



Les Landes Newsletter

8th November, 2019



Dear Parents,

Gorilla news

Flora is back in the building! Despite the temptation to auction her off, every child in the school contributed to bringing Eva's design to life and she belongs in the school. We have recouped the money we spent on the project and we will find her a suitable place to stay.

Anti-Bullying

We are committed to challenging bullying behaviour and our counter-bullying policy can be read on our website. <https://www.leslandes.sch.je/attachments/download.asp?file=347&type=pdf>

This week, I have worked with children to translate this into an accessible document for children.

This will be shared with the whole school next week and displayed in every classroom.

<https://www.leslandes.sch.je/page/?title=Policies+for+children&pid=53>

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and we will be using the story 'Mud Boy' to explore themes around this. Our newly appointed Anti-Bullying Reps are visible in the school and will receive training from the Diana Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme in the new year.

Children in Need

Next **Friday 15th November**, the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform to support Children in Need, bringing a suggested £1 donation. Pudsey clothes are welcome.

Christmas

We can't avoid it any longer. Here is an overview of what is coming...

Reception Nativity - Wed 4th December 1.30pm. This is open to reception families only.

Choir at the Parish Hall - Monday 9th December 6pm. Father Christmas arrives approx. 6.30pm (Please note the Parish have changed this date from Monday 2nd Dec)

Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December 2-4pm. We would like to request jars with lids please. We need approx. 200. Two weeks before we will be requesting bottles for the bottle stall and we will also start selling raffle tickets. Parents are invited to help and we will set up a list of roles and time slots from face painting to serving teas. Each class will have a stall and we will have craft activities, children's games and Santa. We usually have a 'Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake' but our baker is no longer a grandparent, so if anyone knows of someone who might donate this, it would be very much appreciated. Parents are invited to collect their children at 2pm, and we can keep any children who are unaccompanied until 3pm. More details to follow.



Carole Service - Monday 16th December 6.30pm. This is open to families from Y1 to Y6 and is held at St Ouen's Parish Church. All children are expected to attend in school uniform and the service usually lasts one hour.

Halloween Disco

The children really enjoyed this event and we raised a total of £483.28 for School Fund. Many thanks to DJ Nelson, staff and volunteers. We have needed new dictionaries and thesauruses for a long time, especially with vocabulary being a key focus for the school this year. This money has funded them all and they have been ordered.

Triple P Parenting Discussion Groups

In the New Year we have the opportunity to offer several discussion groups, led by a parenting facilitator. Options are: Dealing with disobedience, bedtime routines, fighting and aggression and hassle free shopping. At this stage, we would like to gauge interest so if these are something you would be interested in, please can you register interest with Mrs Wiseman.

World Children's Day

We will be marking the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC on Wednesday 20th November. The children will lead an assembly and take part in an activity with their class during the day. The focus will be looking past what the rights mean for them, to looking at places in the world where the rights are not in place or upheld.

Just One Tree event

The Just One Tree organisation represents a very positive and tangible way for schools, organisations and families to have an impact on our current climate crisis. On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November, children can come to the dome at home time and add their thumb print to a tree design and pay £1. The image will represent the school's commitment to purchasing the same number of trees in areas affected by deforestation. The children can decide which area of the world they would like the trees planted.

Scholastic

Booklets are coming home today, this is the last chance to order from Scholastic Book Club online at <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/les-landes>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 25p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 10th**. Orders will be kept with Mrs Wiseman, we won't send the books home with the children.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will increase in price to £2.50 for the session from January. This will allow us to factor in the costs for heating, lighting, electricity and equipment use such as PCs and games. As previously advised, the sessions are full on most days and we cannot accommodate last minute drop-ins unless these are an emergency. There is a waiting list for places now and we do not have capacity for more children.

Dates - <https://www.leslandes.sch.je/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>

Mrs Charlesworth

