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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

Message from Mrs. Paterson

As our Mathletics subscription has come to an end and newer apps and resources become available to schools, we are excited to share the news that as well as continuing with TTRockstars for KS2 children to learn and become fluent with their timetable facts, we have also subscribed to NumBots which allows children to practise and become fluent with addition and subtraction facts.

The new Curriculum for Mathematics puts great emphasis on automatic recall of a core set of number facts which enables children to focus on learning new concepts more quickly and easily. NumBots is an online game (accessed via an app or browser) and playing little and often will significantly improve children's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. We are excited by the impact NumBots will have on children's mathematical understanding and fluency and look forward to recognising children's achievements and progression in our Friday achievement assembly.

The children from Year 1 upwards will bring home a **login for NumBots** with their homework grid on Friday.

This week we welcomed Mr Gilmore, our new PE coach, who will work with some of the Key Stage 2 classes and coach the After School Club on Tuesdays.

The first After School Club of the term begins tomorrow: each club will run for six weeks and children must be collected from the front garden, with the gate unlocking shortly before the club ends.

The children in Ash class are settled and happy in the classroom and are picking up the routines of school life quickly and easily. This week Ava says that she has enjoyed playing on the trim trail in the garden. Elizabeth said that on her second day she liked doing painting. Lots of children have made new friends and Clara and Isla said they have enjoyed getting to know new friends this week.

The children in the nursery class would like everyone to know what they have enjoyed most in the first few days of term, and report "I have liked making new friends!", "I like the new green playdough" and "We made birthday cakes with candles." "I like the fort with the dragon" and "There is a big tower and a princess." "I liked painting a picture of my face. I had to look at the mirror and see what colour my eyes are. And my hair."

Rowan Class report that they have been working very hard to learn and recite the story 'Shh! We Have a Plan'. They have had fun working in groups and have made up their own actions to go with the story.

Oak class have been trialling the use of charcoal to recreate cave paintings; there's even a cave in the classroom, in which some artists have been busy already. Willow class have been learning about minibeads in science. They explored outside and found woodlice.

Beech and Chestnut class have been learning about the different periods in the Stone Age: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. "We have also been learning about rounding to the nearest 10 for numbers in their hundreds." "If it ends with a 4 you round it down," says Ralph.

Message from St Mary's Church

"Launton Community Café"

Please do feel free to come along to the Community Cafe which is open to all

There are two sessions in the Parish Hall:

9.00 - 11.00am for carers and children

2.30 - 4.30pm for all including older children

Everyone is welcome to join in with Cake, a cuppa, craft activities and chat!"

Dates for your diary

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

Updates and Reminders

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.

LFD tests are for people who are symptom free. They can identify people who have COVID but have no symptoms, and who could be passing it on to others without knowing.

If you have symptoms of COVID -19

If you, your child or anyone in the household has symptoms that could be COVID, no matter how mild, you need to get a PCR test.

Get a PCR test - www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test **Do not use an LFD home test.**
