

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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Key dates

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"This week we have pumpkins in our class; we grew one of them ourselves. We estimate their weight then compare with weights. It is making us better at estimating weight. We use scales. We will need a bigger set of scales for the largest one next week," reports Olivia in Beech Class.

Thank you to the Y6 children who have done such a good job in the playground each morning, making poppies available ahead of Remembrance Day when our wreath will be taken to the village memorial. The service begins at 10.45am and all are welcome.



Teachers have updated class pages with information about learning this half term and there is a vast amount of detailed information for each year group about the curriculum on the curriculum subject pages on our website.

Girls in Year 5 and 6 are away playing football this morning. If your child is in Year 2, please return the slip about the Multi-skills Sports Festival as soon as possible.

Next week is National Anti-bullying Week, so please remember to wear your odd socks on Friday 17th November. There will be themed activities each day, including in 'Forest Groups' on Wednesday, when children in Ash Class will find out which group they will join: The New Forest, Thetford Forest, Sherwood Forest or the Forest of Dean, and the older children will support their younger 'Forest Buddy'.



Friday 17th November is BBC Children in Need Day and all the classes will be taking part in Pudsey- themed orienteering. If you wish to support this year's fundraising campaign, here is the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/launtonceschool>



AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

You are very welcome to come along to the

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial on Saturday 11th November at 10.45am

And now a very big
THANK YOU
from the Bicester Food Bank
for all your wonderful
Harvest gifts

Message from the PTA

Thank you to everyone that has bought barn dance tickets. These have been sent home in book bags this week. We look forward to a fun evening of dancing with you on Saturday, 4-6pm at Launton Sports and Social Club.

Thanks also to everyone that has supported the raffle. This will be drawn on Saturday and winners will be contacted over the weekend.

We'll be looking ahead to Christmas next. Save the date for the Christmas Cafe on Sunday 17th December 2-4pm. Launton Village Players will be singing for us. We'll be asking for tombola and cake donations, as well as volunteers to run the event.

Don't forget to save the date for the Christmas Cafe on Sunday 17th December 2-4pm.

Speak to us at the school gates or email hen@launtonce.org if you have any questions or want to get involved.

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



Updates & Reminders

Advance notice of dates

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November – ‘Odd Sock Day’ for Anti-Bullying

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Friday 8th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December – Nativity performances in the morning by Ash, Rowan and Willow Classes. Information to follow after half term.

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](#)

In other news

The wet weather this week has caused problems for children coming to school without a coat, with fleeces becoming cold, wet and heavy in the rain.

Pre-Loved Uniform Recycling Scheme - Mrs Austin has kindly taken over the pre-loved uniform recycling scheme. All lost property that has a label is returned to children by Chestnut Class and the remainder has been sorted by age. The children will put this out in the playground at the end of the day over the next week in case parents can recognise familiar items before they go to be recycled in the uniform scheme.

Tesco also operate a recycling scheme for pre-loved uniform.

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.