

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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Thank you to everyone who was able to send food for Bicester Food Bank on Wednesday when we had our Harvest Festival Service. Thank you to the team of parents who acted as traffic marshals as the 'crocodile' of children walked to St Mary's Church.



Last Thursday pupils in Key Stage 2 competed in a cross country event at the Bicester School. The children had a fantastic afternoon and showed great stamina and determination. A special mention goes to the year 3 and 4 boys and the year 5 and 6 boys who, as a team, were placed 3rd in the event.

Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

A copy of this term's PTA Newsletter detailing our fundraising objectives and activities was sent out last week

Save the Date!

The Christmas Festival will be held on **Friday 2nd December at 5:30pm - 7:30pm**. All are invited and we are looking forward to a time of festive family fun!

We have collected a range of good quality, laundered uniform and will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on **Thursday 20th October**.

Calling First-Aiders

If there any parents/carers who have first aid training and would be willing to act as designated first aider for PTA events, on a rotational basis, please would you get in touch with us and register your interest. We would encourage you to join our Facebook group to keep up with information about the PTA. <https://m.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/>

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 or just for a chat.

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Liz Moore

Secretary: Ruth West

Treasurer: Laura Pickering



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

[Island Pond Wood Event 29.10.22](#)

[School Nurse Newsletter Term 1](#)

Message from the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB)

Get your child aged five to 11 vaccinated against COVID-19 during the half term school holiday

Dear Parent/Guardian

You can get your child aged five to 11 vaccinated against COVID-19 during the half term school holiday. This includes children aged five and over (who turned five on or before 31 August 2022) who will be offered first and second paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses. Children who turned five on or after 1 September 2022 can only get a first and second dose of the vaccine if they are either:

- At high risk due to a health condition or because of a weakened immune system
- Living with someone who has a weakened immune system

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) You can book an appointment via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling **119** for dedicated children's clinics, including at:

- The Kassam Stadium, Oxford
- Broad Street Mall, Reading
- The Guttman Centre, Stoke Mandeville

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.