

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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The PTA Christmas Festival will take place on Friday 2nd December 5.30-7.30pm. Tickets for entry, for food and tokens to use at the festival will be available to purchase online in advance - details to follow.

“Reach out” has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from **14th to 18th of November 2022**, to reflect **what children and young people felt they wanted to promote.**



We will have our usual busy and reflective program of activities reinforcing and refreshing all the important anti-bullying themes we value so highly in school and this includes **ODD SOCKS DAY on Friday 18th November.**



Children in Need Appeal

On Friday 18th November all children in school will be going on a ‘Pudsey’ themed ramble around the school grounds. It will be a great opportunity for the children to explore the school grounds with a purpose. The Children in Need Appeal funds local charities and projects that support children so they can thrive. They work closely with a whole range of organisations so they can understand where the need is greatest, ensuring the money you raise goes to supporting the young people that need it most. Please follow the link below if you wish to donate:
<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the PTA preloved uniform sale. We raised **£51.50**, recycled more than 50 items of clothing, and donated some surplus items to the Bicester Baby Bank. ♻️ ♻️ ♻️ This brings our first half term's fundraising total to **£685** which is a fantastic start to the year.

Save the Date! The Christmas Festival will be held on **Friday 2nd December at 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

If you are able, please would you donate some prizes for the gift tombola and bottle tombola. Donations can be handed to us at school pick up/drop off or you can contact us to make alternative arrangements for collection.

We are also looking for additional volunteers to help on the day (30mins slots available). Thank you to those who have already signed up to help.

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

* AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

You are very welcome to come along to our

REMEMBRANCE

FAMILY SERVICE

In Church on

6 November at 11.00am*

** And now a very big*

THANK YOU

from the Bicester Food Bank

for all your wonderful

Harvest gifts*



In other news

With increased amounts of traffic nowadays, the safety of children on our roads has never been more important and so it is vital that children learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users.

The good news for schools is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers. The Footsteps guide is

[Footsteps - Parent Guide](#)

Updates & Reminders

[Term 2 School Nurse Newsletter](#)

Parents Evening

Parents evenings for the following classes will take place from 7th November: Cherry, Ash, Rowan, Willow, Oak, Chestnut and Beech. Booking is via the website. If you are struggling to book, please check that you are logged in as yourself and not your child; log in reminders can be requested by email to the office.

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.