

Issue 114
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Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from St Mary's Church

"AN INVITATION FROM ST
MARY'S CHURCH

You are welcome to come along
to our Zoom
Family Service to celebrate
"OUR WONDERFUL WORLD"
2 May at 10 am
Details available from Revd Peter
on
revpeterwright@gmail.com or
01869 572272"

Message from Mrs. Paterson



The PTA have arranged a Rags2Riches collection for **May 12th**. If you have anything which you would like to donate the school receives 40p per kilo for school projects. Please bag up your donations of clothes, accessories, or shoes, in good condition, in a sealed binbag and leave them on the **lawn of the Parish Hall** on the morning of May 12th. Thank you to the PTA for finding an inventive solution so that this collection can take place.

Parents Evening

Next week, we will have parents' evenings by telephone. Booking can be completed through the school website using your School Life login, as in the autumn term. Booking is open now and will close tomorrow for Tuesday's appointments and on Tuesday for the later days. You will not need to make an appointment this way if your child's class teacher has already contacted you to make an arrangement.

Supporting parents in Oxfordshire

As part of Oxfordshire's Readiness for School strategy, the Local Authority Early Years Team wants to establish what parents have found helpful during the past year, or information/support they wanted but could not find. If you would like to complete a questionnaire to help them, you will find it here.

[Early Years parents and carers website - Oxfordshire County Council Consultation Portal.](#)

As always, we will take due regard of evolving DfE requirements and plan accordingly, keeping you updated.

Dates for your diary

21st May 2021 – Class Photographs
(These will be done following all Covid Infection Control Guidelines)

[Term dates 2020-2021](#)

[Term Dates 2021 2022](#)

Updates and Reminders

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.

As the weather hopefully continues to improve, please think about sending your child with a sunhat, clearly labelled with their name, and ensure that all the garments that children quickly remove when the sun comes out are also labelled.

Children **must not** bring suncream to school (or nursery): please apply it before school.

[Term 5 School Nurse Newsletter](#)

Cherwell - <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/258/coronavirus/736/coronavirus-self-isolation-payments>

Home testing kits to support the return to school

The government has announced that all households with primary and secondary school and college-aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, will be encouraged to start regular twice-weekly rapid lateral flow testing as schools return on 8 March.

Tests are available for **adults in these households** to [order online](#), which can be delivered to their home or collected at a local **symptomatic PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test site**. These PCR sites are where people go to get tested when they have symptoms of COVID-19 and because of that, collection of these home test kits is set for 1pm - 7pm when testing of symptomatic people will not be taking place.

The PCR local testing sites (LTS) and regional testing site (RTS) offering the collection of home testing kits (referred to as LTS-collect and RTS-collect) in Oxfordshire are:

Regional testing site (drive-through)

- Oxford Parkway, Water Eaton Park & Ride, Oxford Road, Oxford, OX2 8HA

Local testing sites (walk-through)

- Woodgreen Leisure Centre, Woodgreen Avenue, Banbury, OX16 0HS
- Osney Lane, Oxford, OX1 1NY
- Woodford Way car park, Witney, OX28 6JS

You do not need to make an appointment, but you can [check online](#) if the location is open or busy before you go. A reminder collection is 1pm - 7pm.

In Oxfordshire, home tests kits **cannot currently be collected from the county council's symptom-free testing sites**, which are Spiceball Leisure Centre (Banbury), The Beacon (Wantage), The King's Centre (Oxford). **Please do not go to one of these sites** as the kits they have are not suitable for home use. We will keep you posted if this changes.
