

Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

We would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Festival by attending, donating and volunteering to make it such a fun and enjoyable event. We would like to especially thank the Launton Village Players for singing for us. It was wonderful to see so many families and members of the community enjoying the festive activities.

Winners of the guess the name of the teddy and coins in a jar have been contacted to collect their prizes.

£1385 was raised at the Christmas Festival. Thank you very much. Please do let us know if any companies you are associated with would be able to match fund this event. Combined with what was raised by the Craft Fair raffle, this is a wonderful boost towards funding for the outdoor classroom space.

Fundraising Links

If you are doing any online shopping in the lead up to Christmas, 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. Please follow the links below to access Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising [and click 'support us'](#)

[Amazon Smile User Guide](#)

We have collected a range of good quality, second hand school uniform and shoes, that is available to buy at very reasonable prices.

Message from St Mary's Church

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

You are very welcome to come
along to our
CRIB SERVICE
on 24 December at 3.00pm

Message from Mrs. Paterson

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's Christmas Festival on Saturday. The PTA team were magnificent planning an event that could go ahead in the circumstances pertaining at the time. Particular thanks to the parents who worked so hard transforming the playground and field during a very long day on Saturday, those running stalls and craft activities, serving food and particularly those who cleared everything away. If you enjoyed your hotdog, then I cooked it; if you didn't, then it was one of Mr Clarke's...

An astonishing £1,385 was raised towards the outdoor classroom space.

Christmas Lunch Day on Friday

We schedule our school's Christmas lunch to coincide with 'Save the Children's' annual fundraising day, because this charity was set up for children's famine relief following WW11. If you are able to support this by making a donation, you may do so [here](#).



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

It's snowflake time on the Christmas Tree in aid of Cancer Research UK. If you would like to dedicate a snowflake to a loved one, the children will hang it on the Christmas Tree for you. Make your donation online via this [link](#). and email office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk with the name of the person to be remembered and we will write it on the snowflake. Donations and names can also be posted in the school postbox.



Reading Challenge

We'd also like to share with you details of The Reading Agency's Winter Mini Challenge, a follow-up to their Summer Reading Challenge, which many of your children will have enjoyed. Once again, they are in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature.



Challenge dates: Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Sunday 16th January 2022

To take part in the challenge, children simply choose a reading goal, choose any number of books, eBooks and audiobooks, then rate and review them online.

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking rewards including a virtual badge and certificate. The website will also feature games, reading activities and book reviews.

More information can be found at www.wintermini.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th December –
School Christmas Lunch

Friday 10th December –
Christmas Jumper Day for
'Save the Children'.

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd210003376>

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

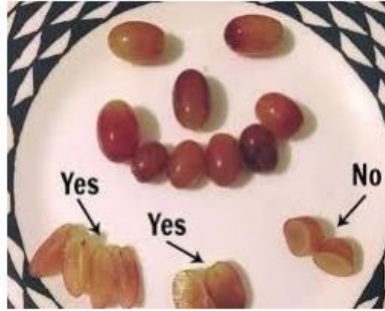
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[Mental Health
Awareness Course for
Parents](#)

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Updates and Reminders



We have been asked once again to remind you about the risk of children choking please see information provided via this link.

<https://www.capt.org.uk/choking-prevention>

Flu Catch up

Please see letter below for information to book a catch up flu appointment.

[Flu Catch Clinic Letter](#)

Free **Mental Health Awareness training** is being offered by Oxfordshire Youth to **Parents and Carers** of children and young people. Please follow the link for further information about a sessions on the 11th January. The session is delivered online and is an hour and a half long. **To book on free please, enter the first part of your Oxfordshire postcode into the promo code section and click 'apply'.**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-awareness-for-oxfordshire-parents-and-carers-tickets-147801485221>

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.**
