

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Just before half term, Chestnut Class (Year 5/6) went on their residential for four days to PGL Liddington. They were great ambassadors for our school and displayed our school values impressively. These are some of their responses following their visit:

Adriana- "I needed courage when I did the trapeze activity because the first-time I went up the pole I was so scared but with my friend's encouragement, I did it!". Sebastian agreed "When I was at the top of the trapeze ready to jump, I needed a lot of courage to jump off to try to catch the pole!".

Teddy- "I needed resilience in order to do a second go on the rock-climbing wall. It was so tall and my muscles were really hurtinging!"
Noah P – "Resilience was also needed to be still and calm and listen to the instructors for the next activities even though we were excited!".

Olivia- "I showed compassion by cheering other people up if they were sad or scared. I told them that it was all fine and it was going to be really fun- and it was!". Tabitha- "We also showed lots of compassion and teamwork when we were pulling the rope so that the other people going up could have their go on the giant swing. If we didn't work together then no one would have been able to have a go!". Millie- "We showed compassion by cheering people on and giving them support when they were scared to do something.

We also had many, many other favourite memories:

James- "My favourite memory is doing the Zipline and the Giant Swing. I went on the Giant Swing with Evan and I conquered my fear of heights!".

Ella G- "My favourite memory was at the disco where everyone from our school danced together and I felt like I could fly forever!".

Sophia- "One of my favourite memories was 'dorm time'. It was fun and relaxing and I thoroughly enjoyed myself".

Ella W- "My favourite memory of PGL was at the Giant Swing. The feeling of being pulled slowly up and then swinging through the air at top speed was amazing!"



Key dates

[Term Dates 2024/2025](#)

Message from the PTA

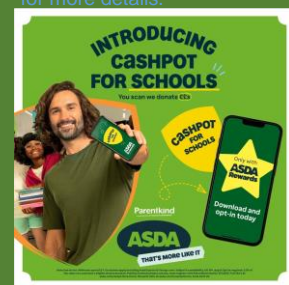
[Rags 2 Riches collection](#)

Thank you to everyone who brought in bags for the Rags 2 Riches collection on Tuesday. You donated a fabulous 36 bags of pre-loved clothes which will come back to the school in the form of money towards the new laptops.



[Asda Cashpot for Schools](#)

If you do your shopping in Asda then please take a look at Asda's Cashpot for Schools incentive. All you do is download their App, choose our school to donate to, then scan when you shop.
See <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools/> for more details.



If you are interested in donating directly to the PTA to help get us closer to our target then please contact the PTA at:
friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com

Your current trustees are:
Lucy Crawford - Chair (Yr 2)
Emma Austin - Vice-Chair (Yr 1 and 3)
Charlotte Noakes - Secretary (Reception and Yr 3)
Laura Smith - Treasurer (Yr1 and 5)

Catherine Hall - Treasurer (Yr 3)



In other news

Odd Socks Day on Thursday 14th November for National Anti-bullying Week

Monday 11th–Friday 15th November

Coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, with the theme ‘Choose Respect’.

The children will be taking part in activities from Monday to Thursday, supporting anti-bullying work and ending in wearing our odd socks on Thursday.

Pudsey orienteering day on Friday 15th November for Children in Need

The children will be taking part in our annual Pudsey Orienteering Event, exploring the school grounds to find the 10 hidden Pudsey Bears for Children in Need. Spare trainers or wellies in a bag are recommended as the school field and forrest areas are very wet and muddy. Families who wish to donate to Children in Need can do so via this link -

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/Primarystandard>





Updates & Reminders

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th November – Year 3-4 Girls Football Event

Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 15th November – Pudsey Orienterring for Children in Need!

Thursday 12th December – School Christmas Lunch – if your child would like the school Christmas dinner please order through Scopay by 1st December 2024.

Monday 16th December 9.30am – Rowan and Willow Class Nativity – Ticket information to follow

Tuesday 17th December 9.30am – EYFS – Ash Class Nativity – Ticket information to follow

Thursday 19th December 9.30am – Christmas Service in St Mary's Church.

Useful Links –

[Free Football Training for Girls Year 1,2&3](#)

[Clubs and Events](#)

[Launton Village Players Pantomime 2025](#)

[Behaviour Policy 2024](#)

[Early Help Guide for Parents](#)

[November Oral Health Newsletter](#)

[Term 1 Primary School Nurse Newsletter](#)

[Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying](#)

[Parent Information Session - Keeping your child safe in sport](#)

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.

Useful Links

Here is the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)