

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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There has been such lovely feedback from families who attended the PTA Christmas Festival on Friday evening. The support, love and kindness in evidence across the community was fantastic. Thank you to everyone who supported by donating prizes, cakes, refreshments, cooking, hanging fairy lights, setting up, manning stalls, clearing away and so much else behind the scenes to make the event so successful and enjoyable. Nearly £1,300 was raised.



A big thank you to the Launton Village Players who entertained us with some lovely festive singing.



Report by
George and Jake

Last week Chestnut Class visited Ardley Energy Recovery Facility. There were strict health and safety requirements for our visit, including having covered legs and arms and wearing a mask inside the control room.

We learnt about separating our domestic waste into recycling, garden waste and general waste. We played a simulation game where we had to maintain the temperature between 900 and 1000 degrees Celsius by increasing and decreasing the oxygen flow when the waste was being incinerated. This is what the engineers do every day.

It continuously provides energy for turbines to power 60,000 houses around the Oxfordshire area.

Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email (friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat. Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Liz Moore

Secretary: Ruth West

Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

24/12/22 *Crib Service* – 3pm

Do come along and play your part in the story of Jesus' birth– dressed as a Star, an Angel, a Shepherd or a Sheep

01/01/23 January *Family Service* - 11am
when we will hear about the Three Kings travelling to meet the Baby Jesus
All welcome

Any queries, please contact Celia on 01869 571735
celia@stmarys.co.uk

NB The Community Café will be taking a break over the holiday



In other news

[Scarlet Fever Information for Parents](#)

Tickets have been sent home for

- **Rowan and Willow Class Nativity** in school 9.30am **Friday 16th December**
- **Ash Class Nativity** in school 10.45am **Friday 16th December**

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for the **Carol Service** in St Mary's Church 9.30am **Tuesday 20th December**

Winter Mini Reading Challenge 2022

Join in with The Reading Agency's Gadgeteers, Winter Mini Challenge 2022

Oxfordshire Libraries are excited to announce the return of the Winter Mini Challenge! The Reading Agency has teamed up again with the Science Museum Group to bring back the Gadgeteers from this year's Winter Reading Challenge.

It has started and finishes on Sunday 20th February 2023.

Parents and carers can register their children for free at wintermini.org.uk

The children set their own reading challenge. A target of 3 books is recommended.

They can read any books for their Challenge, including eBooks or eAudio which can be borrowed for free from Oxfordshire Libraries. For some brilliant book ideas, a collection will be available on our Overdrive platform: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks . Parents and carers can join their children to the library by visiting www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Children rate and review the books they have read on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock virtual rewards and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate.

There are also games, reading activities and book reviews on the website.

Term 3 Activity Clubs – Bookings will open Friday 9th December. Bookings will close at midday on Thursday 15th December with confirmation emails being sent on Friday 16th December.

After School Clubs			
Monday	Drama 5 weeks from 09.01.23	Year 2-6	Booked through Scopay
Tuesday	Football 5 weeks from 10.01.23	KS2	Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	Gym and dance 5 weeks from 11.01.23	Year 2-6	Booked through Scopay
Thursday			
Friday	Netball/Basketball 5 weeks from 13.01.23	KS2	Booked through Scopay



Updates & Reminders

Sports After School Clubs – There are no sports after school clubs next week (week beginning 12th December), Art Club will be running on Thursday for those who are currently attending.

After School Care – There is no After School Care on the last day of term (Tuesday 20th December).

Lunches for January - Term 3 lunch booking has opened. Lunches for the first week back need to be booked by 4pm on Wednesday 28th December.

[Launton Community Choir Christmas Concert](#)

[Launton Village Players Pantomime](#)

[Scarlet Fever Information for Parents](#)

[Discover - 50 things to do before you're five](#)

Parents / Carers of children who reach the age of 4 on or before 31st August 2023

Applications for School places must be made to the Local Authority no later than 15th January 2023 for places in school. If your child has a place in a nursery class (including the children in our own Cherry Class), you must still apply for a school place in a reception class. Applications for school places can be made [here](#).

National Guidance

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- [Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - UKHSA Update](#)
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

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.