

8th September 2023

School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year - it was great to see everyone back at school after the summer holidays.

I'd like to extend a particular welcome to families that are new to our school. I hope you enjoy getting to know our wonderful school community.

In this newsletter I will outline school expectations and guidance but please refer to the year group booklets will come out shortly for details for particular year groups.

Words of Encouragement

The words of encouragement for this week are found in Jeremiah 29:11.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

At the beginning of a new academic year we look forward with hope, trusting in God to help us all to achieve our potential and to guide us.

Uniform expectations

Most children have come back to school looking very smart in full uniform.

Please be aware that children should wear:

- grey trousers or skirt
- a white polo shirt
- a navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- grey or white socks
- all black shoes or trainers.
- a blue a white checked summer dress is also acceptable.

On PE Days children should come to school in:

- navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts
- a white t shirt
- all black trainers or plimsols.

We recognise that finances are stretched for many families so it is not necessary for items of clothing to be a particular brand or have a logo on them. Generic supermarket school uniform is perfectly acceptable so long as it is the correct colour. This should help keep costs down.

Please make sure that you put names on your child's clothes and periodically check it has not washed off during laundering.

For further details about school uniform please refer to our school website.



Jewellery and hair expectations

Please make sure that children do not wear jewellery for school. The only exceptions to this rule are watches (please note smart watches are not allowed) and a small pair of stud earrings.

Some children have come back from the summer holidays with colourful extensions and amazing hairstyles and these look great as we celebrate World Afro Hair day on 15th September and Black History Month in October as usual. Please remember that after October Half term children should return to school with natural colour hair, long hair should be tied back for safety reasons and beads should not be worn as they are a choking hazard. Please remember children should not have designs shaved into their hair. Thank you for your support.

Times of the school day

The gates open at 8.30am for a soft start to the day. Lessons begin at 8.50am and children should be in class and seated ready to begin learning at this time. Gates are locked by 9am and any children arriving after this time **must** report to the school office.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm and gates will be opened a few minutes beforehand to allow parents into the playground.

It is essential that children arrive on time for their lessons to begin in the morning so they make the very most of their learning time. Office staff will follow up any regular latecomers.

Similarly it is very unsettling for children to be collected late in the afternoon. If you are unable to collect your child at 3.15pm please make childcare arrangements. Please note that we have an After School Club here onsite run by a company called Blue Bears. Contact details for Blue Bears can be found on our website. If there is a change to your regular pick up arrangements please phone the office before 2.30pm so we can make sure children remain safe.

Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the school and leave a message on the school absence line clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. If you do not call the office to report your child's illness you will be called by a member of the office staff as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Please be aware that persistent or regular absence will be followed up by our attendance officer and that we only allow absence during term time for exceptional circumstances. Please note that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not come back to school until 48 hours after the last episode.



Parentpay

As you will be aware all items should be paid via Parentpay.

Please make sure that your Parentpay account has enough credit for your child's expenses at all times and make sure that all other payments are made via this system. If you have issues with setting up Parentpay account or operating it, please go to the school office where one of the staff will be happy to assist you.

I have instructed the school office staff to contact any parent running up a debt, even a small one, as this situation can often escalate without parents realising. Please make sure that if you are contacted by the office staff you are polite and speak to them with respect.

Maintenance

Families of all children who come to a Church of England school must pay a maintenance fee annually. This payment is paid to the London Diocese who own our school buildings and it is for the maintenance of the site. If enough payments are not made we are required to supplement from our school budget and this means we have even less to spend on our children. We have kept our maintenance fee as low as possible and again this year it is £40 per child. Please make sure that you pay this as soon as possible via Parentpay. A letter from our Chair of Governors is at the bottom of this newsletter.

School Dinners

Last term we sent out a letter from the Mayor of London which informed parents about the Free school dinner initiative for all primary school children.

All children from Reception to Year 6 in our school are entitled to a free school dinner FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR ONLY.

There are no forms to fill in, your child just has to pick their choice from the menu displayed in class during register time and lunch will be provided.

Secondary transfer

Please be aware that children from Year 6 will bring home a booklet detailing information about secondary school applications. There is a meeting for year 6 parents about the process at 5pm on Thurs 14th Sept via zoom. You will be sent a link nearer the time. Please make sure that you log onto the meeting at 5pm promptly with microphones muted.

World Afro Hair Day

Next Friday is World Afro Day. This is the 7th year of this worldwide celebration of afro hair, where afro hair is not only celebrated for its versatility, but, more importantly, it is shown to be acceptable in its natural state.

We look forward to seeing you celebrate with fabulous hairstyles!



Thank you to our volunteers

You might have noticed that during the holiday our Log Cabin was redecorated. This was all thanks to the hard work of Michelle Renford and team from Taylor Woodrow. They came into school for the day to volunteer their services to help make Latymer All Saints a nicer place to be. Thank you very much!!!



Dates for your diary

Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.

Thursday 14th Sept: 5pm Year 6 Secondary transfer Zoom

Tuesday 27th Sept: Individual school photographs

Wednesday 18th Oct: Parent teacher meetings. No children in school.

Friday 20th Oct: Break for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 30th Oct: Children return from half term

Friday 15th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

"Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us"





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Dear Parent/Carer,

ANNUAL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE FUND 2023/4

As we are a Voluntary Aided School, and the buildings belong to the Church of England, the Local Authority does not fund the upkeep or insurance of the school buildings. The school has to raise funds to pay for these necessary areas of expenditure from our families.

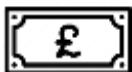



The LDBS (London Diocesan Board for Schools) runs an **annual** maintenance fund scheme for the upkeep of the buildings into which the school pays and from which the school benefits.

As with other Voluntary Aided schools, the contribution to the fund made by Latymer All Saints is based on the number of children attending the School.

For the school year September 2023 – July 2024, Governors are required to ask for an annual maintenance fund payment of £40 per pupil.

The maintenance fund is used to ensure that the school is safe and remains an effective learning environment and unfortunately if this maintenance is not paid by parents, we will be left with no option but to take funding from other areas of the school budget which will have a direct impact on the quality of provision your child receives.

We have a number of ways in which you can pay this fee:

	Cash and Cheque via the School Office (With child's name and class on the reverse of the cheque)
	All major Credit and Debit cards via the School office
	ParentPay – www.parentpay.co.uk (if you have difficulty with your parent pay account, please contact the school office where we will be more than happy to help you)
	Via Bank transfer to HSBC Latymer All Saints PS, Account: 51503200, Sort code: 40-20-23 (Using your child's first initial and surname as a reference)
If you have any questions, please contact the school business manager BYRON RUSSELL via the School Office at Office@LatymerAllSaints.Enfield.Sch.Uk	

Kind Regards
Stella Mwa

Chair of Governors

