

Launton C of E School Newsletter

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"In Chestnut Class, we have been learning to draw like an artist, copying this good artist's drawing of a dragon. We had to pause when we had a power cut so we haven't finished the wings and the body yet..."



"Yesterday we were describing the plants that are growing in the raised flower beds in the playground. We wrote a letter to Miss Nightingale to ask questions about the flowers in the beds. We also noticed some upturned flower pots in the beds and we have lots of questions about those. Why is the pot in the middle? What is under the pot? Are there bugs or bees under? Is it to keep sunshine out, or keep something in?" Olivia and Orlaith



Oak Class have spent the morning representing Launton School at a Tag Rugby festival at The Cooper School. Sports Leaders from Year 7 and 8 assisted, including former Launton pupils Riley, Leon and Matilda-May.

"We had a warm up". "We won all three of our matches". "We had been training in PE lessons". "It was really exciting to travel by coach". "We had fun playing against other schools and we recognised players from some of the other teams". "We all showed good sportsmanship". The sports reporters were Ella, Spencer, Elsie and Millie.

Key dates

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

Message from the PTA

We are looking forward to hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 2nd April! We are arranging a rota with 30 minute slots for volunteers - please let us know if you are able to help on the day.

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. All donations will be quarantined for the appropriate length time before being included in the tombola.

For those who have kindly volunteered to collect Easter egg donations on Friday evening, Laura Pickering will provide details of where to drop the eggs off.

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

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:

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

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.

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 done 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

If your child tests positive they will need to isolate for 10 days before returning to school. Day 0 is the day the symptoms started or they took the positive test (PCR or LFT).

Your child can return to school on day 6 under the following circumstances

Day 0 – first day of symptoms or day the positive test was taken.

Day 5 – negative LFT (report to school via email office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk)

Day 6 – negative LFT (report to school via email) and can return to school

You should not take an LFD test before the fifth day of your self-isolation period, and you should only end your self-isolation after you have had 2 negative LFD tests taken on consecutive days. You should stop testing after you have had 2 consecutive negative test results. If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

When to keep self-isolating after 10 days - If you have a high temperature after the 10 days, or are feeling unwell, keep self-isolating and seek medical advice.

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.