

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Talk in school this week has been very preoccupied with trees...

Over the coming days, the children will be planting two apple saplings: a Blenheim Orange, which will give tasty apples for the children to cook with; and Scrumptious, whose apples are thin-skinned red apples for eating.

The children in Chestnut Class are going to be finding out about some of England's great forests: Thetford Forest, Sherwood Forest, the New Forest and the Forest of Dean, and teaching the younger children about these forests.

It's snowflake time on the Launton Christmas Tree in aid of Cancer Research UK.

If you would like to dedicate a snowflake to a loved one, the children will hang it on the Christmas Tree for you.

Make your donation online via this link <https://www.iustgiving.com/page/launton-school-1668687564521> and email office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk with the name of the person to be remembered and we will write it on the snowflake. Alternatively, donations and names can also be posted in the school post box.



Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

Christmas Festival Friday 2nd December 5:30pm - 7:30pm

All are invited and we are looking forward to a time of festive family fun with crafts, games, food & drink, bottle and gift tomobola etc! Pre-ordered tickets have been sent home and additional entry tickets will be available on the gate.

🎵 Festive songs and carols kindly performed by The Launton Players 🎵

🔑 Bottle Tombola 🎁 Toy Tombola

😊 Festive face painting 🦆 Christmas hook-a-duck

🔍 Guess the name of the teddy

🔍 Guess the value of the chocolate coins

🍰 Cake stall 🧶 Christmas crafts

We will be running a raffle on the day, with prizes kindly donated by local businesses and parents, including:

📄 January Scramble tickets for 2 adults (kids go free)

📖 4 signed books donated by Coles Bookshop in Bicester

🍫 Chocolate goodie bags from Justin Bucknell and Stonelily

🎟 Family skate voucher for Oxford Ice Rink

🎟 Pair of Bicester Golf and Spa day vouchers (x3)

☕ £10 FLTR Coffee Shop voucher

🍫 Tropic goodies from Susie Foster

🍷 Prezzo free desert voucher (max 4 people)

🍷 Prezzo free bottle of Prosecco

🍷 Prezzo two kids eat free

🧴 Arbonne shea butter from Healthy Living with Liz

✂ Free haircut from Andy's Barbershop Bicester

📖 Children's Usborne book bundle from The Little Fox Bookshop

🌈 Beautiful wooden rainbow from Little Stories UK

🎩 Giant magic set

Please also let us know if you are able to make/buy any cakes for the cake stall or volunteer to help on the day (30mins slots available). Thank you to those who have already signed up to help.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email (friendsofLaunton-pta@googlegroups.com) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat. Chair: Victoria Brandham

Vice Chair: Liz Moore

Secretary: Ruth West

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

Do come along to our *Family Christingle Service* In aid of The Children's Society

4 December at 11am

Any queries, please contact Celia on 01869 571735 celiamanderson@aol.com

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH

24/12/22 *Crib Service* - 3pm

Do come along and play your part in the story of Jesus' birth - dressed as a Star, an Angel, a Shepherd or a Sheep

01/01/23 January *Family Service* - 11am

when we will hear about the Three Kings travelling to meet the Baby Jesus

All welcome



In other news

Provisional dates for diaries, with information to follow

- **Christmas Lunch Day and “Christmas Jumper Day”** in support of Save the Children **Thursday 8th December** to make a donation to Save the Children please follow this link - [Donate here.](#)
- **Rowan and Willow Class Nativity** in school 9.30am **Friday 16th December**
- **Ash Class Nativity** in school 10.45am **Friday 16th December**
- **Carol Service** in St Mary's Church 9.30am **Tuesday 20th December**
- Additional Bank Holiday for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III **Monday 8th May 2023**

Updates & Reminders

[Light the Light at The Hummingbird Centre 04.12.22](#)

[Winter Weekends at OYAP](#)

[Launton Community Choir Christmas Concert](#)

[Term 2 School Nurse Newsletter](#)

[Discover - 50 things to do before you're five](#)

Parents / Carers of children who reach the age of 4 on or before 31st August 2023

Applications for School places must be made to the Local Authority no later than 15th January 2023 for places in school. If your child has a place in a nursery class (including the children in our own Cherry Class), you must still apply for a school place in a reception class. Applications for school places can be made [here.](#)

National Guidance

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- Please follow this link to the latest information from the UK Health Security Agency regarding when to keep a child off school - [UKHSA Update](#)
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

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.