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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

The PTA would like to welcome you all back to school and thank you for supporting the Easter raffle last term.

Congratulations to the winners:

Emily Marsden - large
Easter hamper

Magalie Hill - Easter hamper

Nora Baldeon - Easter hamper

Gemma Tarling - bottle of Moët &
Chandon

Vicky Porterhouse-Carter - case of
wine

Alicia Delange - bundle of Usborne
books

Mrs Terry - Body Shop products.

Many thanks to Theresa Carlyle,
Sarah Harrison and Hannah Walters
for donating Usborne books, Body
Shop products and the case of wine,
respectively.

Message from Mrs. Paterson

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the £300 raised by the PTA with the Easter raffle and enormous thanks to the PTA who organised this and parents who donated prizes.

Welcome back and how lovely to spend a glorious week in April with school feeling settled and industrious. Our children are enormously adaptable and it would be easy to forget how differently schools are operating at present compared with “normal” times and until the Department for Education changes or removes restrictions. We are unable to plan to do any of the usual summer term activities in the usual ways, not least because “bubbles” of children should not mix and visitors are not permitted. Nevertheless, we will adapt to enable things to take place in school for the children in smaller groups, absence of audience not withstanding.

Tuesday marked the first opportunity for classes to begin their Sports Days which will be held in installments, without a crowd: a long leap forward from last year when most children couldn't be in school, and the children will have something in common with the Olympic athletes in Tokyo's postponed Games. We will keep you posted on the results. Thank you for remembering PE kits. Please check that your child's trainers and shoes are not dangerously large, as overly large shoes have caused serious accidents in other schools.

In the week beginning 3rd May, we will have parents' evenings by telephone. Booking can be completed through the school website using your School Life login, as in the autumn term. Booking will be open from lunchtime next Monday, but you will not need to make an appointment this way if your child's class teacher has already contacted you to make an arrangement.

As always, we will take due regard of evolving DfE requirements and plan accordingly, keeping you updated.

Dates for your diary

21st May 2021 – Class Photographs
(These will be done following all Covid Infection Control Guidelines)

[Term dates 2020-2021](#)

[Term Dates 2021 2022](#)

Updates and Reminders

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.

As the weather hopefully continues to improve, please think about sending your child with a sunhat, clearly labelled with their name, and ensure that all the garments that children quickly remove when the sun comes out are also labelled.

Children **must not** bring sunscreen to school (or nursery): please apply it before school.

Cherwell - <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/258/coronavirus/736/coronavirus-self-isolation-payments>
Home testing kits to support the return to school

The government has announced that all households with primary and secondary school and college-aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, will be encouraged to start regular twice-weekly rapid lateral flow testing as schools return on 8 March.

Tests are available for **adults in these households** to [order online](#), which can be delivered to their home or collected at a local **symptomatic PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test site**. These PCR sites are where people go to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 and because of that, collection of these home test kits is set for 1pm - 7pm when testing of symptomatic people will not be taking place.

The PCR local testing sites (LTS) and regional testing site (RTS) offering the collection of home testing kits (referred to as LTS-collect and RTS-collect) in Oxfordshire are:

Regional testing site (drive-through)

- Oxford Parkway, Water Eaton Park & Ride, Oxford Road, Oxford, OX2 8HA

Local testing sites (walk-through)

- Woodgreen Leisure Centre, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0HS
- Osney Lane, Oxford, OX1 1NY
- Woodford Way car park, Witney, OX28 6JS

You do not need to make an appointment, but you can [check online](#) if the location is open or busy before you go. A reminder collection is 1pm - 7pm.

In Oxfordshire, home tests kits **cannot currently be collected from the county council's symptom-free testing sites**, which are Spiceball Leisure Centre (Banbury), The Beacon (Wantage), The King's Centre (Oxford). **Please do not go to one of these sites** as the kits they have are not suitable for home use. We will keep you posted if this changes.
