

# Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School

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## Newsletter



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Welcome back for the new school year. We look forward to working with you this year. Don't forget to follow the main school website page and the class website pages by clicking on "[Follow Blog via Email](#)" on the right-hand side of our school website. If you have children in different classes, you will need to follow each class page in order to receive the updates.

Welcome to our new children and families, we look forward to working with you over the next few years. Welcome to: Bailey, Ruby, Jimmy-Lee, Elsie-May, Robyn, Rebecca, Henry, Lucy, Nevaeh, Eddie, Bella, Elvis, Theo, Tiggi, Erin, Tyler, Finlay, Luca and Sarah in Reception Class and we also welcome to Robert in Year 4, Emma in Year 2 and Roxanna in Year 1.

You may notice some health and safety updates have been put in place during the summer break:

The outdoor playground climbing equipment is now fenced. Prior to each playtime, staff will check that the equipment is safe to use as part of the normal safety checks before opening the gate and it will be locked again at the end of playtime. It should not be used at after school times and will remain locked.

The system for the new electric gates has been fitted and the new gates are due to arrive later this month. This will mean that the pedestrian gate will be open at school opening and closing times but will remain closed at other times. All visitors will need to be buzzed in by the office staff during the school day.

Some reminders:

## Our school aims

### Learning Perseverance Manners

- To be life long 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'

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

## Harvest Festival

Please come to our harvest assemblies on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The assembly for Reception and Year 1 parents will be at **9.10am** and the assembly for Year 2, 3 and 4 parents will be at **2.35pm**.

We are supporting the Trussell Trust, a local food bank charity, this year, so please bring tinned and packaged food donations in on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> September only .

The Trussell Trust have said, *"tinned vegetables are good - especially carrots and greens, puddings and desserts are also a good choice - sponge puddings, rice pudding, custard and tinned fruit. The foods we never run out of are teabags, beans, soup and pasta - so avoid those!"*



## Safeguarding and Child Protection

As you are probably aware, all schools have a designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

Our school DSL is Mrs Clare Sims, our deputy headteacher.

Find out more about our responsibility about keeping children safe at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Our other trained designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Justine Horn, Mrs Nicola Collins, Mrs Karen Hughes and Emma Burnell.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about a child's welfare. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. More information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-do-if-youre-worried-a-child-is-being-abused--2>

## 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, trainers or heeled footwear are not suitable for an active day of learning and play. 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.



Don't be late! Our learning sessions start at 9am and the children need to be in the classrooms ready for learning by 9am.

Remember to wheel any bikes and scooters on school grounds to avoid any crashes!

## School Admissions

A reminder that if you require a school place for reception class or for middle school in September 2019, please go online to Dorset School Admissions to apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

For more information, go to <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/419619/Apply-for-a-school-place>

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.

This term's parent teacher meetings will take place week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This is an opportunity to discuss how well your child is doing and the next steps for learning. Notices will go up the previous week for you to sign up for a suitable appointment.



## Our Responsible Body

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Heath Academy Trust and therefore no longer part of Dorset Local Authority. We are one of six local schools, which have chosen to convert to an academy in order to further improve our schools.

Although our Trust has elected Dorset School Admissions to continue to take responsibility for school places, our responsible body is the Heath Academy Trust. This means our local governing body acts as a committee under our Trust board. If you wish to find out more about our Trust, go to: [www.heathacademytrust.co.uk](http://www.heathacademytrust.co.uk)

## **Have you joined our school Facebook page?**

Our parent-run Facebook page will help you remember school events and help with improving our school. Please join by searching for Three Legged Cross First and Nursery School. If you want to meet other parents and discuss fund raising and other ways to improve our school, please come along for a coffee in the staff room on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at 9am.

## **Contact**

We understand there may be times when you need to communicate directly with the class teacher but may be unable to get into school due to work commitments etc. Therefore in these cases, you may wish to email the teacher directly on their school email address.

Our staff email addresses are:

Mrs. Nicola Collins	Nursery and Reception- Peacock	<a href="mailto:nicola.collins@3lxschool.com">nicola.collins@3lxschool.com</a> <a href="mailto:nursery@3lxschool.com">nursery@3lxschool.com</a>
Miss Lorna North	Year 1- Skipper	<a href="mailto:l.north@3lxschool.com">l.north@3lxschool.com</a>
Mrs. Anna Morris	Year 2 - Gatekeeper	<a href="mailto:a.morris@3lxschool.com">a.morris@3lxschool.com</a>
Mr. Alex Hustler	Year 3 - Admiral	<a href="mailto:a.hustler@3lxschool.com">a.hustler@3lxschool.com</a>
Mrs. Clare Sims	Year 4 - Emperor	<a href="mailto:c.sims@3lxschool.com">c.sims@3lxschool.com</a>
Mrs. Justine Horn	Headteacher	<a href="mailto:j.horn@3lxschool.com">j.horn@3lxschool.com</a>

For all general queries, nursery changes, out of school provision, bookings and absence notification or to contact Mrs Everett, please continue to use the [office@3lxschool.com](mailto:office@3lxschool.com) address. Please do not email the teaching staff to inform them of absence, this must be reported to the school office only. As Mrs Horn, our headteacher, is also the Chief Executive Officer for our academy trust, she may not always be on site to answer queries. However, in her absence, please see our deputy headteacher, Mrs Sims, who will be able to help.



## **Parking**

Please remember to park responsibly outside our school. Please consider our neighbours and keep pavements and driveways clear. Please keep our main school gates clear as this is our emergency exit. Remember to switch off your engines while waiting.

**Have you visited Ofsted Parent View to give your views about our school?**

Go to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

If you want to see the results so far, please go to:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/134524/current>

## **Dates for the diary**

Please access the school website for up to date details of school events.

Log onto [www.3lxschool.com](http://www.3lxschool.com) and click on the calendar.

Any school closure information or the cancellation of events is always posted immediately on our school website and on Twitter...so follow us (3lxschool@threelx).

Dates are given below for up to a year in advance to help with holiday planning.

There is also a longer October half term holiday- we break up at 3pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October and return on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please try to take advantage of these advance dates to book your holidays during the school holiday periods. School holiday dates are available, well in advance, to help you with holiday booking on the calendar page of our website. Remember any holiday absences of ten half days sessions or more will occur a fine for each parent in line with the **Dorset Attendance Policy**.

Future school term dates (from 2019) may not yet show all the 5 inset days (staff training), as the school year comprises 190 pupil days with 5 days inset (staff training).

2018	
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	2.30pm new reception class parents' assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	9.00am parent fundraising meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	2.30pm - Years 3 & 4 Springhead Rural Centre residential visit parent meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Harvest Festival today

27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 3 & 4 residential visit to Springhead Rural Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 4 class assembly at 2.35pm
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 3 class assembly at 2.35pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School closed - staff learning
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	OCTOBER HALF TERM 2018
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School closed - staff learning
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Dress up day/ decorate an autumn vegetable
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas Fayre at 1.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas disco until 4pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas play- 10am morning family performance (for younger siblings and parents)
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Christmas play at 2pm and 7pm (no younger siblings to these performances)
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Break up for Christmas 2018 holidays
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<u>BACK TO SCHOOL</u> for the spring term 2019
18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	<u>FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2019</u>
8 <sup>th</sup> April - 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	EASTER HOLIDAYS 2019
27 <sup>th</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	MAY HALF TERM 2019
22 <sup>nd</sup> July - 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	Return to school for September 2019 school year

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