

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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Key dates

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Yesterday the children were working with their "Forest Buddy"- a child from a different class who is in the same forest group as they are. The forests are The New Forest, Thetford Forest, Sherwood Forest and the Forest of Dean. The older children enjoyed supporting the younger pupils in their classrooms with the lovely anti-bullying activities that they were all engaged in and the younger children were delighted to welcome their older visitors. The reception and Year 6 pupils are planning to cook together soon and children will be in their forest groups again in a few weeks for craft activities. You can read our Anti-bullying policy [here](#).

Odd Socks Day tomorrow "To represent that everyone is different and no one is the same," explained Kiera.



All classes are busy with Pudsey-themed orienteering tomorrow- wellies are strongly recommended.



"In Year 6 this morning we played lacrosse. In lacrosse you try to catch the ball in your net. The net is on the end of a metal pole. We learnt a 'shovel pass' and an 'over the shoulder pass'. Our coach was Mr Brown from The Cooper School. It was really good fun and we learnt a lot. We played a match. It also helped with our throwing and catching at different angles." Report by Poppy, Kiera and Jasmine.

Message from the PTA

A big thank you to all those that attended and helped at the family barn dance last Saturday. It was wonderful to see families dancing and learning to ceillidh together. Thanks again to Alexander & co for their support by donating towards the cost of the band making it a viable event.

Congratulations to all those that won raffle prizes. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets. We raised £375 which combined with our recent Rags2Riches amount takes us even closer to our target to provide the school with picnic benches to enhance learning and play outside

Future dates:

Christmas Cafe - Sunday 17th December, 2-4pm. This event needs volunteers to go ahead. Sign up here to help volunteersignup.org.uk/42444

New Year Rags2Riches Collection - 23rd January 2024

Speak to us at the school gates or email friends@launton-cofe.org.uk if you have any questions or want to get involved.

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



Updates & Reminders

Advance notice of dates

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November – ‘Odd Sock Day’ for Anti-Bullying

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November – Road Safety Week

Thursday 23rd November – Year 2 Multiskills at The Cooper School

Wednesday 29th November – Year 4, 5 and 6 Visit to The Natural History Museum

Thursday 30th November – Year 3 and 4 Girls Active at The Cooper School

Friday 1st December – North Oxfordshire Cross Country Final at Sibford School for the 10 Launton Runners who have qualified (Letters being sent home)

Thursday 7th December – Year 3 and 4 Boys Active at The Cooper School

Friday 8th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Thursday 14th December – Year 2 and 3 Visit to The Oxford Story Museum

Friday 15th December – Nativity performances in the morning by Ash, Rowan and Willow Classes. Information to follow after half term.

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](#)

In other news

Community Events –

- Sunday 19th November 11am-4pm – Christmas Craft and Gifts (Crafts and Gifts by local makers) at Launton Sports and Social Club
- [The Hummingbird - Light the Light Event Saturday 9th December](#)
- [Launton Village Players Pantomime - Rapunzel](#)

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.