



Welcome

from Friends of Launton School PTA

Registered charity number 1177789

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A little gift from us

**Your child is very special, today they join school.
To begin an exciting journey
and to learn things that are cool.
But we know it will be tearful,
as you let your little one go.
We'll help them play and grow.**

Here are a few essentials to get you through the day;

- A tissue to wipe away the tears.
- A teabag to encourage you to put your feet up and enjoy the peace and quiet.
- A treat to say thanks for all the hard work as your child's first teacher.

Who we are

Friends of Launton School (FOLS) is the Parent and Teacher Association.

As parents, guardians or carers of any pupil currently attending Launton C.E Primary School, **you are automatically a valued member of the PTA.**

FOLS is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales and is governed by a committee of five trustees who are responsible for upholding the charity's constitution.

The current trustees are:

Ruth West - Secretary
(Reception, yr 2 & 4)

Victoria Brandham - Chair
(Yr 1 & 3)

Sarah Harrison - Treasurer
(Yr 2)

Liz Moore - Vice Chair
(Yr 2, 3, & 4)

Laura Pickering - Treasurer
(Yr 3 & 5)

What we do

Whilst **fund-raising is a major part of our activities and directly contributes to the improvement of the school**, there's a lot more to it than that. We provide a great way to **build the whole school community**, including links with the wider society, all of which benefits the school and **offers a positive influence within the local area.**

Members also provide a willing workforce for the school when extra hands are needed, hold social events to bond the school community, run extra-curricular clubs for children and adults, and support parents through times of change.

Members are knowledgeable about the school and enthuse about it to enhance its reputation to the wider community. The varied work means there's something for everyone.

Children love seeing their parents in school. You can benefit them, improve their educational environment and make friends too.

How we raise money

Charity grants

The PTA has previously been able to successfully apply for **charity grants which have been instrumental in providing equipment for our children**. Should you come across any grants that may be appropriate, please do let us know by emailing us at friendsoflaunton-pta@googlegroups.com so that we can assess and apply for them.

Matchfunding

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money raised could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events.

Rags2Riches

Throughout the year you can have a clear out of your wardrobes and **raise funds by donating your unused clothes**. Dates are communicated in the school newsletter.

Cashback websites

You can **raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online** with easyfundraising and/ or AmazonSmile. They will donate a portion of the purchase price to our charity at no cost to you.

Easyfundraising - With over 4,000 shops and sites

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/launtonschool/> and click 'support us'

Amazon Smile - Link your Amazon account with 'Friends of Launton School' by logging on at smile.amazon.co.uk

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. Thank you so much! Remember to also tell your family

6 reasons to join our PTA

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTA GOING

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Contact us

Please feel free to contact us by email or reach out at the school gate should you have any questions or suggestions.



Search for Launton School Fundraising page



friendsof-launton-pta@googlegroups.com



Friends PTA Fundraising WhatsApp group - ask a member to join

We continue to value your support and will keep you informed of future meetings, activities and elections.