



Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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Newsletter

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Welcome back

A big welcome to our new families joining us this term. We are looking forward to working with you.

Our new Peacock (Reception) class have settled in exceptionally well.

Thank you for preparing them so well for the transition to school.

We also welcome some new staff members:

Jasmine, working as a full time teaching assistant across the school;

Rachel, who will be working in the office in the morning and as a teaching assistant in the afternoons and Jessica, who will be working in the office for the Trust, but based here at our school.

Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are welcome to come to a quick class harvest festival for your child's class. The children will sing a song and share some learning, for no more than 10 minutes. We will be limited on space, so please no more than two parents/carers per child. The children can bring a harvest donation on the morning of their assembly, for the Ringwood Foodbank, which serves our locality. Ringwood Foodbank have particularly asked for specific items, so please bear this in mind when donating.

WE ARE RUNNING SHORT OF SOME ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED CUSTARD
- MASHED POTATO
- TINNED MEAT PIES
- LONG LIFE MILK
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- SQUASH
- TINNED VEG, ALL SORTS
- COFFEE
- PASTA AND CURRY SAUCES
- JAM
- SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT

Please find the harvest times below:

Class	Date	Time
Key Stage Two Year 3 Admiral class Year 4 Emperor class	Tuesday 19 th September 2023	9.00am
Key Stage One Year 1 Skipper class Year 2 Gatekeeper class	Wednesday 20 th September 2023	9.00am
Reception Peacock class	Thursday 21 st September 2023	9.00am

Attendance

Please email the school office to inform us about any absences.

Good school attendance translates to better outcomes for children. Children who attend school learn more, know more and achieve more. Therefore this will be a priority for our school this year. The attendance officer will be visiting our school on a regular basis throughout the year. Where a child's attendance is below expectations, it is likely you will be invited to meet with the attendance officer. All term time holiday absence will be automatically referred to the attendance officer and corresponding fines will be issued.

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.



We use Boom Reader, <https://go-read.co.uk>, to record all reading at home and school. This has proved highly successful in improving the number of times children read and everyone will have the most up to date information. It can be used on phones, tablets and computers. You will receive details from the class teacher about how to access this online reading record.

Staff learning

This year, our school staff members will be focusing on further improving our subject leadership and assessment practices and procedures.

Our school aims

Learning Perseverance Manners

-  To be lifelong learners
-  To develop positive attitudes and tolerance for both themselves and others
-  To foster a strong sense of respect and responsibility for themselves and the community

Our school 'Golden Rules'

Do be gentle	<i>Do not hurt anybody</i>
Do be kind and helpful	<i>Do not hurt people's feelings</i>
Do work hard	<i>Do not waste time</i>
Do look after property	<i>Do not waste or damage things</i>
Do listen to people	<i>Do not interrupt</i>
Do be honest	<i>Do not cover up the truth</i>

Hot Meals

**Please book your meals in advance. You will need to register on the Forerunner website in order to book your meals. Please follow this link to register: <https://forerunner.myschoolmealorders.com/>
If you have not ordered in time, a meal will not be delivered to school and you will need to provide a packed lunch.**

Contact information

Please ensure that you keep us up to date with your contact telephone numbers and email addresses. A contact sheet will be sent home with your child, please amend as necessary and return to school. If there are no changes, please still sign and return it to school. Please email the office to let us know if your child is being picked up by a different adult to usual, for nursery children the name of the person must be added to the child's authorised collection form, this can only be done by emailing the office at office@3lxschool.com.

Uniform

Please help us to ensure our children maintain a smart appearance at school by wearing their school uniform. Remember, for their comfort and safety children must wear black, closed toe shoes to school. Open toed sandals or heeled footwear are not suitable for an active day of learning and play. If trainer style shoes are to be worn, please ensure they are all black, including the sole and any logos. A waterproof coat and wellingtons are needed in order to enjoy an all-weather playtime. Please make sure that all clothing is named. Long hair should be tied back with simple hair bands, which are either plain or school uniform blue only. Extreme hair styles such as tramlines or steps are not suitable for school. **Large party bow hair bows are not suitable for safe learning and playtimes at school.** Please remind your child not to bring toys from home. They can easily get lost at school. Find out more about our uniform at: <https://3lxschool.com/our-uniform/>
Please ensure your child has wet weather clothes as we move into autumn. We will be enjoying an outdoor playtime, whatever the weather. Please help your child be independent and ready for learning as they come into school in the morning by wearing their coat and carrying their own things. This also helps ensure the gate is clear for all children to enter safely.

Fundraising

Please see information from the Friends of 3LX at the end of this newsletter.

Outside our school gates

Please remember to park responsibly outside our school. Consider our neighbours and keep pavements and driveways clear. Keep our main school gates clear as this is our emergency exit. Remember to switch off your engines. Please do not use the area outside our main gates as a turning area. This is extremely dangerous and there have been a few near misses. Help us keep our children safe. As soon as you have dropped off or picked up, move away so it is safe for everyone. Please listen/look out for your child's teacher at home time and then make sure you're visible directly in front of the gate, rather than around the corner, as the teachers can't see you there.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

As you are probably aware, all schools have a designated safeguarding lead (DSL). Our school DSL is Anna Morris, our assistant headteacher. Find out more about our responsibility about keeping children safe at: <https://3lxschool.com/safeguarding-3lx/>
Our safeguarding local school committee member is Nikki Hearn. Our safeguarding trustee is Laura Crossley. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Jeans for Genes day

Friday 22nd September 2023 is Jeans for Genes day. Our children can wear their own choice of top and wear their jeans (or similar) on this day. Please bring a £1 donation to the national charity. Find out more at:

<https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/schools>

Applying for a school place for September 2024?

