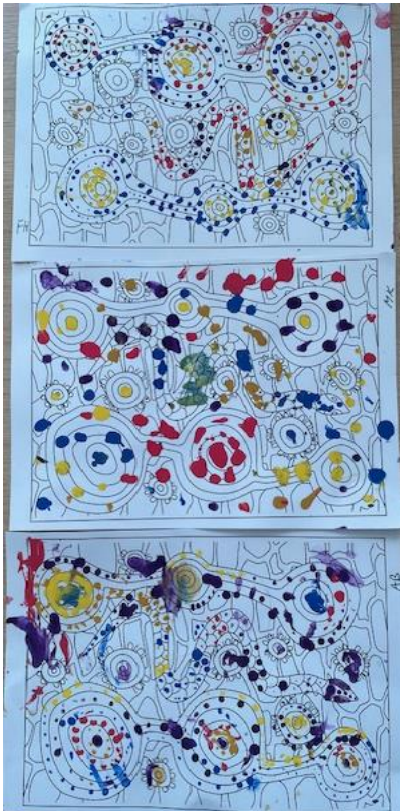


Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Health and nutrition have been high on the agenda of all classes this week. Year three advise that “We should eat fruit and vegetables so we can keep healthy”. “The more you eat fruit and vegetables, the better your teeth are.” “Sweets are bad for your teeth because they can create cavities, whereas fruit and vegetables do not contain as much sugar.” “Fruit and vegetables contain nutrients, such as vitamins, so that is why they are nutritious”. “Please make the best choice to eat fruit and vegetables.”

“In Year 6, we have invented the concept of a ‘Fruit Review’. Each week we will judge the texture, appearance, scent and flavour of a fruit or vegetable and then democratically vote for the fruit of the week. We will vote from about three particular varieties of fruit each week,” report Ralph and Alfie.

Year 1’s report for the newsletter

“We have been learning about ‘*The rainbow serpent*’. This is an Australian story. The frogs drank lots and lots of water. The serpent made a trail and the frogs spilt water into lots of holes in the trail. This made rivers and lakes. We made dot paintings with the end of a paintbrush. We had to be patient and accurate.”

Term 4 Activity Clubs – Bookings for Term 4 clubs will open tomorrow Friday 2nd February and will close Wednesday 7th February, confirmation emails will be sent by the end of term.

Term 4 After School Activity Clubs			
Monday			
Tuesday	Football 6 weeks from 20.02.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay
Wednesday	Gymnastics and Dance 6 weeks from 21.02.2024	Years 2 – 6	Booked through Scopay
Thursday	Art 5 weeks from 22.02.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay
Friday	Netball/Basketball 5 weeks from 23.02.2024	Key Stage 2	Booked through Scopay

Key dates

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)
[Term Dates 2024/2025](#)

Message from the PTA

WORLD BOOK DAY - We plan to run the pre-loved book sale to celebrate World Book Day after school on Thursday 7th March. To enable us to do this we will need donations of any books you no longer need that are suitable for age 4-11. More details to follow.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Sunday 24th March

Save the date for this fun annual event. Please get in touch if you can get involved. Leaflets around the village will need to go out w/c 4th March and egg collection will be in the evening of Friday 15th March.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

As the seasons change don't forget to get in touch with Emma Austin for any uniform you may need. There is a handy list on Facebook of what she has available.

Contact us by email at friends@launton-pte@scopalearngroups.com

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

All are invited to our next

FAMILY SERVICE

In Church on 4 February at 11.00am

When we will be

WELCOMING REV'D SARAH

Do come along if you can!!!!



In other news

There has been a recent and unexpected increase in crisps, biscuits and even confectionary appearing in the playground at playtime.

After the half-term break, children who need a break time snack may bring fresh fruit or vegetables that they can eat easily, for example, washed carrots are very popular.

The Department for Education provides a range of fresh fruit and vegetables for the children in Year 2, Year 1, Reception and Nursery to have every day.

We are really pleased to advise parents whose children use Breakfast Club, that from immediately after half-term the number of places available in Breakfast Club will increase, to reflect the increasing demand.

Updates & Reminders

Parents Evenings will be scheduled for the week beginning 5th February 2024, with booking available on the school website as usual until midday Friday 2nd February. Please email the school office on office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk if you wish to request a reminder of your parent login information.

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](#)

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

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](#)