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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from Friends of Launton School

Save the date! Only 3 weeks to go until the Family Summer BBQ! This event will take place on 19th July 2019. You will all have the opportunity to pre-order tickets and food. Order forms will be sent home in book bags.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with various activities on the day or before. Please let any member of the PTA committee know if you are able to help or email secretary@friendsoflaunton.co.uk.

We would also appreciate donations for the bottle tombola. We will not be taking bottles in the school playground, so please let Kate Grieg (Eve's Mum) know if you are able to donate a bottle, so that arrangements can be made to hand them over outside school grounds.

Thank you for supporting Lolly Friday, we sold 104 lollies last Friday. Lollies will be on sale every Friday (from 3:15pm) until the end of term, at a cost of 50p each. Should the weather be inclement, the lolly sale will be held in the school hall, but with 26 degrees sunshine forecasted for this Friday I'm sure we'd all benefit from a nice cool Lolly in the playground! This fundraising activity is for football goal posts and bean bags for the library.

As you are aware, our PTA chairman Mark is leaving the school at the end of this academic year. We will consequently be holding an EGM to elect a new chair on Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7pm. The closing date for nominations is *today* Thursday 27th June at 3:15pm and this will be strictly adhered to. Please direct all questions to the current chair

at chair@friendsoflaunton.co.uk and submit nomination forms through the school post boxes, addressed FAO Mark Williams.

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Mrs. Paterson

There was unalloyed joy this week as the children had their first opportunity to use the field, following its transformation over the last three weeks. We talk frequently with the children about how to tackle seemingly unsurmountable obstacles and enormous challenges. On Monday the children saw what can be achieved with commitment, resilience and teamwork. A heartfelt "Thank you" from all the children and all the staff to the enormous number of friends who worked with such unselfish energy to make this project happen in so short a time and with such a beneficial impact on our children and those who will follow them.

The children were fantastic at thinking about how best to keep everyone safe whilst using the equipment, and even protecting the areas of the field that have been freshly seeded, whilst waiting for the new grass to grow. The competition to write the most comprehensive and robust plan for use of the trim trail equipment and path was won by Chestnut Class, who will make fantastic health and safety inspectors, or judges as they had a keen eye for ensuring fairness of opportunity for all. We work within the high standards of health and safety required by the Local Authority, so use of the climbing equipment must be under the supervision of school staff within the school day and it is not considered safe to be used before or after school or by small siblings. Below is some feedback about the new equipment from the children:

- Elayna Year 2 – "I have fun on the trim trail but I can't do the monkey bars yet. I am going to get stronger and I will do it when I am 8."
- Mia Year 2 – "I think it is amazing."
- Penelope Year 2 – "It is very good fun, I like the monkey bars."
- Dylan Year 3 – "It is actually quite good. I enjoy the rope bridge, it is quite challenging."
- Jacob Year 3 – "I like the path, it is smooth and I can run around and around. It is like a running track."
- Torri, Poppy & Katie Year 6 – "The field is much more fun, we had nothing to do before. Now you can run on the path, play on the trim trail, play football or just play on the field."

Even the rain didn't stop Tuesday's sport; the children enjoyed Zumba, yoga and a 'Climb down the Burj Khalifa' challenge. A particular mention goes to Callum and Oscar for the leadership they showed during Wednesday's multi skills event organised and run for Rowan and Ash Class, by the pupils in Oak and Willow Class.



Dates for your diary

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

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Wednesday 10th July – Summer Play for Oak and Willow Class pupils

Tuesday 16th July –
 Sports Day: 9.30am KS2
 Sports Day: 1.45pm KS1 And Rec

Friday 19th July – Willow Class Trip

Friday 19th July – PTA Summer Barbecue

Monday 22nd July – Willow Class Barbecue

Wednesday 24th July – 9.30am Leavers' Service

Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Updates and Reminders

Tuesday 16th July: Sports Day

- Beech Class, Chestnut Class, Oak Class and Willow Class in the morning from 9.30am
- Rowan Class and Ash Class in the afternoon from 1.45pm

**Advance notification from the Local Authority
 Change of the early May Bank Holiday - not Monday 6 May 2020 but will be Friday 8 May 2020 to celebrate VE Day**

In 2020 the early May Bank Holiday will be on Friday 8 May to coincide with the VE Day 75th celebrations, instead of the first Monday of the month.

Please remember that ball games are not permitted in the playground before 8.50am.

[Breakfast and Afterschool Care Booking Guidelines](#)

[After school clubs Information](#)

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. We have recently been reminded of the advice for parents to cut grapes in half for small children, due to the risk posed by choking.
