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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from Friends of Launton School

Countdown to Christmas! Only 1 week to go until the Christmas Festival. Pre-order forms have been sent home in your children's book bags to give you the opportunity to purchase your tickets in advance. Please remember to return your forms by 3pm on Thursday 5th December 2019.

Please let us know if you can volunteer 30mins of your time or if you can donate a prize for the tombola. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fundraising Links

If you do any shopping online, there are a few simple ways in which you could help to raise extra funds for our charity at no cost to yourselves. Amazon and several other retailers are using online sales to donate a percentage of their profits to our PTA.

Easyfundraising

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

Amazon Smile User Guide

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17e5V7dEzMdtWvVjvomFQ8IP017f2vmVOyE6fdBDZs9A/mobilebasic>

PTA Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/?ref=share>

Message from St Mary's Church

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

It's going to be an exciting time at our Church in December!

Do come along to our
Family Christingle Service
In aid of The Children's Society

1 December at 11am in the Church

And please don't forget
Community Choir Christmas Concert on
7 December at 5pm
also

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Mrs. Paterson

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers in school this week, expressing delight at the progress achieved by the pupils since September. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Festival on Friday 6th December.

The most inventive and intriguing Christmas decorations have already been brought in as part of the children's homework this term. Judging will take place tomorrow to decide which ones will be made on the Theme Day.

Snowflakes

We are eagerly anticipating the arrival in the front garden of the Christmas tree. In past years it has looked wonderful, festooned with snowflakes dedicated to the memories of loved ones, for a donation of £5, and this is a tradition that we are hoping the school can assist with this year. Snowflakes are available from school. If you wish to have one, place a donation in an envelope with the name and class of your child on the front (so they can bring the snowflake home at the end of the day). Money raised in this way will be shared between The Hummingbird Centre in Launton and Cancer Research UK. If you would like the snowflake to be hung on the tree once you have written your message on it, please return it to school. If you wish to donate to Cancer research online, the link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/launton-primary-school>

The school health nurse team have sent a reminder of the NHS infection control measures, as we all try to minimise the spread of nasty bugs.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for 48 HOURS after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course.

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice. Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans. They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK.

Home Treatment

- Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains
- Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids
- If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

choices | Food Standards Agency

Dates for your diary

Christmas Lunch Friday 13 Dec

Ash and Rowan classes Nativity

- Tuesday 17th Dec at 2pm
- Wednesday 18th Dec at 10am

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

Provisional dates for Nativity performances

Oak, Beech and Chestnut classes
 afternoon and evening Wednesday
 18th Dec

Updates and Reminders

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December is “pull on a pullover” Christmas Jumper Day: Save the Children’s fundraising day. We have a day of festive fun planned, including the school Christmas Lunch. So it’s Christmas Jumpers, hats and sprouts...for all who wish to join in. We will support Save the Children, by delivering age appropriate messages about their work and forwarding the donations of £1 for wearers of Christmas jumpers.

Prioritising safety, we are very conscious of the risk of children with allergies inadvertently coming into contact with food that could trigger a severe reaction. You will be aware from media reports, that serious incidents have occurred elsewhere. Therefore, we urge you to avoid sending any food into school that contains nuts. To keep all our children safe, we will not distribute food in class that has not been prepared by our caterers (who are aware of individual children’s allergens). This will not prevent us from cooking in school, as always, with carefully monitored ingredients.

Ash and Rowan classes Nativity performances will be on –
 Tuesday 17th December at 2pm and Wednesday 18th December at 10am. No tickets are required for these performances.

The whole school Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 13th December the deadline for ordering is **Tuesday 3rd December**.

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.**

The Parish Council have requested that parents do not park in the Parish Hall car park because this leaves no space for users of the Parish Hall.

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

[Breakfast and Afterschool Care Booking Guidelines](#)

[After school clubs Information](#)
