



Launde Newsletter

29 August 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We extend a very warm welcome to all our families, both new and those already with us. We are excited to be back and get started on the new academic year.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 September –
School photos



Staff have been in last week getting the classrooms ready and have planned some super activities for the children on all aspects of the curriculum. Our curriculum for each subject area is on the website if you do want a look in the 'our curriculum' section. However these are rather lengthy documents so it make it easier for parents, we send out curriculum newsletters each term that details the areas of study and also any upcoming visits, PE days and homework expectations. These are filled with lots of helpful information so do take a read. For this term, these will be sent out on Friday along with a Spanish newsletter from Madame du Bue. We were so pleased with our results at both KS1 and KS2 that were released in July. Although these only show progress in reading, writing and maths, they are nevertheless very pleasing. These are displayed on the school website.

We are delighted to share with you that, as mentioned in the letter at the end of last term, Mr Frost and Miss Dale got married over the holidays. They had an amazing celebration and are very happily sharing their photos with staff. This morning the whole school congratulated them in our assembly. Miss Dale in Swithland, will now be called Mrs Frost, something we are all getting used to!



Part of what makes this school a success is the close partnership we have with our parents. Parents meeting for new Foundation stage children are taking place today and tomorrow where we first learn lots about your children. As the children progress throughout the school we strive to build on this partnership through regular communication.

Each teacher has their own email which I will share with you. Please note this email is not looked at between the ours of 8.45am and 3.15pm when they are teaching or of course when the teachers are as sleep! Our teachers are also outside of their classrooms at the beginning and end of the day to chat to you about the smaller, quick items. Do remember that I expect the teachers in to start school promptly so they won't be able to have long conversations at this time. Email them to make appointment or contact them through the school office and they will happily spend time with you.

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We want to continue to develop our partnership with parents this year. Look out for coffee sessions, workshops during the school day to see teachers teaching our children and demonstrate how we teach as well as evening meetings to explain some of the curriculum in greater depth. We are continuing with our successful book looks before parents evenings too. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

We are also planning to add to the information you get by increasing our use of X, formally known as twitter. Do look on here for photos of the classes at work and other school events so you can be informed about the learning taking place and can start up those conversations at home. Chatting to your children and building up their communication skills is an important part of their learning journey.

We think that by displaying photos of what is taking place at school, we can encourage this talk at home and at school, develop vocabulary without the children even knowing they are learning! We shared photos of the teachers getting their classrooms ready last week so do have a look.

A reminder that we are committed to our safeguarding responsibilities and take these very seriously. As you can see new fencing and gates were installed over the holidays. This means that during the school day, any visitors to school can only access the office rather than the school. The office staff can then check their DBS before allowing access to the school site. This feels much safer for the children, and gives them a bit of extra playground! The double gates will be padlocked during the school day with other gates being on a fob system or padlocked.

For those parents who have children at Gingerbread and need to wait on site before picking up their older children, you will be asked to wait in the visitor area until the gates are opened for the end of the school day. Benches have been ordered so you can have a seat during this time.



Safeguarding information is updated every year. All staff were trained in the most up to date safeguarding information produced by the government last week. I also need to remind all parents that we are an Operation Encompass school, which means that we are informed about any incidents police are involved in. Please see attached letter for more information. We treat all information confidentially however we have a duty to inform and act if there is anything that worries us about the children in our care. If as a parent and member of our community, there is anything that worries you, then you can contact social services or the police directly or come into school for guidance from any senior leader.

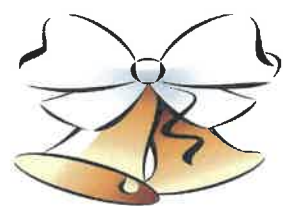
First Aid

You will all know the current system we have in place of a letter home detailing any first aid that has been administered during the school day as well as a phone call home if your child has had a bump to the head, however small that may be. This is so you know to monitor them when they get home as the head is fragile. Often the children are fine but we do this as a precautionary measure and it is good practise. We have been exploring an electronic system of recording first aid so we can monitor and track our first aid. The system would also be able to send out electronic information about head bumps so you can be informed but not disturbed at work etc. Staff will be first trained in this and then I will send further information out to parents but thought I'd give you some information now. Many other schools use this and find it very efficient.

Uniform

It has been a delight to see your children back to school in their smart uniform today. Please do support the school by ensuring our uniform requirements are kept to. This includes no bright coloured hair bands – red, white, navy, black only and no leggings under dresses or skirts.

Being on Time



All our parents were super at altering their morning routines to ensure a prompt arrival at school by the end of last year. A reminder that school begins at 8.45am and children should be lined up ready at this time. The school is open 20mins before to allow parents to come onto the grounds ready. Every minute late does add up over the year so do plan your morning to get to school on time.

Volunteers

We are welcoming parent volunteers into school this year. If you have some time and wish to come into school to help on a regular basis, please do come and chat to your child's class teacher or the office staff. You will be asked for a photo identification and prove your right to work in the UK. You will need a DBS which can be completed at the office.

Medical Appointments

Please ensure all appointments are made in the school holiday time where ever possible. This can often be moved if you speak to the doctors, dentists, opticians. These can be disruptive to the children's learning.

Attendance

Attendance is very important. We need to ensure the children are in school as much as possible. We will continue to not authorise any absence that does not meet exceptional circumstances. This year we will fine families who book holidays during term time. We will begin this from October half term, to give you time to make sure you take this into consideration. Our school attendance figure last year was lowest before Easter, half term and the summer break. This meant that our overall attendance figure was lower than previously. I appreciate that some circumstances cannot be helped however anyone taking their children out for a holiday is not acceptable. A separate letter will be going out with further details later in the week.





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Operation Encompass Information for Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

All Leicestershire Schools are now part of a safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach, known as **Operation Encompass** is used across the UK. In Leicestershire the scheme is run in partnership between Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risk of harm to children and the Police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Leicestershire with Leicestershire County Council.

During the school term our Designated Safeguarding Lead will be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household.

This has been introduced because domestic abuse in a household can have a big impact on children, even if they do not see what is happening. This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils.

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse or sexual violence, call the United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) helpline on 0800 80 200 28. The helpline is open 8am to 8am Monday to Saturday. You can also visit www.uava.org.uk

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OVERALL WINNER

Building upon the national success of Operation Encompass (Police in all 43 forces in England and Wales sharing information with schools about children experiencing domestic abuse) Leicestershire police are expanding the information that they are sharing confidentially with the safeguarding leads in Leicestershire schools.

From the 19th of September 2022 they have begun a phased rollout across the Police Force sharing with us incidents that they have attended where they feel there has been an impact upon a child's physical, emotional or mental well-being.

We are thrilled the force has made this decision as this confidential information will help us to support and care for the children in our care even more effectively.

More information about Operation Encompass including their statement can be found on their website www.operationencompass.org

As part of the Operation Encompass Information Sharing Platform our Police Force will also share with the Designated Safeguarding Lead information about police attended incidents where they feel that there has been a tangible impact upon a child is physical, emotional or mental well-being.

This information is shared so that our school can better understand children's living experience and can support, nurture and care for them more effectively.

Our DSL has attended a briefing about this information sharing and has disseminated information to the safeguarding governor and to all members of staff.