

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

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Message from the PTA

To commemorate World Book Day and encourage everyone to enjoy reading, we will be holding a book sale directly after school in the front garden on **Thursday 2nd March 2023**. Please let us know if you have any children's books in good condition to donate for the book sale.

Save the Date

26th March 2023: Easter Egg Hunt- The residents of the village kindly donate Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We are looking for volunteers to help distribute leaflets around the village at a time that suits you from **6th to 10th March** and to collect donations on **17th March from 6pm**. Please let us know if you are able to help with this.

30th March 2023: Pre-loved uniform sale at The Elms, Station Road, Launton (first house on the left after Yew Tree Close).

11th May 2023: Rags2Riches clothing collection.

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



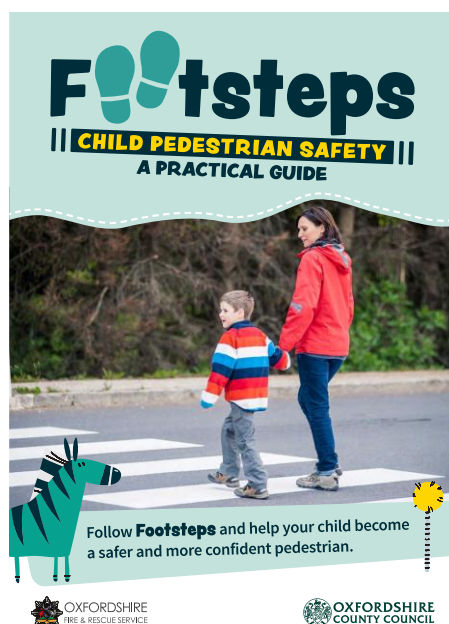
World Book Day Thursday 2nd March

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. To celebrate the books we love, we would like the children to make a finger puppet based on their favourite book and bring it to school on Thursday 2nd March. They may also bring their favourite book to school as they will have the opportunity to share it with another child from a different year group during the day.

The children's puppets will be exhibited in the school hall at 3.15pm (entrance via the front garden) then books and puppets will be collected and returned home the following day. If the weather is inclement next Thursday, the PTA sale of pre-loved books will be held in the hall with the exhibition.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service has sent information for parents and carers about [Walking with children 365Alive](#) which is designed to help children to become safer and more confident pedestrians.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to ask lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.





Updates & Reminders

Safety

The playground gates are opened at 3.10pm to allow parents and carers to collect children more easily than from the car park. If you have a small child with you, **they must not climb on school equipment**. The trim trail looks superficially like climbing equipment found in some public play areas but it has been designed to be safely used under teacher supervision and by older pupils.

The Parish Hall car park and surrounding area present significant challenges. Please do not park on the corner, obscuring the view round the bend, as this is dangerous. The signs on the corner are not taking up a parking space: this is not a safe space to leave a vehicle.

COVID 19 Vaccinations

Please see link below to letter from Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust regarding COVID 19 immunisation for children Reception to Year 7.

[COVID 19 Vaccinations](#)

National Guidance

There are lots of respiratory infections that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating this time of year.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in school as much as possible:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Teach children the importance of good hand hygiene, practice regular handwashing with soap and warm water.
- Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then bin them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if they do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.

Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - [UKHSA Update](#)

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.