

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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Message from the PTA

We would like to thank all the parents/carers, children, staff and members of the community for supporting the activities of the PTA this term, and wish you all a happy and healthy festive break!

Fundraising Links

If you are doing any online shopping in the lead up to Christmas, 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. Please follow the links below to access Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising [and click 'support us'](#)

[Amazon Smile User Guide](#)

Message from St Mary's Church

24/12/21 *Crib Service* – 3pm in the Church

Do come along and play your part in the story of Jesus' birth– dressed as a Star, an Angel, a Shepherd or a Sheep if you would like to

02/01/22 The next *Family Service* - 11am in the Church when we will hear about the Three Kings travelling to meet the Baby Jesus
All welcome

NB The Community Café will be taking a break over the holiday

We will be back on 11/01/22 - So please do come along!

Message from Mrs. Paterson



Happy Christmas



Term resumes on Tuesday 4th January 2022. In case of emergency, I can be contacted by email.

Breakfast and afterschool care are available from Tuesday 4th January and clubs resume the following week.

Dates for your diary

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

[January Flu Catch up Clinics](#)

Updates and Reminders

The DfE have updated the guidelines, following the increasing infection rates.

Children aged 5 years and over, and all adults must take lateral flow tests for 7 days if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19 (of any variety). Children's negative test results should be reported to school daily by email to office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk if the child is non-symptomatic and attending school.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and [order a PCR test](#) to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

School Lunches

The cut off for ordering hot school meals for the first week back is early **Thursday 30th December**.

Reading Challenge

We'd also like to share with you details of The Reading Agency's Winter Mini Challenge, a follow-up to their Summer Reading Challenge, which many of your children will have enjoyed.



Once again, they are in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Challenge dates: Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Sunday 16th January 2022

To take part in the challenge, children simply choose a reading goal, choose any number of books, eBooks and audiobooks, then rate and review them online.

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking rewards including a virtual badge and certificate. The website will also feature games, reading activities and book reviews.

More information can be found at www.wintermini.org.uk

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.
