

# Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Happy New Year.

The children are really keen to share with you what they have been learning about in the first few days of this term.

"We have been learning about deciduous trees, like oak, horse chestnut, willow and rowan. We have oak trees in the playground. Oak leaves have veins and curly edges.

Deciduous trees lose their leaves in autumn but evergreen trees don't lose their leaves, instead they stay on all year round.

Next, we are going to learn about evergreen trees."

By Barney, Orlaith, Ethan and Sienna



Rowan Class and Willow class have been learning about Impressionist artists this week.

"Monet painted the lilies on the water and it is one of his most famous pictures." Rebecca

"We painted the lily pads like Monet." Sienna

"Impressionists worked outside and painted fast." Orlaith



## Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

## Message from the PTA

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to another term of collaboration and community engagement.

### Save the Date

**30th January 2023:** Rags2Riches4Schools clothing collection.

**2nd March 2023:** World Book Day pre-loved book sale

**26th March 2023:** Easter Egg Hunt

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email ([friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com)) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat.

Chair: Victoria Brandham  
Vice Chair: Liz Moore  
Secretary: Ruth West  
Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison

LAUNTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES Schools, Clubs, Groups

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING**

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Belts and Handbags

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

If you are unsure what to put in the bag **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **Monday 30th January**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



## Updates & Reminders

[Launton Village Players Pantomime](#)

[Spring Events at OYAP Trust](#)

[Scarlet Fever Information for Parents](#)

[Discover - 50 things to do before you're five](#)

### **Parents / Carers of children who reach the age of 4 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

Applications for School places must be made to the Local Authority no later than **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** for places in school. If your child has a place in a nursery class (including the children in our own Cherry Class), you must still apply for a school place in a reception class. Applications for school places can be made [here](#).

#### **National Guidance**

There are lots of respiratory infections that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating this time of year.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in school as much as possible:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
  - Teach children the importance of good hand hygiene, practice regular handwashing with soap and warm water.
  - Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then bin them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
  - Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if they do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
  - Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.
- Please follow [this link](#) to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - [UKHSA Update](#)

**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.