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# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Message from the PTA

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The PTA has previously been able to successfully apply for charity grants which have been instrumental in providing equipment for our children. Should you come across any grants that may be appropriate, please do let us know ([secretary@friendsofLaunton.co.uk](mailto:secretary@friendsofLaunton.co.uk)) so that we can assess and apply for them.

We continue to value your support of PTA initiatives and will keep you informed of future meetings, activities and elections.

You will still be able to support our charity using the following links:

### Fundraising Links

Easyfundraising  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/launtonschool/> and click 'support us'

Amazon Smile User Guide  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17e5V7dEzMdtWvVjvomFQ8IP017f2vmVOyE6fdBDZs9A/mobilebasic>

Please also join our Facebook group.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/?ref=share>

Friends of Launton School (PTA)  
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## Message from Mrs. Paterson

Ash class have been really enjoying their learning this week and have been retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man using Makaton signs. They are doing a great job and can almost tell the whole story off by heart. Rowan class have planted sunflowers, tomatoes and peppers in their outdoor area and are busy learning about how seeds grow. Oak and Beech classes have been using their skills as mathematicians and scientists this week and have investigated how long it takes an ice cube to melt at room temperature. "Ice melts at 0 degrees," says Haruka. In Chestnut the children are enjoying their new novel 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross McKenzie and are learning new vocabulary in science including the words soluble and insoluble. In Willow class there are 5 Rock Legends and 3 Rock Stars and even 1 Rock Hero! Nearly everyone has improved their times table speed on ttrackstars. "Times tables are useful for everything we do in maths," reported Emily.

Children will have the opportunity to meet me to share some of the wonderful work they completed when learning at home over the next week.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. Whilst we would usually encourage children to wear their red noses and other related merchandise to school on this day, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we do not want children to bring red noses and other merchandise to school this year as there is a risk that children's noses could become mixed up and worn by multiple children during the day. If you would like to contribute to the fundraising efforts of Comic Relief you can donate here <https://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday> or you could upload a picture of you wearing your red nose or other merchandise to the Launton Online Classroom (open your class notebook and then add to your class notes page) and teachers will share the photos with the class on 19.3.21.

### The PTA have organised an Easter Hamper Raffle

There are several exciting prizes to be won, including an Easter Hamper full of sweet treats, activities and lots more. You can buy your tickets from Kate Greig every morning from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at drop off (by the playground gates) from 8.40am until 9am.

Tickets are £1 each. Winners will be drawn on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.



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## Dates for your diary

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[Term dates 2020-2021](#)

[Term Dates 2021 2022](#)

### Updates and Reminders

#### Home testing kits to support the return to school

The government has announced that all households with primary and secondary school and college-aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, will be encouraged to start regular twice-weekly rapid lateral flow testing as schools return on 8 March.

Tests are available for **adults in these households** to [order online](#), which can be delivered to their home or collected at a local **symptomatic PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test site**. These PCR sites are where people go to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 and because of that, collection of these home test kits is set for 1pm - 7pm when testing of symptomatic people will not be taking place.

The PCR local testing sites (LTS) and regional testing site (RTS) offering the collection of home testing kits (referred to as LTS-collect and RTS-collect) in Oxfordshire are:

#### Regional testing site (drive-through)

- Oxford Parkway, Water Eaton Park & Ride, Oxford Road, Oxford, OX2 8HA

#### Local testing sites (walk-through)

- Woodgreen Leisure Centre, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0HS
- Osney Lane, Oxford, OX1 1NY
- Woodford Way car park, Witney, OX28 6JS

You do not need to make an appointment, but you can [check online](#) if the location is open or busy before you go. A reminder collection is 1pm - 7pm. In Oxfordshire, home tests kits **cannot currently be collected from the county council's symptom-free testing sites**, which are Spiceball Leisure Centre (Banbury), The Beacon (Wantage), The King's Centre (Oxford). **Please do not go to one of these sites** as the kits they have are not suitable for home use. We will keep you posted if this changes.

Cherwell - <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/258/coronavirus/736/coronavirus-self-isolation-payments>

**Please be aware the bridge into the village is closed until 1<sup>st</sup> April.**

Please be aware that we have children in school with serious food allergies. To ensure the safety of all of our children please avoid sending your child to school with anything that contains nuts.



