



Launde Newsletter

27 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our families. We also say a warm welcome to our new families who have joined our community at the beginning of the year.

Our staff have been looking forward to teaching your children this year and have been busy planning exciting, engaging learning for them. Your children have arrived eager to learn, which clearly you have influenced, which has been lovely to see. This is already evident in the classes this week.

During our staff training days, our staff have been evaluating the curriculum on offer for your children to ensure it is the best it can be, with their future at the heart of all decisions. Carrying on the work from last year, reading will continue to be a key focus as this unlocks learning in all other learning. We have updated our school library and the guided readings texts that the children will be using to ensure books are up to date and relevant. Each newsletter will contain a reading author focus to support our parents in joining us with this. We know our parents always support reading at home and we hope that by evaluating different authors it will help when it comes to books choices made at home.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 31 August – Friday 3 September: Foundation children in for half days

Tuesday 21 September – School photos

Thursday 23 September – Foundation reading workshop

Thursday 30 September – Foundation math workshop

Monday 11 + Tuesday 12 October – Parents' Evening

Monday 18 – Friday 22 October – Half term

Author of the Week – Jill Murphy



The late Jill Murphy, author and illustrator, is this week's recommendation. She was best known for the best-selling *Worst Witch* series of novels (the first being published when she was only eighteen). You may also be familiar

with the much-loved picture book *Peace at Last* and award-winning *Large* family series that was adapted for television.

Here is a list of books that you may be able to borrow from the local library and enjoy reading with your children.

Age 5 - 9 Readers

- *The Worst Witch*
- *The Worst Witch Strikes Again*
- *A Bad Spell for the Worst Witch*
- *The Worst Witch All at Sea*
- *The Worst Witch Saves the Day*
- *The Worst Witch to the Rescue*
- *The Worst Witch and the Wishing Star*
- *First Prize for The Worst Witch*

Age 3+ Readers

- *Peace at Last*
- *Five Minutes Peace*
- *Meltdown*
- *Whatever Next!*
- *The Last Noo-Noo*
- *On the Way Home*



The importance of talk

As a school, we have also been exploring the importance of talk, also called oracy. Especially following the last two years where children have been isolated away from their friends more than usual. Talking to each other is very important to encourage, so it will be a focus of the work this year. Talking helps with rehearsing, understanding and applying learning in many different contexts. Our staff will be planning opportunities for a lot more talk, including asking you to talk with your children at home too!

Attendance

As ever, our children learn best and make the best progress when they are in school. Attendance is very important. In assemblies this week, we will be relaunching the attendance weekly class certificates with the children, as well as working towards the class prizes and individual prizes at the end of the year. Please ensure your child is in school as much as possible and is on time. It does make such a difference to how well they settle into school and their outcomes, both emotionally and academically.

Covid-19 Guidance

We are pleased to share that the guidance for Covid 19 restrictions has been updated. As a staff there are some things we feel appropriate to keep in place, certainly for the Autumn term to ensure health and safety of our pupils, and staff.

- Staggered places for drop off and pick up will remain
- Cleaners are employed throughout the school day to clean light switches, door handles and other regularly used areas
- Limited visitors to the school site
- Year groups playtime and lunchtimes to remain separate
- PE kits to be worn on day of PE
- Requesting parents and visitors to wear face masks on school site

Although restrictions have lifted in the country, we are aware that the number of cases remains a concern for some of our community so we hope that the measures we have put in place will keep our staff and pupils as safe and limit the spread of covid somewhat.

For further details, our updated risk assessment is published on our school website.

Uniform reminder

Please remember that children must attend school well-presented in their uniform. See across.

Red jumpers and cardigans with the Launde crest are available to buy from the school office, along with Launde bookbags, red PE joggers, t-shirts and shorts.

Our school uniform:

Navy skirt/pinafore
Navy trousers
Simple red/white knee length dress
White socks or tights - **NO**
LEGGINGS
Summer shorts

Curriculum letters

Curriculum letters will be sent from each year group today. Please do read through to see the topics that the children will be covering. More detailed curriculum information can be found on the school website on each year group page in a document called 'Curriculum overview'. There is a different one for each year group.

Being a parent
is such a tough job...

We've all said it,

But who's
listening?

We are!

'Living with Teenagers' 6-week digital zoom programme.



families are at the heart of us ●

A **Living with Teenagers** group is a safe, friendly and relaxed course for parents experiencing behaviour and communication difficulties with their teenagers. The group aims to recognise that you are the real experts on your own teenager, whilst giving you the opportunity to share your experiences with other parents. We aim to support you in developing your skills in coping with, and managing your teenager's behaviour.

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Your free local group for parents and carers
in Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland.

Venue : Via Zoom.

Time : 6:30pm - 7.45pm

Dates :

1. Thursday 5th August 2021
2. Thursday 12th August 2021
3. Thursday 19th August 2021
4. Thursday 26th August 2021
5. Thursday 2nd September 2021
6. Thursday 9th September 2021