

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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This week's newsletter comes to you from reporters around the school.

The reception children have been learning about different continents and countries around the world. We have spent time looking at globes, atlases and photographs of different places and comparing them to where we live.

The children in Rowan class are very excited to be learning about Australia this term. "We have been learning about some of the animals in Australia like a brown snake and a koala. A koala is not a bear because they have a pouch and bears do not have a pouch to carry their young. Pouches in kangaroos and koalas develop later," explained Austin, Daisy and Beatrice.

"In math's, in Chestnut Class, we have been learning about ratio. It will be very useful in cooking because it enables us to scale up recipes," explained Henry.

"I am enjoying the book because we are given lots of information about the past lives of the characters, so we are invested in them and want to know what happens next," reports Poppy.

"In science we are learning about drag forces. An example of a drag force is the air resistance below a parachute, acting against the force of gravity," explained Joshua.

Katie Swinburn our Home School Link worker will be running a free 10-week nurturing programme for parents. It is a fantastic course that supports parents to build emotional health for the whole family. It can help provide strategies to understand, recognise and regulate children's behaviour at home. It supports parents with emotional regulation strategies to help build your child's self-esteem. You are more than welcome to come along to first session before deciding if you want to attend the whole course.

The course will run from the 20th of February to the 7th of May every Tuesday (excluding the Easter Holidays) at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start and end at 2.30pm at Brookside School. Tea and coffee and biscuits will be available. Please email familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk to let us know you would like to come along.

Key dates

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

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Message from the PTA

RAGS2RICHES CLOTHING COLLECTION

TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY

Please leave bagged donations of good quality, clean clothing and shoes in the school front garden by 8.45am next Tuesday, 23rd Jan. No donation is too small, every item helps.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Don't forget to get in touch with Emma Austin either via Facebook or email friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com if you need any uniform or have donations. Emma recently shared an inventory of what is in stock on the Friends Facebook page so you can take a look there or email to request a copy.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Please do take a look at the app or website and see how you could be raising money every time you shop online. Last month they paid us £60 and that's with only a few regular users. Sign up today to make a BIG difference this year. <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/launton-school/ba041v52sEwvFC0BqR3022/facebook/>

Contact us by email at friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



Updates & Reminders

Parents Evenings will be scheduled for the week beginning 5th February 2024 more information to follow.

In other news

Useful Links -

Please see information about a really useful [Family Links Program](#) that our Home School Link worker will be running shortly.

[CAMHS Parent Webinar](#)

Half Term Activities –

[Stem Holiday Camp](#)

[Oxford United in the Community Girls Only Half Term Camp](#)

[Oxford United in the Community with Easington Sports FC Half Term Camp](#)

Community Events –

[Launton Village Players Pantomime - Rapunzel](#)

[Oxfordshire Libraries Short Story Competition](#)

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.

Useful Links

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](#)