



Launde Newsletter

30 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Looking back over the year, it has been pleasing to see our residential and school visits have taken place to enhance their in class learning. My thanks to all the staff that give up their time to make these visits happen. The Year 6 children have returned from their week's residential to Skern, Devon and were full of

excited tales of what they enjoyed the most out on the water in lovely weather. Thanks to our parents for supporting this and other visits. They do make memories which they will hold for many years to come. We have also welcomed other schools to the school so that our children get to



work with older children and see some of the different activities our local schools get up to – language lessons, science linked to Harry Potter and playground games have all taken place. I have been delighted that music lessons have started this year as well to recognize the different talents our children have.

We were also awarded this week gold school games award. This is in recognition of the PE that takes place within the school day as well as the competition and after school club provision. Thanks to Mr

..ukadam for organising this and to our parents who help by taking the children to various events.



Thank you to all that supported our summer fair. We managed to raise a wonderful £1906.59. We are putting this money towards large playground equipment as our trim trail is now past using as the wood has rotted in places. This makes a huge start to

raising the money for this. Thank you for all who attended.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 July – Year 1 & Year 2 – Sports Day AM 9.30-11.00 – **All Year 1/Year 2 children to come in PE kit this day**

Wednesday 5 July – Year 4 Beaumanor Hall Nature Day Trip

Wednesday 5 July – Foundation – Sports Day AM 9.30-10.30AM – **All foundation children to come in PE kit this day**

Thursday 6 July – Year 3 & Year 4 – Sports Day PM 1.30-3.00pm – **All Year 3/Year 4 children to come in PE kit this day**

Thursday 6 July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 6.30pm

Wednesday 12 July Year 5 & Year 6 – Sports Day AM 9.30-11.00am – **CHANGE OF DATE All Year 5/Year 6 children to come in PE kit this day**

Wednesday 12 July – Year 6 Leavers party 1-2pm

Thursday 13 July – **Last day of school**

Tuesday 29 August – Year 1- Year 6 back to school.

Keeping Our Children Safe

The Unions have declared 2 further strike days this term.

Please note that no members of staff are striking on Wednesday 5 July. Some staff are striking on Friday 7 July, a separate letter has gone out to all parents today. As they don't want the children to miss out on significant events, the staff have asked for Year 5/6 sports day and the Year 6 to be moved.

New dates are on the diary dates. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Attendance is on the rise!

It has been a tricky year for both children and staff as we have, as last year, worked through high absences throughout the year. It has felt much more 'normal' but with frequent reminders that we are not quite there yet. We know that parents have been trying hard to make sure children are attending school wherever possible, and are on time, and to help us build up that resilience in our children again. This is so important as we look ahead to next year. Our attendance is at 95.1%. This is higher than last year – well done to all! Thank you for working with us and seeing the importance of daily schooling and being on time – your support with this has been appreciated. It would be good to see our attendance rate rise to 96% next year. My special thanks go to those families who have been trying their best to return to the norm where school is routine and days off for illness rare.

Keeping Our Children Safe

As I mentioned in my previous email, we have been reviewing our safeguarding arrangements in order to keep the children safe and follow the most up to date guidelines published by the government. Some parents have been asking if there has been an incident. I can reassure you that there has not. My role as Head this year has been to review current practices and see whether any improvements can be made. Sometimes those practices are internal and not seen by parents however our two latest ones, tightening up on gate supervision at the beginning and end of the day is more visual. We have also had a lock down practice which we will be doing every year going forward. In the words of a very sensible School council member 'We know what to do now so we won't worry if we had to do it for real.' – although it may be worrying at the time, we did prepare the children and staff and reassure them this time in advance.

Building Work in the Holidays

Fencing will be put in place in the summer to help us keep the children safe. This will be near the main gate on New Street. Access to school when we come back will remain the same – parents will still walk through the gates but there will be 2 sets of gates. The internal one will be closed then at 8.45am and stay locked all day. This means that all visitors will then only have access to the school office area first rather than the playground. We have worked closely with gingerbread who will have their own gate at the side of the building. There will be benches in the waiting area for parents. It also means that the children will have more area to play in too which they will enjoy. We have also have lots of improvements in place such as canteen flooring, tarmacking area outside Sunburst and Rainbows End. The main building and new building will also all have replacement LED lighting using a government grant and the heating system in Foxton and Swithland is planned in to be updated and made more efficient.

On a larger scale, I can also share with you we have been successful in our CIF bid finally this year for the replacement of two of the outer classrooms to have a new build. This is excellent news. The Trust has funded a small percentage of this but the BID covers most of the work. This building will be placed by the rear gate on a piece of land that is largely unused currently. They will then demolish the two classrooms – Rosewood and Rivendell - in the summer holidays 2024 - so there will be no children around. Here is a photo of a proposed design. I will of course keep you posted on updates of when the work will begin.

Proposed Visual



Next Academic Year

As the end of term is fast approaching, I would like to look ahead to next year and share with you the staffing arrangements. There are a few members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year and I am sure you join me in thanking them for their hard work. Miss Taylor is leaving us to run a wedding venue business. We wish her all the best for whatever the future may hold. Miss Hayer Gibb, a TA working in Year 6, will also be leaving us to complete her teacher training degree.

