

Launton C of E School Newsletter

Message from the PTA

We would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you for supporting the PTA activities and events last term. We are looking forward to another term of fundraising and community engagement, and are always pleased to receive ideas and feedback from all parents/carers.

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

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

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J4NRcYnL8Tb3BU90psnbZ>

Message from St Mary's Church

NB The Community Café resumes on 11/01/22 - So please do come along!

Themed Lunch Day

On Thursday 20th January it is 'Lucky Lunch Day' if your child would like the themed lunch please order through School Money (The School Lunch Company ordering site). The themed menu may not show for that day so please order the meat option on that day for your child to have the Chicken Fillet Poppers and order the vegetarian option on that day for your child to have the Quorn burger. Cut off for ordering the themed lunch will be early Thursday 13th January.

Message from Mrs. Paterson

Happy New Year

It has been an interesting start to the term.

Our school values are **Courage, Integrity, Resilience and Compassion** and all of these have been very much in evidence in school this week.

Welcome to the new families whose children have started in Cherry Class. We have been so impressed with our new children who have clearly enjoyed making new friends and discovering new activities!

Casper: 'I love the little toys and the fire engines.'
Austin: 'The new Playmobil figures have helmets and tools!'
Rosie: 'I like to feed and dress the babies.'
Mantaj: 'I like painting and drawing on the big easel.'
Lara: 'We have lots of stories. I love my friends.'
Harrison: 'We have instruments and sing songs with Mrs Flack.'
Beatrice: 'Our bulbs are coming up in our garden now!'



The children have settled in to the routine of school very quickly and are enjoying their learning.

Cherry Class and Ash Class are learning about transport and travel. Ash Class were demonstrating this morning how to sign "Once upon a time", as they are becoming ever more familiar with Traditional Tales.

Rowan and Willow Class are learning about Africa, and about properties of materials in Science.

Oak Class are learning about light and sound in Science and the Romans in History, whilst Chestnut and Beech Class are starting to look at the Vikings in History.

Dates for your diary

[Term Dates 2021/2022](#)

[Term Dates 2022/2023](#)

Updates and Reminders

Updated National Guidance

Children aged 5 years and over, and all adults must take lateral flow tests for 7 days if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19. Children's negative test results should be reported to school daily by email to office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk if the child is non-symptomatic and attending school.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate. If they have symptoms you must order a PCR test.

For primary aged children [LFD test kits are available through the usual routes](#) (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

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 8 under the following circumstances

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

Day 6 – negative LFT (report to school via email office.3085@launton.oxon.sch.uk)

Day 7 – negative LFT (report to school via email) and can return to school

Day 8 – negative LFT can attend school

Day 9 – negative LFT

Day 10- negative LFT

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.

Reading Challenge

We'd also like to share with you details of The Reading Agency's Winter Mini Challenge, a follow-up to their Summer Reading Challenge, which many of your children will have enjoyed. Once again, they are in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature.



Challenge dates: Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Sunday 16th January 2022

To take part in the challenge, children simply choose a reading goal, choose any number of books, eBooks and audiobooks, then rate and review them online.

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking rewards including a virtual badge and certificate. The website will also feature games, reading activities and book reviews.

More information can be found at www.wintermini.org.uk

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.
