

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Message from the PTA

Thank you very much to Emma Austin for volunteering to coordinate the pre-loved uniform scheme. She is now accepting donations of very good condition items. Please no shoes, tights, polos (unless like new). Please speak to Emma or email [friendsof@launton-coe.org](mailto:friendsof@launton-coe.org) or [pta@googlemail.com](mailto:pta@googlemail.com) for requests and where to drop donations.

NEW date for your diary;

**This year we will be hosting a 'Christmas Cafe' at school on Sunday 17th December 2-4pm.** Join us for hot drinks, festive bakes, crafts and tombolas. More details to follow. (This event will be free to enter with no tickets or advance orders required.)

**Saturday 11th November 4-6pm - Family Barn Dance** at the Sports & Social club with a live ceilidh band. Tickets will be £7.50pp and will go on sale in October.

We are looking for raffle prizes from local businesses so please get in touch if you can help.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SCHEME - CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for someone to manage the pre-loved school uniform initiative. This involves storing uniform, sorting donations and being the point of contact for those that need pieces during term time. If you think you could do this please get in touch! This is a great way to help the Friends of Launton School (FoLS) charity from home if you find helping at events difficult.

Liz Moore started this initiative in 2021 and to date it has raised over £400 and seen hundreds of pieces of clothing reused. Surplus stock has been donated to The Bicester Baby Bank which helps the wider community too. Please help us to keep this going.

Dates for your diary;

Thursday 12th October - Rags2Riches4Schools clothing collection.

Saturday 11th November 4-6pm - Family Barn Dance with live band. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor this event - do you know any that could help?

## Key dates

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Selena and Alfie have been learning about their senses in Cherry Class. "We made binoculars with glitter on. My binoculars are silver and purple." We can use them to look and see," said Alice. "We have looked at cobwebs with a magnifying glass."

"We learn lots of things in Ash Class. I like drawing best," explains George. "I like drawing too," said Rosie.

"In Chestnut Class we have been learning about shorter sentences that have a "punchy effect", in contrast with longer sentences that are less exciting," explained Elliot and Alfie. "We have also been writing a sequel to a story called *The Promise* by Nicola Davies. We have been using lots of our literary devices including personification, similes and metaphors. We have also been trying to give information about our characters by 'showing' not 'telling'," explained Haruka and Elsie.

**Bags will be sent home for the Rags2Riches4schools collection as soon as we receive them.**

Donations for the collection may be left in the front garden on 12<sup>th</sup> October **before 8.45am.**

**Flu immunisations** have been scheduled in school on 26<sup>th</sup> September by the school health nursing team. An email has been sent to all parents of reception to Year 6 pupils with the details.

## Discover

Tick-off **50 fantastic things** for you and your child to experience together.

50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that parents and carers can support their children to try out and repeat. Each of the 50 Things have been carefully developed by education experts and early years practitioners following consultation with parents.

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome50ThingsToDo>





## Updates & Reminders

### Advance notice of dates

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity performances in the morning by Ash, Rowan and Willow Classes. Information to follow after half term.

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**- individual photographs for children in all classes.

**Parent- teacher meetings**- Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Booking will be available on the school website from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to log into your parent account, please contact the school office by email before next Friday.

### Year 6 Secondary School Open Evenings

Heyford Park School – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6pm

Whitelands Academy – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm [More information](#)

The Cooper School – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 5-7pm [More information](#)

The Bicester School – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm [More information](#)

## In other news

[Bicester Rugby Club Open Day 24.09.23](#)

[Kidlington School Brass Band](#)

Here is the NHS [Is my child too ill for school](#) information.

As parents and carers, there are ways we can support our children to give them the best chance to stay mentally healthy. Encouraging and guiding a child to think about their own mental health and wellbeing are vital skills you can teach them from a young age. [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#)

**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.