%. Our current whole school attendance is 92.1%, which is considerably less than the expected level and means children's learning will be affected.

The class attendance is:

Peacock	89.7%
Skipper	89.3%
Gatekeeper	94.7%
Admiral	93.9%
Emperor	92.6%

In the event of illness, please email the school office to inform us about any absences. If we do not hear from you, the office staff will contact you.

Promoting positive learning attitudes

As you know, we have followed the Jenny Moseley golden time system to promote good behaviour for many years, but it is now time for a change and to make some improvements. Some of you have spoken about aspects of the system which are not working for your children, so we have reviewed our practices.

We will continue to support our children with stickers and team points to reward their 'learning, perseverance, and manners'. Where exceptional and exemplary attitudes are evident consistently, a silver star or enamel pin badge will still be given (previously the platinum butterfly). We will continue to reward 100% attendance on a termly and annual basis.

However, where behaviour is less than expected, we will no longer use the golden time chart. We are moving to a more individual system and aim to use more challenging or mature vocabulary in line with other parts of our curriculum. Therefore, if a child's behaviour falls below expectations during the school day, a staff member may ask the child to 'think about' their actions. If the behaviour continues, the child will be asked to 'reflect' on their actions. The children will still enjoy a 'free time' session (previously called golden time), and if asked to reflect, may lose a little of that time.

Sometimes, if necessary, the teacher may still contact parents to discuss a joint approach to improving behaviour in school.

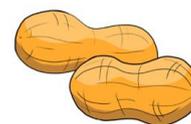
Ofsted Inspection this year ...

We are expecting an Ofsted visit this academic year. All schools who were previously judged as outstanding will now be inspected in line with other schools. Our school was last inspected in May 2009 (and our nursery in February 2014) under a very different framework which focused on attainment and statutory results. Our school continues to perform well in statutory attainment. This year, our Year 1 phonics was 92% compared to a national average of 75%. At the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) our children achieved in 92% in reading, 77% in writing and 92% in maths compared to 67% in reading, 58% in writing and 68% in maths nationally. However, the inspection focus is very different to the previous one with the focus much more on the curriculum, looking at how children know and remember more. Therefore, attendance at school continues to be extremely important. In the last academic year, with inspections looking at the curriculum, there

were very few outstanding schools in the country. We have been unofficially informed there were just 4 outstanding inspections in the whole country last year.

We are NUT FREE

Remember we are strictly a NUT FREE school. Nut allergies can have extremely serious consequences. Please take care if you provide a packed lunch to ensure only nut free items are added.



Christmas card post box

If you would like your child to send Christmas cards, all cards will be posted in the Christmas post box. The post box will be in school from Thursday 1st December, in the entrance corridor, near the staff room. 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 handed out during the last week of term.

Christmas Play

This year, our nativity play is called 'Star Attraction' and will be on Thursday 8th December. Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will do a short performance, including some songs from the play. Year 3 and 4 will perform the full nativity play. The performances will be as follows:

- Reception - 9.15am
- Year 1 and 2 - 1.30pm
- Year 3 and 4 - 6pm



The evening performance for Year 3 and Year 4 will be ticket only. This event is not suitable for younger siblings. Tickets can be purchased **from Thursday 24th November** at a cost of £3 per ticket. Please pay by bank transfer if possible. Two tickets per family will be available in the first instance. Further tickets can be requested, and these will only be issued once every family has had a chance to purchase two tickets. We have a strict limit of seats in our hall, as our fire risk assessment has designated our hall capacity at 168, inclusive of children, staff, and parents.

Photographs and videos can be taken at all performances for personal use only, with the agreement that none are posted online. Please be mindful of parents behind you when taking photos/videos, as cameras may disrupt their view and hamper their enjoyment of the performance. If you would like to take videos, there will be seating available at the back of the hall.

Christmas Events

- In preparation for the Christmas Fayre, children can wear non-uniform on Friday 25th November and bring in raffle/tombola prizes.
- The Christmas Fayre will be held on Tuesday 29th November at 1.30pm. Hot meals will not be available on this day. Any meals that have been ordered online will be changed to a packed lunch. If you do not want your child to have a school packed lunch, please change your order online and provide your own lunch. Please see the Friends of 3LX flyer for more information.
- The Disco is on Wednesday 30th November from 2.30pm to 4pm. Children can come into school in their disco clothes. Tickets are £5 per child or £9 for two siblings, including a drink and snack. **Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 16th November.** Please pay by bank transfer.
- The Pantomime visit is on Friday 9th December for the morning performance. Please ensure you have returned a completed consent form for this visit. All the information is on the letter that was sent home with your child. If you need a new letter and consent form, please let the office know. If you haven't already, you can pay for this visit by bank transfer. Please include '[Child's name] panto' as a reference.
- Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 14th December. Bookings are open now. Please book through the Forerunner website.
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 16th December. Wear your jumper and bring a £1 donation for Save the Children.



