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Launton C of E School Newsletter

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Friends of Launton School

Lolly Friday is back! On sale in the playground this Friday at 3.15pm

Friends Clothing Collection with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools from Friday!

You can start bringing in your bags of unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and bedding (no duvets or pillows) from this Friday, for collection on Monday. The school will get 50p for every kilo collected, all towards the field project. Please gather as much as possible from family, friends, neighbours etc.

Leaflets and collection bags were sent home in book bags before half term. There are extra bags available in the office, or feel free to use a bin bag.

Waddesdon Manor Trip Children's views

A very fun learning experience. We learned lots of interesting facts about Greek gods and learned the back story of the manor, the gardens and aviary were very eye catching. The day at Waddesdon Manor was very educational but fun at the same time.
Tina Yr6

"Life is not to be seen by the world but by the nature around us. As Waddesdon Manor stated with no words but by the joy in the air."
Evie Yr6

Amazing, I loved it! The manor house looked like Hogwarts. The cool new fact that I learnt was that cupid is a greek god. The people were really nice and friendly.
Cerys Yr5

Message from Mrs. Paterson

A visit to Waddesdon Manor has given the Key Stage 2 children an excellent start to their topic work about the Ancient Greeks. All the children in our school are already very familiar with a style of learning employed by the famous Greek educator, Socrates: The Learning Pit. The children impressed their teachers and the education staff at Waddesdon Manor with their general knowledge about the Ancient Greeks and Tristan's knowledge and Jacob's drawing were particularly impressive. The children in Ash Class and Key Stage 1 are finding out about famous people...

We are beginning to reap the benefits of being registered as a charity, and have been able to engage with the wider community more effectively. Having a grant strategy is starting to bear fruit as we received our first grant money: £240 for topic books; fingers crossed for a positive outcome from 3 other grant applications that have been submitted:

- £5,000 Calor Gas grant. We are currently in 2nd place with 3 weeks of public voting to go.
- We are waiting for a decision from Tesco about a £4,000 grant from their community grant scheme
- Next week we will find out about a £1,000 grant for chairs and cutlery for community projects

Due to our charity status, we have received £235 from estate agents Barton Fleming who are operating a charitable scheme where they donate 10% of their commission to a charity of their clients' choosing. Thank you to year 2 parents Mr & Mrs Carlyle who chose us to be their nominated charity. Barton Fleming have kindly paid us an additional £250 as a gesture of goodwill on the sale of Mrs Parker's house (year 6 parent) from 5 years ago before we were registered as a charity.

We have also earned our first £100 from tax relief on gift aid donations.

Finally, thank you to Mr Robinson (year 3 parent) and his company Rapid Engineering for donating £150 towards the field project via the World Cup night that will be held on 28th June. Thank you.

Parish Poppy Fete

This takes place on Saturday 12-4pm. The children's craft entries are being collected from school tomorrow. Thank you to all the parents and children who have already worked so hard to prepare for this, including the cheerleading team. The Cheerleading Team need to meet at the Parish Hall at 12.20pm.

School Meal Reminder!

The link for Meal Manager is below.

<https://mealmanager.freshstartcatering.uk/>

or via our website

<https://freshstartcatering.uk/>

Dates for your diary

Confirmed Term Dates 2018-2019
[Confirmed Term Date Link](#)

*Year 6 Cycling Proficiency test-
 Friday 20th July 2018

*Launton Fete - Saturday 9th June
 2018 [Entry Form Link](#)

*Sports Day - Wednesday 11th July
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Updates and Reminders

Please continue to encourage people to vote for our field project on the Calor website information and link below.

[Field Project Calor Link](#)

19th June: Hannah, Eleanor S, Eleanor B, Keeley, Hollie and Keira in Willow Class are organising a cake sale to raise money for The Ellen Degeneres Wildlife Fund.

27th June: Active Theme day for national sports week. Details to follow

28th June: Parents are invited to a screening of England vs Belgium World Cup football match. Link below

[England Football Screening](#)

11th July: Sports Day: Willow, Oak and Chestnut Classes in the morning and Ash, Rowan and Beech Classes in the afternoon

13th July: End of term summer family BBQ 5:30-9:00pm

18th July: 2pm and 6pm Year 6 play

19th July: barbecue for year 6 pupils and their parents

21st July: 100km sponsored walk with dads Kenny and Neil

8th September: 50km sponsored walk with Mrs Cannon and several parents
