



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

Our learning



Attendance is a priority!

Please support good school attendance and ensure your child attends school if they are well enough to attend. Our latest attendance is 93%, which is less than the expected level and means children's learning will be affected.

The class attendance is:

Peacock	93%
Skipper	89.8%
Gatekeeper	95.8%
Admiral	95.3%
Emperor	90.5%

The government have published information about responsibilities for school attendance. You can find it here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1073619/Summary_table_of_responsibilities_for_school_attendance.pdf

Reading is a priority!

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.

Please do not send in sweets if it is your child's birthday. You do not need to purchase anything but if you feel you want to purchase something for the class for your child's birthday, you may want to consider donating a book instead. We will put a message at the front of the book for every book donated. Check our Amazon wish list here:

<https://amzn.eu/fGRkxv>

Dress for the weather!

Please be prepared for the changeable weather. Waterproof coats may still be required, so either keep an eye on the forecast or bring a thin foldable waterproof coat anyway. Always apply long lasting sunscreen if we are lucky enough to enjoy some sunny days. Some more cost effective examples are Calypso Once a Day Sun Protection Lotion with SPF 30, available from Amazon or Boots Soltan Once.

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/694157/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.

Please remember closed toed shoes only are suitable for an active school day. We don't mind trainer style shoes, but please make sure they are totally black with no obvious logos.

Please tie long hair back at all times with plain black or school coloured hair bands, not large party bows.

For safety, sunglasses should not be used in school unless there is a medical reason. Please bring a named, peaked sun hat instead. School logo sun hats are available from the office for £4.

Information about our uniform is available here:

<https://3lxschool.com/our-uniform/>

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.

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 7th July. You will then receive the ordered items by Tuesday 18th July (the last day of term). The school office is fully closed in the school holidays.

The new school year

Middle and first school place offer day was 17th April 2023.

You will have received notification directly from Dorset Council, our admissions authority.

If you have a place in our reception class in September 2023, we will write to you soon with information about starting school. You will be invited to a welcome meeting on Monday 22nd May at 5.00pm
 At the meeting, we will give some information about the reception class and there will be an opportunity to look around the classroom and ask questions.

Breakfast and after school clubs

It is extremely busy at our after school club this term.

We are already full on Thursdays and other days are nearly full already.

Therefore, please be aware we may not be able to fulfil casual bookings this term.

If you have booked an after school place then no longer require it, please let us know so someone else can have the place.

There is no after school club on Tuesday 18th July 2023, as this is the last day of this school year.

Remember to check out the home learning every Friday on the class pages of the website:

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

Click on the class name and enter your login details. If you have forgotten any usernames or passwords for the learning platforms, just email the class teacher.

Assessment this term

During the summer term, all year groups will be assessed by the teacher against national attainment expectations. This assessment will take place as part of normal classroom learning.

Children in Year 3 and 4 complete some external tests, from GL Assessment, in English and maths, which are marked externally and then the results are returned to school.

Some children will also complete statutory (government) assessment this term. You can find out more about this assessment here:

Year 4

[2023 Information for parents Multiplication tables check Nov 22 PDFA](#)

Year 2

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1-information-for-parents/information-for-parents-national-curriculum-assessment-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1>

Year 1

[Click to access phonics check leaflet 2013 .pdf](#)

All assessments will be shared with parents and carers in the annual end of year reports in July.

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates, up to 2025:

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

<u>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>
22 nd May 2023	<u>New Reception 2023 meeting for parents at 5pm</u>
29 th May to 2 nd June 2023	<u>May HALF TERM 2023</u>
14 th June 2023	<u>Summer disco until 4.00pm</u>
29 th June 2023	<u>Peacock (Reception) class assembly at 9am</u>
6 th July 2023	<u>Sports day in the afternoon</u>
18 th July 2023	<u>Break up at the usual times</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>
23 rd to 27 th October 2023	<u>October HALF TERM 2023</u>
15 th December 2023	<u>Break up at the usual times</u>
18 th December to 1 st January 2024	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2023</u>
2 nd January 2024	<u>Return to school for the spring term 2024</u>
12 th February to 16 th February 2024	<u>February HALF TERM 2024</u>
1 st April to 12 th April 2024	<u>EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024</u>
27 th to 31 st May 2024	<u>May HALF TERM 2024</u>
22 nd July to 3 rd September 2024	<u>SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024</u>

