

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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The children have settled back in to learning so well this term.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children are in school on time and ready to learn. Attendance for children in our school last week was over 95%, despite the high levels of winter bugs about at the moment. Hand washing and good ventilation remain a priority in school.

For children to participate fully and safely in PE and sport, PE kits are an absolute necessity; they must be in school every day. If anyone is finding it difficult to source suitable kit, we can help with this. Thank you to the PTA who do sterling work in recycling pre-loved uniform.

Monday 30th January sees the next opportunity to recycle clothing other than uniform.



An update on money raised by families for good causes in the autumn term

The Royal British Legion
Poppy Appeal
£74.75



Save the Children Fund
Christmas Jumper Day
£143

And finally, snowflakes on the Christmas Tree in aid of Cancer Research- £65 in conjunction with the wider community.



Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another term of collaboration and community engagement.

Save the Date

30th January 2023: Rags2Riches4Schools clothing collection. Please donate your good quality clothing and bring your bags (tied) to the front garden by 8:45am. If you are unable to make this time, please let us know and we'll be happy to make arrangements to collect your bags in advance. R2R have advised that they may be unable to send collection bags this time, so please feel free to use any bin bags that you may have.

2nd March 2023: World Book Day pre-loved book sale

26th March 2023: Easter Egg Hunt

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email (friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat.

Chair: Victoria Brandham
Vice Chair: Liz Moore
Secretary: Ruth West
Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison



Updates & Reminders

[Launton Village Players Pantomime](#)

[Spring Events at OYAP Trust](#)

[Scarlet Fever Information for Parents](#)

[Discover - 50 things to do before you're five](#)

[Family Links](#)

National Industrial Action

We are aware of the planned National Industrial action on 1st February; we will update you as soon as we have information about whether or how this will impact school.

National Guidance

There are lots of respiratory infections that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating this time of year.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in school as much as possible:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Teach children the importance of good hand hygiene, practice regular handwashing with soap and warm water.
- Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then bin them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if they do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.

Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - [UKHSA Update](#)

Remember: 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 this includes sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.