

# Launton C of E School Newsletter

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## Key dates

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Just as our youngest learners have been learning about polar bears, they have been following up on some curious incidents in the nursery classroom, so have the knowledge to evaluate the likelihood of a genuine visit...

Jenson says that a polar bear lives in the Arctic. Selena says It is very cold there. It is colder than Launton because polar bears like the cold. They have sparkly noses and shiny noses and they eat fish. They have furry, small ears. They have big paws with claws to grip ice. Albie, Alice and Adam are keen to share their knowledge in this week's newsletter.



The NHS has published the following guidance for parents and carers about [measles](#).

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday. £80.55 was raised by the PTA for school projects.



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](mailto:familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk) to let us know you would like to come along.

## Message from the PTA

**SAVE THE DATE** - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on **SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2-4pm**.

The position of the Easter bunny has opened up so we are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to dress up and play the role for part of the event. The costume will be provided. Please get in touch by email [friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com). This is a favourite element of the event for lots of the younger children.

Laura Pickering will be coordinating leafletting the village to request donations and collecting eggs. More details and dates to follow.

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Don't forget to get in touch with Emma Austin either via Facebook or email [friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friends@launton-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.

Contact us by email at [friends@launton-pta@googlegroups.com](mailto:friends@launton-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

Please be aware that there are strict rules in schools so that we keep children safe and comply with our statutory safeguarding responsibilities. Children must not bring any electronic devices with imaging and sharing capabilities to school. This means that children may not bring smart watches or mobile telephones into the playground or classrooms.

**Parents Evenings** will be scheduled for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024, with booking available on the school website as usual from 3pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January until midday Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please email the school office on [office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk) if you wish to request a reminder of your parent login information.

## 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](#)