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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

We would like to sincerely thank Suzie Foster (whose child is in Ash class) for raising £38 for the PTA at a recent event.

SAVE THE DATE!

The PTA Christmas Festival will take place Saturday 4th December at 5-7pm.

We have arranged another Rags2Riches4Schools clothing collection on 12th November 2021. Please donate any good quality clothing to support the school. <https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/>

Rags2Riches do not accept uniform donations. Should you have any excess uniform that you'd like to donate, please consider donating it to the PTA.

We have collected a range of good quality, second hand school uniform and shoes, that is available to buy at very reasonable prices.

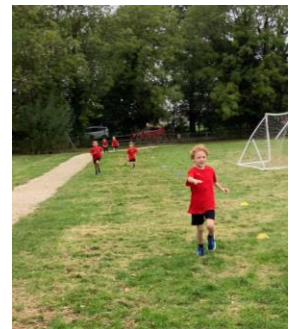
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TDBxF1AuTDN0Jws6K05drBUjX3jNiF7d1170EWJojnA/edit?usp=sharing>

Please click on the link above to view what is available, and contact secretary@friendsoflaunton.co.uk should you wish to order any items. Thank you to the parents who have already supported this effort by donating and purchasing items.

We will shortly be organising a PTA fundraising planning meeting, and would like to encourage as many parents/caregivers as possible to attend and share your ideas with us.

Message from Mrs. Paterson

We held our annual School Cross Country Competition today, with children competing in classes on a course on the field throughout the day. Each year since daily running was introduced through Launton Laps, the children's speed and stamina has improved and Mrs Kirkwood (from the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership), who supported us in holding the event



was very impressed with their running.

The eagerly anticipated brass instrument lessons have started well in Chestnut Class with all the children selecting their preferred instrument this week and beginning to play.



And quietly behind the scenes we continue to implement the strategy for developing the outdoor spaces that we all (children, parents, governors and staff) put together in consultation a little while ago. The digging area on the field, filled with natural materials is a much used and loved pastime at breaks and lunchtimes. The children are beginning to fill the new planters in the playground and thinking about the seeds that they will order to germinate in the newly delivered poly tunnel, when it is constructed ready for the spring planting season.



Dates for your diary

Reception Children – Vision Screening – 12th October

(If you have not received the email about this please contact the school office).

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

Updates and Reminders

Our school will be closed on Thursday 26th May 2022; the half term holiday will now be Thursday 26th May to Sunday 5th June 2022 inclusive as there is a national Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls in half term.

If you feel able to send a contribution, the foods requested by the Food Bank are listed and children should bring them into school on 11th October, when we will celebrate the Harvest Festival.



[Island Pond Wood Community Event](#) click link for more information

Free family community event, Sunday 10th October 2-4pm.

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.

Bicester Food Bank

Top Ten Items needed -

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Long Life fruit juice
- Long life milk
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea
- Coffee

Secondary School Open Evenings have started; for more information follow the links below.

[The Bicester School Thursday 7th October](#)
[Whitelands Academy Thursday 7th October](#)

Road Closure - Information from EWR - Please be advised that Charbridge Lane will be closed from 17th October to 17th December between the Launton roundabout and Charbridge Way. Work will be carried out under normal working hours Monday 7am to Friday 6pm, Saturday 7am to 4pm. Regrettably, due to the extensive nature of the construction works required, the road will be fully closed to road users, cyclists, and pedestrians from Charbridge Way to the Launton roundabout for the entire duration of the closure.

LFD tests are for people who are symptom free. They can identify people who have COVID but have no symptoms, and who could be passing it on to others without knowing.

If you have symptoms of COVID -19

If you, your child or anyone in the household has symptoms that could be COVID, no matter how mild, you need to get a PCR test.

Get a PCR test - www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test **Do not use an LFD home test.**
