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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from Friends of Launton School

Thank you very much to everyone who joined us at the PTA fundraising meetings on Tuesday.

Thank you for supporting Lolly Friday, we made yet another £30 last week. Lollies will be on sale every Friday (from 3:15pm) until the end of term, at a cost of 50p each. This fundraising activity is for football goal posts and bean bags for the library.

Rags2Riches4Schools will be making another collection on 10th July 2019. Bags and a list of acceptable items will be provided closer to the date. Please donate your good quality clothes.

Please find the minutes from the PTA General Meeting displayed on the Friends website.

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Mrs. Paterson

Yesterday the governors joined us in Achievement Assembly as we celebrated the extraordinary effort and achievements of children, with Mrs Wakelin (Chair of Governors) presenting the awards instead of class teachers doing so. The awards were for making excellent progress in maths, and for representing the school values.

We have all been extremely impressed by the quiet commitment, resilience and maturity our Year 6 learners have demonstrated this week as they have completed their SATs: they are excellent role models and we are very proud of them.

A flavour of what the children would like to be written in the newsletter this week:

"The new goal posts are bigger and better; its great not to use jumpers for goal posts ." Alfie, Riley and Callum

"We are making shades of colours and after we have painted them, we're putting them on black pieces of paper to make planet pictures. Its fun." Lucas

"Its really fun painting and I'm enjoying it. It also gives you a bit of time to be really creative." Amelia C.

"It's enjoyable and relaxing" Ellie- May and Ava.

"We are making moon pictures for the parish fete competition." Amelia T.

"This morning we were doing maths; it was about dividing and we were getting better and better as we went along." Clarence, Jake and Jack

I have been asked to make you aware that progress is being made with the new Secondary School for Bicester (Whitelands Academy), which is due for opening in September 2020. The developers are due to be starting on site from next week. If you are not already aware, The White Horse Federation have been appointed as the Sponsor for this new school.

As part of the process of opening a new school the Trust is required to carry out a statutory consultation, and is therefore keen to engage with local schools. An event for the community will be held next Wednesday 22 May at 6pm at St Edburg's CofE School to start this process off.

Map your garden to help hedgehog conservation!

Martin Besnier, a research intern at the University of Oxford, is investigating the movements of hedgehogs in Bicester. Gardens have been shown to play an important role in their conservation, but only if hedgehogs can access them: finding out more about the suitability of gardens for hedgehogs is key to their survival. If you are living in Bicester and interested in helping please sign up using the following form.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeyRBXX7i0Zs-zR7.../viewform...>

Dates for your diary

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

Confirmed Term Dates 2019-2020
[Confirmed Term Date 2019/2020 link](#)

School Class Photographs will be taken on 24th May 2019; please note new date

The Summer BBQ will be held on 19th July 2019.

Further details will be provided closer to the time.

Latest Launton Diginews

Please find below a link to a #Ditto a Quarterly News letter for parents written by Alan Mackenzie an independent consultant specialising in online safety, specifically within education to children, young people, schools and other organizations, and parents.

[Diginews Bulletin 3](#)

Updates and Reminders

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

[Breakfast and Afterschool Care Booking Guidelines](#)

Term 6 After School Clubs

Tuesday –

- Girls Football Team Years 4,5 &6
(To be booked via Tucasi, booking will open at 3pm Thursday 16th May and will closed at 1pm on Wednesday 22nd May, confirmation of a place will be sent by Friday 24th May).
- KS2 Football with ACA Coaching

Wednesday

- Multisports with ACA Coaching
- Martial Arts

Thursday

- Dodgeball with ACA Coaching

To book Martial Arts or an ACA Coaching club please see information on the school website. [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.
