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Launton C of E School Newsletter

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Friends of Launton School

Thank you very much to everyone who supported the Christmas Festival by attending and volunteering. We were able to raise a good amount of money. Final figures will be announced in the new year.

A special thank you to the Launton Rock Chorus for providing the wonderful festive entertainment.

Fundraising Links

If you do any shopping online, there are a few simple ways in which you could help to raise extra funds for our charity at no cost to yourselves. Amazon and several other retailers are using online sales to donate a percentage of their profits to our PTA.

Easyfundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/launtonschool/> and click 'support us'

Amazon Smile User Guide

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17e5V7dEzMdtWvVjvomFQ8IPO17f2vmVOyE6fdBDZs9A/mobilebasic>

PTA Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/?ref=share>

Message from St Mary's Church

14/01/20 Café sessions resume –
please do tell your friends
Hope to see you there!

The Crib Service

on 24 December at 3pm

When you can come dressed as a Star,
an Angel, a Shepherd or an Animal, if
you would like to!

05/01/20 The next Family Service -
11am in the Church

when we will hear about the Three Kings
travelling
to meet the Baby Jesus
All welcome

Message from Mrs. Paterson

A heartfelt "Thank you" to all involved in Friday's hugely successful Christmas Festival: the atmosphere was lovely, the food was fantastic and the hall was transformed with twinkling Christmas lights and friends and neighbours, old, new, young and less so having fun. We look forward to welcoming you again at next week's Nativity plays and to the Christmas Service that will be held in St. Mary's Church as usual on the final morning of term at 9.30am.

Tomorrow's Christmas Lunch is eagerly anticipated. As with the collection of food for the Foodbank at Harvest Festival, the children will be supporting efforts to reduce food poverty. On this occasion they are supporting the work of Save the Children in its centenary year of providing food aid to children suffering through war. Donations of £1 can be brought to school and school jumpers decorated or replaced with Christmas jumpers for the day.

Thank you to all the parents who helped the children complete their activities during Christmas Making Day yesterday, and the year 6 pupils who supported the youngest learners with such care and kindness.

Message for learners in Oak Class: Please bring wellies and waterproof coats on Friday for outdoor learning.

We are really fortunate to be able to take advantage of a new NHS CAMHS service focussed on well-being, resilience, self-esteem, prevention and awareness of mental health. During next term practitioners from the mental health support service will be running groups in school around well-being, and leading some of our assemblies.

Dates for your diary

Christmas Lunch Friday 13 Dec

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday
13th Dec

Ash and Rowan classes Nativity

- Tuesday 17th Dec at 2pm
- Wednesday 18th Dec at 10am

Oak, Beech and Chestnut classes
Nativity

- Wednesday 18th December 2pm
- Wednesday 18th December 6pm

Church Service

9.30am Thursday 19th Dec

Last day of term

Thursday 19th Dec

First day of term

Monday 6th Jan

Confirmed Term Dates 2019-2020

[Confirmed Term Date 2019/2020 link](#)

Updates and Reminders

After School Clubs for Term 3

The afterschool clubs will be running from the w/b 6th January and will run for 6 weeks.

Mondays –

- Art Club – Years 3-6

Tuesdays –

- Gymnastics – Year 1-6
- Football – Year 1-4 (run by ACA Coaching)

Wednesday –

- Multiskills (run by ACA Coaching)
- Martial Arts

Thursday –

- Basketball (run by ACA Coaching)

Friday –

- School Football Team Training – Year 5&6

Please book the school clubs via Tucasi, information on how to book ACA Coaching Clubs and Martial Arts can be found on the school website. Booking for school clubs will close on Wednesday 18th December at Midday confirmation emails will be sent out by the end of the week.

Fresh Start – Ordering for Term 3 is now open and the deadline for ordering meals for the first week back is Tuesday 31st December.

Snowflakes

In past years it has looked wonderful, festooned with snowflakes dedicated to the memories of loved ones, for a donation of £5, and this is a tradition that we are hoping the school can assist with this year. Snowflakes are available from school. If you wish to have one, place a donation in an envelope with the name and class of your child on the front (so they can bring the snowflake home at the end of the day). Money raised in this way will be shared between The Hummingbird Centre in Launton and Cancer Research UK. If you would like the snowflake to be hung on the tree once you have written your message on it, please return it to school. If you wish to donate to Cancer research online, the link is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/launton-primary-school>

Prioritising safety, we are very conscious of the risk of children with allergies inadvertently coming into contact with food that could trigger a severe reaction. You will be aware from media reports, that serious incidents have occurred elsewhere. Therefore, we urge you to avoid sending any food into school that contains nuts. To keep all our children safe, we will not distribute food in class that has not been prepared by our caterers (who are aware of individual children's allergens). This will not prevent us from cooking in school, as always, with carefully monitored ingredients.

We work within the high standards of health and safety required by the Local Authority, so use of the climbing equipment must be under the supervision of school staff within the school day and **it is not considered safe to be used before or after school or by small siblings.**

Please remember that ball games are not permitted before 8.50am.