You can apply for a school place for middle school or reception in September 2024 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 require any help, please contact the school office. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2024. 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.

We have organised a few dates for prospective parents to look around our school.

If you or someone you know is interested in a school place for 2024, please email the office to book a place.

The dates are:

Monday 18th September at 9am;

Wednesday 11th October at 11am;

Thursday 23rd November at 1pm.

Making payments

We are aiming to be cashless!

If possible, we will ask you to pay via bank transfer for school visits, uniform or clubs. As local banks close, it is increasingly difficult to manage cash on a day to day basis. Thanks for your help.

Our banks details are: *Three Legged Cross First Sch* Sort Code: 30-84-87 Account: 37793668

After school and breakfast club bookings.

Sessions are extremely busy. Most sessions until 4pm are fully booked so we will be less likely to take ad hoc bookings.

Please continue to use email to contact the school. *For Google and Gmail email account holders, please make sure you have added the school email addresses to your contacts or Google will block our emails sent to you.*

For all absence, uniform, and general enquiries, please email the office on: office@3lxschool.com.

If you need to contact the staff, here are our email addresses:

School Year group	Class name	Age group	Teacher	Email contact
Nursery	Butterflies	2-4 years	Nursery Leader Emma	e.burnell@3lxschool.com
Reception	Peacock	4-5 years	Michaela	m.nairn@3lxschool.com
Year 1	Skipper	5-6 years	Jess	j.fitzpatrick@3lxschool.com
Year 2	Gatekeeper	6-7 years	Alex	a.hustler@3lxschool.com
Year 3	Admiral	7-8 years	Lorna	l.north@3lxschool.com
Year 4	Emperor	8-9 years	Anna	a.morris@3lxschool.com

Dates for the diary

Please access the school website for up to date details of school term dates: <https://3lxschool.com/calendar/>

(Please be aware that we use Google calendar, which includes UK bank holidays. It is also showing Scotland and NI bank holidays, so please be aware 18.03.24 is not an English bank holiday).

2023	
19 th September 2023	Y3/4 Harvest Assembly at 9am
20 th September 2023	Y1/2 Harvest Assembly at 9am
21 st September 2023	Reception Harvest Assembly at 9am
22 nd September 2023	Jeans for Genes day- wear your jeans to school and bring a charity donation
25 th September 2023	Year 4 visit to Springhead
9 th October 2023	Parent Teacher meetings this week
11 th October 2023	Year 4 class assembly at 9am
12 th October 2023	Year 3 class assembly at 9am
18 th October	School photographer
20 th October 2023	School closed- staff training
23 rd to 27 th October 2023	<u>October HALF TERM 2023</u>
1 st November 2023	Winter disco, until 4pm, children can wear fancy dress today
16 th November 2023	Flu immunisations by NHS for school age children

5 th December 2023	Pantomime visit for school age children
7 th December 2023	Christmas Nativity performance YR 9.15 am; Y1/2 1.30 pm; Y3/4 6.00 pm
15 th December 2023	Break up at the usual times
18 th December to 1 st January 2024	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2023
2 nd January 2024	Return to school for the spring term 2024
12 th February to 16 th February 2024	February HALF TERM 2024
1 st April to 12 th April 2024	EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024
27 th to 31 st May 2024	May HALF TERM 2024
22 nd July to 3 rd September 2024	SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

Two further staff training days TBC

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



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FRIENDS OF THREE LEGGED CROSS UPDATE

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school community. We are fortunate at our school to have the Friends of Three Legged Cross, a registered charity, that's an integral part of the school community. Set up in 2022, over the last 18 months we have raised in excess of £20,000, which has been spent on the second tranche of the Trim Trail, replacement tarmac in the playground and the new school markings which will be installed shortly. We also paid for the Science Dome, organised the school fayres and the colour run, and organised Christmas and Coronation gifts for the children.

As well as fundraising, we exist to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

All families are automatically members of the Friends when their child joins our school. You are encouraged to get involved, even if you only have a small amount of time available.

How to get involved

1. Class Reps manage the What's App group and provide updates to other parents and carers in your child's class. We currently need Reps for Reception class and Year 4.
2. Use Affiliated sites to raise money when you spend online. Please see details below:-



EASYFUNDRAISING (www.easyfundraising)

We've registered Three Legged Cross First & Nursery School with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/threeleggedcross/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

3. Join us by either attending our planning meetings, volunteering at future events or support us by assisting with the organisation of school events. Please speak with a member of the school or the Friends of to see how you can assist us.
4. Join the facebook pages "**Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School**" and the "**Three Legged Cross First School Second Hand Uniform**". Also please note we have pre-loved uniform in stock so contact us if you are looking for anything,

Dates for your Diary

29/09/2023 – Monthly Tuck Shop

19/10/2023– Monthly Tuck Shop

01/11/2023 - Winter disco

17/11/2023 - Dress down (donation of tombola prize requested)

18/11/2023 – Wreath Making (evening event for adults at Three Legged Cross Hall)

24/11/2023– Monthly Tuck Shop

28/11/2023 - Christmas School Fayre

15/12/2023 - Monthly Tuck Shop