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Dear Parents and Carers

Launde is beginning to feel more like the school that we know and love so well as more children are coming back on a daily basis. Year 1 children have joined the foundation in attending school the last two weeks and the numbers are growing on a daily basis. Yesterday we welcomed some of Year 6 children and we hope that we can give them a nice ending to their primary school career.

It is absolutely lovely to see the children in their classrooms smiling, getting on with their work and being with their friends. We hope that more children in those year groups will start to attend in the coming weeks. I know many parents want to know what's happening in the longer term but unfortunately we have been given no advice on that at the moment. As soon as we know we will be informing parents so that you can make the relevant arrangements for returning to school.

In the meantime, teachers will continue to provide work for the year groups that are not able to be in school. It has been lovely to hear about all the learning that has taken place at home. We have enjoyed seeing photos and films of the practical activities and baking that you have been doing with the children. Anya and Rohan's soup making video was a real treat! This is so important for the children to be doing for their well-being as it gives children the opportunity to talk to you and chat about things that are troubling them, as well as developing new life skills. As the shops are reopening and families are able to go out a little more, some children will be very anxious about this and talking with parents will help them to share these worries and be reassured. The curriculum we plan in school always plans for opportunities to develop speaking and listening skills and we know this will be even more important for the next academic year.

I know one or two parents have been disappointed that we cannot provide work for children who have remained at home in the Foundation stage, Year 1 and Year 6 but unfortunately teachers are having to cover children in those year groups as well as provide additional work for their own year groups and therefore we have no capacity for people to do extra work for children in the eligible year groups not attending school. We would urge you to use the Oak National Academy material and the BBC



Bitesize as well as the websites that have signposted on our school website.

Message from the Parent Officer

Hello, Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. I just wanted to let you know that I am back in school Monday-Friday, so I will be available to support you with any queries or concerns that you may have. If you wish to speak to me please call the school on 0116 2712261 or email me on cgroenewald@launde.leics.sch.uk and I will be happy to help you with any issues. I look forard to seeing you all soon.



On Wednesday evening we held a virtual welcome evening for our parents who will be joiing our school community in Foundation next year. It was extremely well attended and lovely to see some familiar faces. The Powerpoint is on the school website for any who couldn't attend. Any welcome packs can be collected from the school office.

Summer reading challenge!



I just wanted to remind you that this year's Summer Reading Challenge is still running in Leicestershire with the "Silly Squad" theme, albeit in a revised digital format. They have arranged for electronic versions of many great fun books to be borrowable on an unlimited basis for the duration of the challenge, so children won't have to wait for an electronic copy to come back in in order to be able to borrow it! Here is a link to the homepage for their "Borrowbox" platform (where you can borrow ebooks and audiobooks), the SRC collections are featured on the page:

https://fe.bolindadigital.com/wldcs_bol_fo/b2i/mainPage.html?b2bSite=4731&expand=11418&b2bSite=4731

Information about using Borrowbox can be found here, including how to use the app:

https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/digital-library-services/what-you-will-need

Borrowbox is a really great service and completely free for Leicestershire Libraries users.

We still have a large number of PE kits and personal belongings in school and we would be grateful if parents could come and collect those to be washed and ready for the coming term. Please let the office know when you are coming so that the items can be ready for you to collect them at the gate. Thanks to parents who have returned guitars in Y4 and Y5. These will be collected by the music service. If you have not returned it please do so by next Wednesday.

I would again like to thank you for the support that you've shown as over the last few months during what has been a very difficult time for everyone.

Just a quick reminder that when you drop off your children if you could leave them at the gate in order to avoid congestion in the playground. The school staff are all in the playground to supervise the children.

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss Sandhu and Ms Priddey