We have one new member of staff joining us in Year 3, Mrs Kaur. She has been a teacher for several years so is ready and experienced to support our pupils. She will be in school at our Welcome evenings so you can meet her and she will be meeting on the class on class transition morning. Mrs Spencer has returned from maternity leave and has been covering classes for management time and subject leader time for this term. She will be back in the classroom in Year 1 from the beginning of next year.

The class arrangements for next year are as follows:

Foundation	Miss Barratt	Miss Moore	Mrs Williams/Mrs Lynch
Year 1	Mrs Merz	Mrs Wilkinson/Mrs Spencer	Miss Pearson
Year 2	Miss Smith	Miss Stewart	Mrs Allen
Year 3	Mrs Nerney	Mrs Kaur	Miss Tobin
Year 4	Mrs Melody	Mrs Johal	Miss Dale (Mrs Frost)
Year 5	Mr Frost	Miss Parker	Miss Wakeling
Year 6	Mrs Johnston	Mr Mukadam	Mr Woodhead

Mrs Sitaram will be working at the school covering classes for my senior staff so that we have consistency in teaching approaches.

Our other exciting news is that Miss Dale and Mr Frost are getting married in the holidays. We wish them a wonderful day. When Miss Dale returns she will be 'Mrs Frost'.

We are holding the welcome meetings in person this year in our school hall. I do hope you can come along and find out the expectations for the year ahead and meet the staff. They will last approximately 30 minutes. May I remind you they are for the year that your child will be going into - the year they will be next year e.g. If your child is in Year 1 this year, then you need to attend the Year 2 meeting.

Monday 10 July 2.30pm Year 2
Monday 10 July 3.30pm Year 4
Monday 10 July 4.30pm Year 6
Tuesday 11 July 2.30pm Year 1
Tuesday 11 July 3.30pm Year 3
Tuesday 11 July 4.30pm Year 5

You will find out which class your child is in on Thursday, when they receive their school report. The classes are organised after a great amount of careful consideration and take into account many different factors. The children are not asked their friendship groups as these often change however staff do monitor who they play with on the playground and who they work well with.

We look forward to seeing many of you at sports days and the welcome events over the next two weeks.

Saffron Lane Athletics

Launde girls claim four medals at Saffron Lane Athletics competition

The annual athletics competition held at Saffron Lane was on Tuesday this week. As always, competition was tough, with many great athletes from the Oadby and Wigston area. However, our children persevered in their events, always trying their best and never giving up! Well done to all our children who took part but a special mention to our four medal winners: Naia (1st), Aniyah (1st), Saara (2nd) and Mariya (2nd). Full details of all our children who took part and their events are below:

Year 3

50 metre sprint – Julia
400 metres – Nayan
400 metres – Mili
Howler throw – Jasmin

Year 4

50 metre sprint – Mehwish
400 metres – Neeam
400 metres – Naia
Howler throw – Aniyah

Year 5

75 metre sprint – Saara
75 metre sprint – Ismail
600 metres – Lawrence
Howler throw – Saara
Long jump – Eryk
Long jump – Hooria

Year 6

75 metre sprint – Mariya
600 metres – Malak
600 metres – Hanson
Howler throw – Anshul
Howler throw – Ankita
Long jump – Israel
Long jump - Maariya

A huge thank you to all the parents who stayed to support the children.

Uniform Order/Collection

Any orders placed from today will now be ready for collection on the following dates due to stock take and delivery of stock.

23 August 2023 9am-3pm

24 August 2023 9am-3pm

25 August 2023 9am-3pm

Attendance



This week the classes with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Bramblewood**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this week are **Rosewood**.

Congratulations!

SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE
2023

Ready, Set, Read!

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2023



Leicestershire libraries would like to invite all children in Leicestershire aged 4 - 12yrs to join this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set, Read. The challenge encourages children to read for pleasure over the summer. This maintains reading levels and bridges the literacy gap. Three visits to the library, read books, collect awards, everyone's a winner!

We have created a short Leicestershire Libraries video to explain more about the challenge. This can be shown in assembly



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SUMMER EVENTS

- Bollywood Dance
- Puppet Workshops
- Curve Theatre Workshops
- Fafunia Sunny Stories
- Tom Palmer meet and greet
- LCFC Mini Football Training session

Families can book all these Events by visiting Leicestershire Libraries Eventbrite page



Visit www.leicestershire.gov.uk/src for more details

Netball Youth Camp

give junior netballers the chance to get together, have fun, make new friends and take to the court during the school holidays!



£35 EN Members
£40 Non Members



**At: The Beauchamp College,
Ridge Way, Oadby, Leicester
LE2 5TP**

On: Thursday 10th August

Time: 10am to 3pm

Age: 9 to 11

Contact Ruby.mahal@englandnetball.co.uk

Book online <https://engage.englandnetball.co.uk/sessionfinder>