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



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FRIENDS OF THREE LEGGED CROSS FIRST & NURSERY SCHOOL APRIL 2023 UPDATE

AGM

Our AGM took place on 21st March 2023. Thanks to all who took part and a big thanks to all the members and the staff at the school who continue to support us and who give up their own time and resources to raise funds and organise events.

Particular thanks to Emma O'Sullivan who has worked hard as our secretary over the last year and to Hannah Hales who has agreed to replace Emma after she stepped down.

Please do consider getting involved. It's hard work organising and setting up events and many hours of time and lots of effort is voluntary provided by a few to make these events happen for the whole school community. A little help can make a big difference and it will allow us to put on bigger events and raise more money. Please speak to us about how you can contribute if you are interested.

Fairy/Elf Garden workshop

It's not too late to join us for the Fairy Garden workshop on 22 April 2023 - £15 per garden (those with more than one child can share a garden). Please email friendsof3lx@outlook.com for more information and details of how to book.

Clothing/shoe collection

We have another clothing collection on 26 April 2023 - any donations in black bags to be delivered to the school on the morning of 26 April 2023 please.

FRIENDS OF THREE LEGGED CROSS FIRST & NURSERY SCHOOL



Fairy garden workshop

Take home some magic!
Join us to make your own fairy garden. For kids aged 3+

Saturday 22nd April
1pm-2pm or 2:30-3:30pm
£15 per ticket

Three Legged Cross Village Hall

Email friendsof3lx@outlook.com for tickets or call Julie on 07976486316. All profits will go toward funding activities and equipment for the school.



Parent supervision required.
Refreshments provided

Registered with Dorset Council - 31,0291
Registered Charity Number: 198754

Win a family camping ticket worth up to £1,000 to £5 per ticket
CAMP FESTIVAL
TO BE DRAWN ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 AT THREE LEGGED CROSS FIRST & NURSERY SCHOOL, SUMMER FAYRE.
Available to purchase online: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/3lxschool>
Valid for 2 adults and up to 4 children (age 0-17). The Winner will be required to inform the Promoter of their Name/Address/Email and Children's ages before June 30th 2023 to receive their tickets.
Friends of Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School. Registered charity No. 1298754

Win Bestival tickets!

Raffle ticket for our amazing Bestival raffle for family weekend camping tickets can be purchased online - the prize is worth £1,000!!!! Please share this raffle and prize with all your friends and family!

Coronation Colour Run

Join us on 3rd May from 1.30pm for our sponsored colour run. Each child will be given the opportunity to take part and raise funds for the school. Parents can watch and even join in throwing the powder. Refreshments will be available. Details in book bags shortly.

Tesco Community Vote

This has now finished and we are just waiting to hear the results.

Playground Progress

Perhaps not as exciting as the trim trail, but the defective tarmac has now been replaced (funded by the Friends of Three Legged Cross First School) which means that we can now move on to the playground markings - further updates will be provided shortly.

Spring/Summer wreath making workshop

We are holding a sprint/summer wreath making workshop on 13th May. This would make a lovely mother's day gift experience or just treat yourself to an enjoyable evening with friends. Details below.

Great British Spring Clean

Well done to all of the children who joined in. We hope to do this again in the future, hopefully in better weather.

Golden Ticket Chocolate Bars

We raised a massive £502.54. Thanks so much for all who purchased and congratulations to the prize winners.

Summer Fayre

Save the date - 20th June from 1.30pm. Volunteers always needed - please consider helping if you can!!

Noticeboard

Please check out the noticeboard outside school for updates.

