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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

We would like to welcome you all back to school after a long break. The PTA is committed to supporting the school and children and will be meeting soon to work out how best to do that under the current circumstances.

We continue to value your support of PTA initiatives and will keep you informed of future meetings, activities and elections.

You will still be able to support our charity using the following links:

Fundraising Links

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

Amazon Smile User Guide
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17e5V7dEzMdtWvVjvomFQ8IPO17f2vmVOyE6fdBDZs9A/mobilebasic>

Please also join our Facebook group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/?ref=share>

Friends of Launton School (PTA)
Trustees

Message from Mrs. Paterson

Welcome to families who are new to our school, in classes throughout school. The reception children have settled in extraordinarily well and they are already impressing us with how quickly they are making new friends and embracing new experiences.

Cherry Class, the nursery, is an absolute delight, with the smallest people already busy, happy and keen to play in the super environment that the staff team has organised for them.

It is lovely to have our school full of children again. Everyone has adapted to the new ways of working. Arrivals and departures are seamless and a testament to working together to ensure the safety of our children, whilst complying with DfE guidance. Thank you for avoiding parking along the lane between the two bends, where cars may need to pass one another. We have been able to accommodate siblings arriving together from reception to Year 6, to make staggered drop offs and pick ups easier for parents, but we do not have the capacity to include friends and nursery drop offs within this.

Afterschool Care resumes on Monday. Please collect pupils by using the double green gates to the playground and ringing the bell on the Afterschool Care gate to the nursery garden. We are able to have Breakfast Club pupils in class bubbles: Afterschool Care pupils are in one Afterschool Care bubble. All wraparound care follows the DfE guidance on infection control measures. Please book in good time; we try to accommodate late bookings where possible, but it is very difficult in current circumstances and booking in good time will avoid admin charges for late requests.

We have been very fortunate with September sunshine, which is supporting our aim of being outside for PE; PE kits, including trainers need to be in school every day.

I am delighted to share with you the news that our school achieved Bronze P4C (Philosophy for Children) status in recognition of the quality of the work happening in school and its impact on the children's reasoning and critical thinking skills. We are working towards silver now...

Children will start to bring home reading books. Here is information explaining the roles of the different books. Curriculum Readers and Phonic Readers will be sent home initially. [Reception Reading](#), [KS1 \(Years 1&2\) Reading](#), [KS2 \(Years 3,4,5 &6\) Reading](#)

Dates for your diary

Updates and Reminders

This worrying information has been shared with us that we wanted to make you aware of:

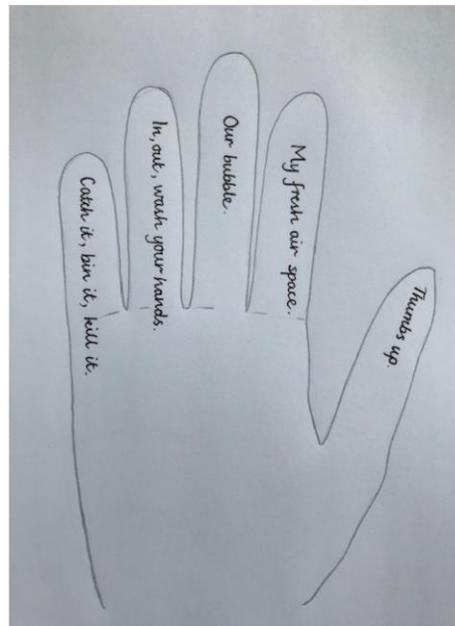
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[Term dates 2020-2021](#)

There is an extremely triggering and highly graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has been shared across all social media platforms hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions. Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays; therefore children can come across the video without even searching for it.

We cannot state enough that this video is extremely distressing and we urge children, parents and carers to avoid the app whilst this video is in such high circulation.

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.



1. Catch it, bin it, kill it

We have labelled bins for any waste associated with personal hygiene, for example, paper towels on which children have dried their hands.

2. In, out, wash your hands

Everyone washes their hands when they enter a room and before leaving a room.

3. Our bubble

This is the group of children and adults in your class, with whom you learn, play and eat lunch; your bubble remains the same.

4. My fresh air space

This is the area around you, extending as far as you can reach; other people avoid coming in to your fresh air space and you avoid going in to their fresh air space.

5. Thumbs up

This is just one way of greeting someone without touching them.
