

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Sunday 26th March 2023, 2-4pm**. Please remember to pre-order your tickets by 17th March.

The residents of the village kindly donate Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute leaflets around the village at a time that suits you from **6th to 10th March** and to collect donations on **17th March from 6pm**. Please also let us know if you are able to help on the day or provide some cakes for the cake stall on the day.

30th March 2023: Pre-loved uniform sale at The Elms, Station Road, Launton (first house on the left after Yew Tree Close).

11th May 2023: Rags2Riches clothing collection.

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.

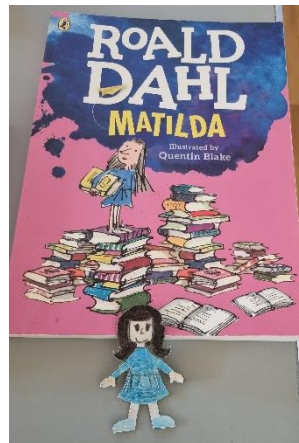
Chair: Victoria Brandham
Vice Chair: Liz Moore
Secretary: Ruth West
Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison



World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

Stories, books and sharing our love of reading has been central to today's World Book Day activities. Children met in their houses to share their favourite books. make a finger puppet based on their favourite books, giving many of our younger learners the opportunity to visit classrooms they might not have learnt in yet, and many older learners the chance to share their love of reading, with younger pupils.

The children's puppets will be exhibited in the school hall at 3.15pm (entrance via the front garden) then books and puppets will be collected and returned home tomorrow. PTA sale of pre-loved books will be held from the end of the school day.





Updates & Reminders

Safety

The playground gates are opened at 3.10pm to allow parents and carers to collect children more easily than from the car park. If you have a small child with you, **they must not climb on school equipment**. The trim trail looks superficially like climbing equipment found in some public play areas but it has been designed to be safely used under teacher supervision and by older pupils.

The Parish Hall car park and surrounding area present significant challenges. Please do not park on the corner, obscuring the view round the bend, as this is dangerous. The signs on the corner are not taking up a parking space: this is not a safe space to leave a vehicle.

[Term 4 School Nurses Newsletter](#)

[Ignite Easter Holiday Camps](#)

National Guidance

There are lots of respiratory infections that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating this time of year.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in school as much as possible:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Teach children the importance of good hand hygiene, practice regular handwashing with soap and warm water.
- Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then bin them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if they do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.

Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - [UKHSA Update](#)

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.