

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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The children in Key Stage Two have entertained audiences with courage and aplomb this week in the Chestnut Class Summer Play, Theseus and the Minotaur, and the Oak and Beech Class Brass Concert. All were magnificent, and the younger children watched them in awe and admiration.

The summer BBQ was held in glorious sunshine last Friday. Thank you to the fantastic PTA team: it was lovely to see how many people were involved at different points, both before and during the event, in planning, preparing, running activities and clearing away. You are all enormously appreciated.



News from Oak Class

Now that we have a poly tunnel, we are trying to grow some exotic fruit.

One of the plants we are growing is a dragon fruit. Surprisingly, the seeds from a dragon fruit (which we ate!) germinated quite quickly. This plant is a type of cactus.

We juiced some lemons and saved the pips, which we then planted. We now have 28 mini lemon trees.



Please join us, if you are able, for an exhibition of recent art work and the PTA pre-loved uniform sale. This will take place in the hall on Wednesday 19th July at 3.15pm (access through the front garden).

Message from the PTA

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Summer BBQ on Friday. It was a lovely sunny evening with good food and family fun. Thank you to all the class reps, the volunteers who helped on the day, and to everyone who attended and supported the event in other ways. We raised an impressive **£1,041.07**.

AGM & Election

The PTA AGM and annual election will be held on **Monday 17th July at 8pm** on Zoom. All are welcome to attend, please feel free to ask questions or to just listen if you'd prefer.

The Big Uniform Sale

Wednesday 19th July at 3:15pm - 4:30pm in the school hall. **Volunteers Needed** 🗨️. Please follow this link to sign up. <https://volunteersignup.co.uk/43YEC>

20th July 2023 - Please join us in celebrating the last day of term with an ice lolly sale in the front garden after school.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email (friends@launton-pta@coolestgroups.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
Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Sarah Harrison

Key dates

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

Updates & Reminders

Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church at 9.30am for Year 6 The Year 6 pupils will plan and lead this service for themselves and for the pupils in KS2. Year 6 parents and governors are invited to join us in church and in the school hall after the service, for coffee and cake served by the pupils.

[School Nurse Term 6 Newsletter](#)

In other news



Your child is invited to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up at your local library!

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's FREE to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the challenge is the perfect summer activity to build your child's reading skills and confidence during the holidays. Complete the challenge to win a medal and a certificate.

Find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge and check out fun activities and book recommendations at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

[Summer Clubs and Events](#)

[The Hummingbird Summer Festival](#)

[Bicester Festival](#)

[Mechanics Alive at Discover Bucks Museum](#)

[Bicester Athletics Holiday Camp](#)

[Pedal Party Bicester](#)

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.