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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from Friends of Launton School

Countdown to Christmas! Only 1 day to go until the Christmas Festival. Pre-order forms have been sent home in your children's book bags to give you the opportunity to purchase your tickets in advance. Please remember to return your forms by 3pm on Thursday 5th December 2019.

Please let us know if you can volunteer 30mins of your time or if you can donate a prize for the tombola. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

07/12/19 Community Christmas Concert
in the Church at 5pm
Why not come along for some interactive singing?

10/12/19 Community Café
in the Parish Hall

The last sessions before the holidays
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!

A weekly update to Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Message from Mrs. Paterson

An evening of festive fun is planned for tomorrow, the children in Breakfast Club have decorated the Christmas Tree and everywhere there are children singing, rehearsing their parts and practising for Nativity plays, whilst learning, in all its forms continues.

Children from our lunchtime choir sang beautifully to visitors they were hosting from the village earlier this week. Bakers in Oak Class provided a delicious spread of cakes and mince pies and a lovely afternoon was enjoyed by all.

If you have spare egg boxes, we have need of a vast number in school early next week, so please send them in with children if you have any spare.

Next Wednesday will be a whole school theme day called "Christmas Making Day, so may I recommend that if you wish to be surprised on December 25th, you do not enquire too specifically about what your children have been doing in school on Wednesday... and that you absent yourself whilst they empty their bags...

Report from the 'threes and fours sports girls'.

We had an amazing, fantastic, exhilarating morning taking part in trampolining, table tennis, archery, volley ball and bench ball. We had a brilliant time and the opportunity to take part in unusual sports.

A report from Harvey, James, Harry, Callum, George G, George L and Sam

We had an energetic morning playing football with football ambassadors, because exercise makes you healthy. We used the skills we have to play against an opponent. We played some fun games to warm up before we played a match. It was hard to control the ball on the muddy pitch, but we still really enjoyed it and had fun.

Thank you to all those involved in keeping our school so safe: the report from our statutory Health and Safety Inspection stated, "an excellent site with good levels of compliance and items of best practice noted." Please remember that children must be dropped off and collected from the playground at the beginning and end of the day, and **not** the courtyard outside the hall.



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

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

Updates and Reminders

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December is “pull on a pullover” Christmas Jumper Day: Save the Children’s fundraising day. We have a day of festive fun planned, including the school Christmas Lunch. So, it’s Christmas Jumpers, hats and sprouts...for all who wish to join in. We will support Save the Children, by delivering age appropriate messages about their work and forwarding the donations of £1 for wearers of Christmas jumpers.

Snowflakes

This week saw the arrival in the front garden of the Christmas tree. 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.**

The Parish Council have requested that parents do not park in the Parish Hall car park because this leaves no space for users of the Parish Hall.

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

The school health nurse team have sent a reminder of the NHS infection control measures, as we all try to minimise the spread of nasty bugs.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There’s no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for 48 HOURS
 after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice
 Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.
 They’re the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment

Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains

Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids

If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

cheices Food Standards Agency

