

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Message from Mrs Paterson

Thank you for returning questionnaires in relation to our contingency planning; the questionnaire closes at midday tomorrow. The information that you provide will enable us to prioritise, **if** we find ourselves in a difficult staffing situation: we prefer to make robust plans well ahead of finding that we need to implement them.

Thank you to all those parents who are vigilantly testing themselves and pupils before sending them to school. We have seen high infection rates and outbreaks in classes here at Launton and also in the surrounding area; this has had a huge impact on local schools with classes forced to close due to insufficient staff.

Closing classes will be the last resort but if too many staff become unwell, we will have no choice. Please be cautious and keep unwell children at home.

News from the children

We have been learning about materials. There are lots of different types of fabric. If you are making an umbrella or a raincoat you should choose waterproof fabric. My house is made out of wood and stone. You would not want to make a house out of fabric unless it was a tent and the fabric was waterproof.

We are reading a book called *Dinosaurs and all that rubbish*. If we don't know what a word means, we clap our hands and someone who understands that word explains what it means. This afternoon we are going to talk about predictions. Predictions are when you try to guess what something will be by using clues and the information that you have.

By Sienna and Finlay in Rowan Class



Making materials or objects change				
Can you...	Stretch it?	Bend it?	Squash it?	Twist it?
Plasticine	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blue tack	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pebbles				
Sponge		✓	✓	✓
Pencil				
Rubber band	✓			✓



Key dates

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

Message from the PTA

SAVE THE DATES!

1st March 2022

Rags2Riches4Schools spring term clothing collection

3rd March 2022

World Book Day book sale

9th April 2022

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Please join our Facebook and WhatsApp fundraising groups for more information

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

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J4NRcYnL8Tb3BU90psnlbZ>





Updates & Reminders

Updated National Guidance

Children aged 5 years and over, and all adults must take lateral flow tests for 7 days if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19. Children's negative test results should be reported to school daily by email to office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk if the child is non-symptomatic and attending school.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate.

If they have symptoms you must order a PCR test. For primary aged children LFD test kits are available through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

If your child tests positive they will need to isolate for 10 days before returning to school. Day 0 is the day the symptoms started or they took the positive test (PCR or LFT).

Your child can return to school on day 8 under the following circumstances

Day 0 – first day of symptoms or day the positive test was taken.

Day 6 – negative LFT (report this to school via email office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk)

Day 7 – negative LFT (report this to school via email) and pupil can return to school

Day 8 – negative LFT can attend school

Day 9 – negative LFT

Day 10- negative LFT When to keep self-isolating after 10 days - If you have a high temperature after the 10 days, or are feeling unwell, keep self-isolating and seek medical advice.

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Remember: 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.