



# NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021



AIM HIGH  TO BE THE BEST

OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS  
HALF-TERM IS  
THE WORDS OF JESUS

I am the Light of the World (John 8.12)

Welcome back to the  
first Newsletter of the  
2021-2022 Academic  
Year!



We do hope that you all had a wonderful summer break and stayed safe!

Although the need for "bubbles" and one-way system is no longer required we are, as a school, still continuing good hygiene routines which include regular hand washing, use of sanitizer and maintaining ventilation.

It is lovely to see all the children back and hope they are well rested ready for what we hope will be a busy and exciting school year.

On Thursday it was lovely to have all the children together in the Hall for Whole School Worship for the first time since March 2020!



All the staff have been working very hard behind the scenes preparing for the children's return and organising the Autumn Term Curriculum which will be available to view on the school website.

This terms theme is "Reach for the Sky" and more information / pictures will appear in future Newsletters. In connection with this theme we have today had a planetarium visit the school which the children really enjoyed. Pictures will follow in next week's Newsletter.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children and their families to the school and we are sure they will quickly settle in.

We would also like to welcome to our team Mrs Peacock who is our new Deputy Headteacher and Class Teacher for Foxes class.

To enable Mrs Peacock to undertake her Deputy Headteacher duties Mrs Bishop will be teaching Foxes class every Friday.

Mrs Bishop will also be in school on a Thursday to undertake her SENCO role.

If you have any concerns the usual format is to speak to your child's Class Teacher in the first instance, or to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Class Teachers are available to speak to parents without an appointment on Fridays between 3.15pm and 3.45pm.



My name is Mrs Peacock and I am delighted to be able to introduce myself as Foxes class teacher and the new Deputy Headteacher at Latchingdon CofE Primary School.

During a discussion with the Foxes, it was decided that families and children may like to know:

**My favourite colour:** purple

**My favourite animal:** There are too many to choose! Butterflies, dogs and meerkats.

**My favourite holiday destination:** I lived in New Zealand for a year and that was a wonderful place to visit!

**My favourite hobby:** I love to read- anything and everything!

**My favourite subject:** Maths, RE and PSHE.

**My reason for teaching:** I love working with children and their families. I enjoy seeing children learn and find it very rewarding when children have that lightbulb moment and can suddenly do something that they previously found challenging.

**My favourite thing about Latchingdon CofE Primary:** I have now had the opportunity to visit the school on several occasions and I have always been impressed by the children's eagerness to learn and the strong sense of community spirit that is evident throughout the school. Working in partnership with children and their families is incredibly important to me and I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.



## PE KITS

Just to remind you that the children still need to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Please note that if your child is not fit for PE on a PE day please send them to school in their normal school uniform.

The correct items are as follows:

Red or plain black shorts

Plain red T-shirt (with or without the school logo)

Plimsolls **must** be worn for games in the hall

Trainers may be worn for games outside

Pupils may wear plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter (but should have shorts on underneath/in a bag, in case P.E. moves indoors)

Long hair **must** be tied back

Even though the children are wearing their PE kit they are still representing the school therefore **no other coloured items or logos should be worn.**

Monday: All classes

Tuesday: **Hedgehogs**

Wednesday: **Red Squirrels**

Thursday: **Otters & Foxes**

Friday: **Badgers**

Thank you for your support.



Once again a massive thank you to our wonderful PTFA for all their hard work last academic year raising the money towards our new Wellbeing/Quiet area.

During the summer holidays Danny Bench decorated the area with a fantastic mural.

Once we have finished furnishing the area the children will be able to make use of this space - keep an eye out for pictures in future Newsletters.





**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**PARENTS/CARERS YEAR 5 &**  
**YEAR 6 PUPILS**

Plume Academy are holding Open Events  
**9<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

A virtual evening event will be held via  
Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**September starting at 6pm**

Please see their letter and poster for  
further information which is available on  
our school website:

<https://latchingdonprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Plume-Open-Events-Letter-for-Parents-and-Carers.pdf>

and

<https://latchingdonprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Plume-Open-Evening-Poster-21.pdf>

or alternatively please visit the Plume  
Academy website directly.



Please see our website for full details of  
Dates to remember

**ACEDMIC YEAR 2021-2022**



**AUTUMN TERM**

**October 2021**

25<sup>th</sup> Oct to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**November 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - NON-PUPIL DAY

**December 2021**

20<sup>th</sup> Dec to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



**SPRING TERM**

**January 2022**

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - BANK HOLIDAY

February 2022

14<sup>th</sup> Feb to 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**APRIL 2022**

4<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER HOLIDAY



**SUMMER TERM**

**May 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY

30<sup>TH</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2022

6<sup>th</sup> June - NON-PUPIL DAY

**July 2022**

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> July - NON-PUPIL DAYS

22<sup>nd</sup> July - START SUMMER HOLIDAY