

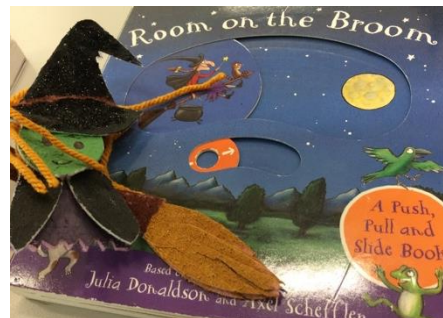
Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Thank you very much to everyone who supported the PTA World Book Day book sale. A magnificent **£178** was raised and, most importantly, the front garden was full of children eagerly choosing books to read.



Teachers will be available for parent-teacher meetings after school during the week beginning 20th March (with an additional date on 19th April for Ash Class). Appointments can be booked in the usual way through the school website/school life app from 9am on Monday 13th March; please contact the office by email if you need a reminder of your login details.



Key dates

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term Dates 2023/2024

Message from the PTA

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Sunday 26th March 2023, 2-4pm**. Please remember to pre-order your tickets by 17th March.

Tickets can also be purchased at Stone Lily hairdressers and the Costcutter in Launton.

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have been distributing leaflets around the village this week. Please let us know if you are able to help us with the collection of donations on **17th March from 6pm**.

Please also let us know if you are able to help on the day or provide some cakes for the cake stall on the day.

30th March 2023: Pre-loved uniform sale at The Elms, Station Road, Launton (first house on the left after Yew Tree Close).

11th May 2023: Rags2Riches clothing collection.

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
Treasurers: Laura Pickering and Sarah Harrison



Updates & Reminders

Safety

The playground gates are opened at 3.10pm to allow parents and carers to collect children more easily than from the car park. If you have a small child with you, **they must not climb on school equipment**. The trim trail looks superficially like climbing equipment found in some public play areas but it has been designed to be safely used under teacher supervision and by older pupils.

The Parish Hall car park and surrounding area present significant challenges. Please do not park on the corner, obscuring the view round the bend, as this is dangerous. The signs on the corner are not taking up a parking space: this is not a safe space to leave a vehicle.

Oxfordshire Youth is delivering online **Mental Health Awareness Training** specifically for **Parents and Carers** of children and young people. **The sessions are FREE for Oxfordshire residents.**

The Mental Health Awareness Training for parents and carers aims to aid understanding of relevant topics surrounding young people's mental health today. The training also explores how parents/carers can talk to their young people about the struggles around ill mental health and where they can seek support.

For further information or to book on our next training session on **Thursday 9th March online**, please click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-476362271377>

In order to receive your ticket for free, please use the first part of your postcode as the promo code in capital letters (e.g: OX4) and click APPLY.

The training sessions lasts just over 1.5 hours and include presentations and group work, providing the opportunity to speak with other parents and carers about young people's mental health.

National Guidance

There are lots of respiratory infections that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating this time of year.

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported.

It's important to minimise the spread of infection in school as much as possible:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.
- Teach children the importance of good hand hygiene, practice regular handwashing with soap and warm water.
- Catch coughs and sneezes in tissues then bin them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.
- Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if they do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings or visit vulnerable people unless urgent.
- Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus.

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.