

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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The field has been much enjoyed during the spell of warm weather recently. The digging area has been busy each break and lunch time, with many treasures - from worms to pottery - being discovered.



Key dates

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

Message from St Mary's Church

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

You are very welcome to come along to our
NEXT FAMILY SERVICE
In Church on 3 April at 11.00am

When we will be anticipating
PALM SUNDAY

Message from the PTA

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday 2nd April!

We would also appreciate any baked or bought goods for the cake sale to be collected on 1st April 2022.

Thank you very much to everyone who posted leaflets in the village and collected Easter eggs and other donations. We are very grateful to the community for being so generous.

We are excited to introduce a "Teddy Tombola" to the event and would appreciate additional donations of new or pre-loved (clean and in good condition) stuffed toys for the tombola. Please pass donations on at the school gate.

We would also appreciate any baked or bought goods for the cake sale. Victoria Brandham will be collecting donations at the school gate on Friday morning and afternoon, we can arrange for cakes to be collected from homes in Launton on Saturday morning, or they can be brought to school from 10:30am on Saturday morning.

We look forward to seeing many of the children, families and the community coming together.

Please join our Facebook and WhatsApp fundraising groups for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902321096595892/?ref=share>

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I4NRcYnL8Tb3BU90psnlbZ>

It is good to see that the three cherry trees planted by pupils in December are alive and well and beginning to blossom. The trees were planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Bridge Closure - From Monday 28th March until Friday 27th May the bridge into Launton Village will be closed to vehicles. It will remain open for pedestrians and cyclists. The diversion for vehicles is via the A41.

In other news

This year we have decided to take part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel' to encourage children to be more active on their route to school. The event is running from 21st March to the 1st April and we will record how many children are walking, cycling, scootering or using a wheelchair to get to school during this time. We are inviting everyone to take part and are very much looking forward to helping families within the community to be more active.



Important information

Information for parents and carers on COVID-19 vaccination for at risk 5 to 11 year olds

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine, in line with advice set out by the [Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation \(JCVI\)](#). Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.



Updates & Reminders

[Multiplication Tables Check](#) – Parent Information from the DfE about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables check completed annually in June.

[Ignite Easter Holiday Camp](#)

[CDC Easter Hub](#)

[ChatHealth](#) – a safe and secure text messaging service between healthcare professionals and service users that provides confidential help, advice and signposts support.

Oxfordshire Youth has a new Mental Health Awareness session for parents and carers on the 5th April.

This session is online and free for all Oxfordshire parents and carers. When clicking on the link to get tickets, please place the first part of the Oxfordshire postcode into the PROMO code section (e.g OX4) and click 'apply'.

The link for the session on the 5th April is below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-online-mental-health-awareness-session-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-287905050757>

Updated 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.
- 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.