Don't miss the Christmas events! The Friends of 3LX events are at the end of the newsletter.

Applying for a school place for September 2023?

You can apply for a school place for middle school or reception in September 2023 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 2023. 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 someone you know is interested in a school place for 2023, please email the office to book a place on our next school tour on Friday 18th November 2022 at 11am.

Home learning

Remember to log in to the class pages of our website to find out about the weekly learning and tasks to complete at home (go to the 'classes' tab and then click on the class name). We will be focusing on practising the skills taught during the week and increasing the associated vocabulary. There will be questions to ask and discuss with your child/ren. The learning will be updated every Friday. You will need to use your password to login.

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates, including 2023 -24.

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

2022	
25 th November	Friends of 3LX - Tuck Shop
29 th November 2022	Christmas Fayre from 1.30pm (packed lunches only on today)
30 th November 2022	Christmas Disco 2.30pm to 4.00pm
8 th December 2022	Christmas Nativity Performances: Reception (Peacock) at 9.15am Year 1 & 2 (Skipper & Gatekeeper) at 1.30pm Year 3 & 4 (Emperor and Admiral) at 6.00pm, entry by ticket only.
9 th December 2022	Pantomime visit (packed lunches only on today) at Poole Lighthouse for school age children
14 th December 2022	Christmas Lunch (please book on the Forerunner website)
16 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day, supporting Save the Children Break up for Christmas at usual end of day times
19 th December 2022 to 2 nd January 2023	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>
2023	
3 rd January 2023	<i>Return to school, first day of spring term</i>
13 th to 17 th February 2023	<u>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023</u>
3 rd to 14 th April 2023	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2023</u>
1 st May 2023	<u>Closed for Early May Bank Holiday</u>
8 th May 2023	<u>Closed for Coronation Bank Holiday</u>
29 th May to 2 nd June 2023	<u>MAY HALF TERM 2023</u>
19 th July to 31 st August 2023	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023</u>
1 st September 2023	<u>School starts for the autumn term 2023</u>

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



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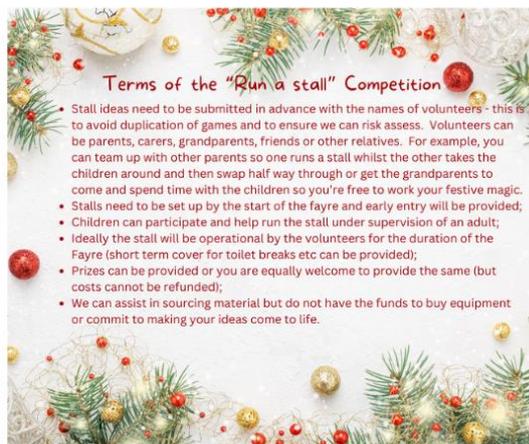
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Xmas Fayre – 29th November 2022



Feedback from the summer fayre was that you wanted more activities and games for the children, however to achieve this we need more volunteers. We currently have only 4 volunteers!

To increase games/activities on offer we are having a “Run A Stall” competition. Please see below for more details:-



If you do not want to or cannot commit to running a stall, we still need you!

Any volunteer volunteering more than an hour will get:-

- Skip the santa queue;
- Free entrance;
- Free hot drink;, and
- Entry into the volunteers raffle to win an exciting prize!



Home learning - make a Jolly Jar – 18th November 2022
Fill a jar with sweets, toys and gifts to be returned the following week!

Dress down for tombola prize & afterschool tuckshop – 25th November 2022

Donations of suitable tombola prizes please - bottles, treats, smellies, new children's toys etc. All food donations to be unopened and in date please.

Cake donations appreciated on the day or enter the Great Three Cross Bake off competition!!

This year (subject to volunteer numbers) we will also be selling hot dogs.



TICKETS TO SEE SANTA GOING ON SALE SOON!

Raffle prizes always welcomed from parents with businesses or generous employers! The raffle will take place after school on 9th December 2022 during the final tuckshop of the year!



Donations of game prizes, Christmas jumpers and second hand books also appreciated - these will be available at the fayre.

School disco – 30th November 2022 & Christmas Jumper Day 16th December 2022

Contact us

If you are interested in joining, volunteering at any event, becoming a class rep or have a question please email us at friendsof3lx@outlook.com, message us via facebook or speak to us at the gate.

Please also follow the facebook page “**Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School**” for updates and information on events.