

Launton C of E School Newsletter



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Children in Chestnut Class have been applying what they have been learning in science.

We grew lettuce in plastic trays that we had brought from home. We wanted to reuse packaging to help the environment; During our visit to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility, we found out that reusing plastic uses less energy than recycling.

Reported by Poppy, Haruka and Sofia

The seeds germinated really well in the polytunnel. We had to spread the seeds out evenly. The leaves tasted delicious and can be used in lots of different meals.

Reported by Henry, Alfie, Elliot and Clarence.

Last week some of the children took part in the mini marathon. They showed great determination and stamina and combined completed a massive 1,450 laps which equates to 207 miles! That is the same as running 7.9 marathons!

Individual class totals

Class	Total laps	Miles
Beech	203	29
Oak	262	37
Chestnut	985	140



A huge well done to everyone who took part. A fantastic achievement!

INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

All are warmly invited to our
SPECIAL CORONATION CELEBRATION
ALL WELCOME FAMILY SERVICE
In Church on 7 May at 11.00am

Also, do please try to visit the Exhibition,
illustrating some of the King's many interests

Message from the PTA

We'd like to thank Michelle Partlett (Cherry & Rowan) for volunteering to sell the surplus books from the WBD sale. Thank you for your time and effort which raised a further £35.

The Rags2Riches 4 Schools clothing collection will be on **Thursday 11th May 2023 from 9am**. Please donate your good quality reusable clothing. Please let us know if you need additional bags.

Clothing Recycling Fun Facts*

♻️ If everyone in the UK bought just one reclaimed woollen garment each year, it would save an average of 1,686,000 litres of water and 480 tonnes of chemical dye stuff

♻️ By collecting 1kg of used clothing, one can reduce:

- 3.6kg of Co2 emissions
- 6,000 litres of water consumption
- 0.3kg of the use of fertilisers
- 0.2kg of the use of pesticides

(*source: <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-happens-to-the-clothes/>)

SAVE THE DATE: 8th July 2023 - Summer BBQ

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us in person or by email (friends@launton-pta.co.uk) should you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, to be added to our fundraising WA group or just for a chat.



Updates & Reminders

Key dates

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

[Term Dates 2023/2024](#)

[School Nurse Newsletter Term 5](#)

[Science Half Term Holiday Camp](#)

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.