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# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Message from Friends of Launton School

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Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Christmas Festival by attending, selling and buying raffle tickets and inviting friends and family. Thank you also to the 31 volunteers representing 22 families who helped to facilitate the event, and the 5 who spent weeks organising such a successful evening.

You may also have had an opportunity to preview the Launton School and Community Recipe Book at the festival. Every contribution of recipes and drawings that were submitted by the children, staff, families and community have been included in the book. The book costs £7.50 and will be available for sale at 3:15pm in the playground every Wednesday and Friday until the end of term. You may also purchase copies of the book from the school office, Coles Bookshop in Bicester, Savoir Fare at Garth Park and The Blue Texel in Launton.

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## Message from the organisers of the Launton Community Carol Concert

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### Launton Community Carol Concert

St. Mary's Church, Launton.  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 5pm.

This is an event for all the family and we hope to have lots of children there to join the choir in singing some of the Christmas songs that they will be singing in school. It's lovely to have the children joining us and has been popular with those who have taken part in the past. The proceeds from the concert go to St. Mary's Church. Tickets can be bought in Costcutter - £5 for adults, including mulled wine and mince pies. Accompanied children are free.

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

## Message from Mrs. Paterson

We had a wonderful evening of festive family fun at the Christmas Festival. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and we were treated to a fantastic performance of favourites by X Factor's Jacqueline Faye.

It was lovely to see so many of you there. A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who contributed; it was a phenomenal achievement of teamwork, resourcefulness and resilience and is enormously appreciated. All your efforts contributed to achieving a wonderful community event in collaboration with the playgroup, and a profit of £1,700. Thank you all.

We have talked a lot in school this week about how the last two weeks of term will see us all being flexible and frequently having opportunities to take part in slightly unusual and less routine aspects of school life, that are so important for helping children to develop resilience and for promoting initiative.

Yesterday, our mini choir and their exceedingly keen friends hosted guests from the local community, serving tea and cake (made by intrepid bakers across the school). The cake was pronounced "delicious", the singing "delightful" and the guests declared that they had enjoyed a thoroughly super event.

On Tuesday our year six learners organised and ran a very successful whole-school dodgeball competition.

On Monday the children in Chestnut Class took part in an acting workshop, led by Kizzy from Eudemonia, who will begin an After School Club for budding actors in January. And the Breakfast Club team found themselves decorating the Christmas Tree.

Next Tuesday will be a whole school theme day called "Christmas Making Day". This will be combined with the previous tradition of *Present Room*, so may I recommend that if you wish to be surprised on December 25<sup>th</sup>, you do not enquire too specifically about what your children have been doing in school on Tuesday... and that you absent yourself whilst they empty their bags.



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## Dates for your diary

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Whole School Christmas Lunch –  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 (Ash and Rowan Class) Nativity  
– Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

KS1 (Ash and Rowan Class) Nativity  
– Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

KS2 (Beech, Chestnut and Oak)  
Nativity – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
2pm and 6pm

Carol Service in Church – Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December 9.30am

Inset Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

## Updates and Reminders

### Clubs for January

Monday 3.15-4.15 - Drama [For more information and booking please click this link](#)

Tuesday 3.15-4.15 – Gymnastics (Limited to 20 spaces, please book via Tucasi (Scopay)).

Wednesday 3.15-4.15 – Multi-Sports (ACA Coaching) [For more information and booking please click this link](#)

Thursday 3.15-4.15 – Dodgeball (ACA Coaching) [For more information and booking please click this link](#)

Friday 3.15-4.15 – Football Team Training Year 5/6 (Please book via Tucasi)

Booking via Tucasi will open at 3pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and will close at 3pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December confirmation emails will be sent out by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December to confirm your child's place at the club.

### Launton School and Community Recipe Book

If you wish to buy a copy through school but are unable to catch someone from the PTA in the playground, please put our £7.50 in an envelope in the post box with details of your child's name and class and we will pass these on for you.

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

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.

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