

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Health and well-being continue to be a huge focus in school, with children talking this week, in age-appropriate ways about mental health. [Top tips for families](#) is a useful resource for having such conversations with your child, there is NHS advice from [Children's mental health - Every mind matters](#) and a [CAMHS Parent Webinar](#).

Internet Safety is much in the news. Our older pupils, particularly, feel reassured to know that our filtering and monitoring software triggers an immediate alert if anyone inadvertently attempts to access a blocked website... Tuesday was UK Safer Internet Day, here are the [top tips for parents and carers](#).

The children were delighted to welcome Rev'd Sarah Mortimer to their classes when she dropped in for a visit earlier this week, having started her role as Vicar in Launton last week.

And in other news, Chestnut class thoroughly enjoyed their sporting morning at the Sports Hall Activities competition at The Cooper School. Ralph reports: We came 1st 5 times, 2nd 3 times, 3rd and 4th once. We enjoyed seeing people we knew, friends from other schools and old Launton pupils. We cheered everyone on!



Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service Road Safety Team have asked us to signpost you to their guide [Walking with Children 365Alive](#). The [Footsteps](#) programme is simple 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, you 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.



Children in Ash class have been working hard to ensure that their giant teeth are as sparkling clean as their own teeth.



Key dates

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

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Message from the PTA

WORLD BOOK DAY SALE – 7th March
After school on Thursday 7th March we will have our annual children's book sale. If you have any donations of books suitable for ages 4-11 please bring them in after half term. Don't forget to ask family or friends too. There will be a box outside the hall building for children to put the books in.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Sunday 24th March

We're still on the hunt for an Easter bunny...

Save the date for this fun annual event. Please get in touch if you can get involved. Leaflets around the village will need to go out w/c 4th March and egg collection will be in the evening of Friday 15th March.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

As the seasons change don't forget to get in touch with Emma Austin for any uniform you may need. There is a handy list on Facebook of what she has available.

Contact us by email at friends@launton-pta.co.uk

The trustees this year are;

Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Lucy Crawford

Secretary: Sarah Harrison

Treasurer: Laura Pickering & Laura Smith



In other news

The Annual Village Clean Up has been scheduled for 9th March. More information can be found [here](#).

Breakfast Club and After School Care - We are really pleased to advise parents whose children use Breakfast Club, that from immediately after half-term the number of places available in Breakfast Club will increase, to reflect the increasing demand. There will also be extra places in After School Care on Mondays and Thursdays to respond to the recent increase in demand on these days.

Oxfordshire County Council are carrying out a county-wide survey about wraparound care; it would be really helpful if you could complete their survey, as they look to see how they might help schools to extend provision in response to a rising need nationally. [Survey Link](#)

Updates & Reminders

After the half-term break, children who need a break time snack may bring fresh fruit or vegetables that they can eat easily, for example, washed carrots are very popular.

The Department for Education provides a range of fresh fruit and vegetables for the children in Year 2, Year 1, Reception and Nursery to have every day.

Useful Links -

Please see information about a really useful [Family Links Program](#) that our Home School Link worker will be running shortly.

The NHS has published the following guidance for parents and carers about [measles](#).

Half Term Activities –

[Stem Holiday Camp](#)

[Oxford United in the Community Girls Only Half Term Camp](#)

[Oxford United in the Community with Easington Sports FC Half Term Camp](#)

Community Events –

[Launton Village Players Pantomime - Rapunzel](#)

[Oxfordshire Libraries Short Story Competition](#)

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.

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](#)