



Holidays

Please may I remind you that schools cannot authorise holidays in term time. More importantly when children do take holidays in term time it does have an effect on not only their overall attendance but also on their academic progress. Many children who have taken the unauthorised holiday are now struggling to reach the average attendance of 95%. In fact some are now below 90% and have been so for more than 2 years. Those children are now classed as persistent absentees. All attendance is reported to the Department of Education and persistent absences are part of that.

Furthermore not only is your child's performance effected but so is the school's both on attendance and academic progress. We want every child to succeed which is why we are asking all parents to ensure their child's attendance is kept high.

Active Month

Please remember March is the month of active walking. Discuss with children how many steps they walk in a day? How can they calculate this? We will also be discussing this in class and assemblies.

Red Nose Day

On **Friday 15 March** we are taking part in Red Nose Day.

We encourage the children to bring in a donation for the following:

- £2 – Non-uniform with silly hair
- £1 – Milkshakes for Years 1-6



The School Council would also like to remind everyone that the 'Launde Joke Book' is on sale at the price of 50p per copy.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open on **Thursday 14 March to Tuesday 19 March**. Children will visit the fair throughout the days with their class and parents are welcome to come after school as follows:

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| Thursday 14 March | 3:15pm – 4:15pm |
| Friday 15 March | 3:15pm – 4:15pm |
| Monday 18 March | 3:15pm – 4:15pm |
| Tuesday 19 March | 3:15pm – 4:15pm |

Please Note: The books that you wish to purchase are not available on the day. They have to be ordered and then given to your child. The books on the shelves are simply there for browsing.

Diary Dates

11 March

Stepping Stones Church Trip

14 - 19 March

Book fair (*no clubs in the hall*)

14 March

Phonics meeting for parents
9-10am - Fourfold + Beehive
Sunburst Church Trip

19 March

Year 5 Contender Charlie to understand Shakespear

20 March

Rainbows End Church Trip

25 March – 6-7pm

Handwriting Workshop for Year 1 and Foundation parents

26 March – 2-3pm

Handwriting Workshop for Year 1 and Foundation parents

28 March

Lambing – Fourfold

2 April

Lambing – Beehive

Film Night Year 1 and 2

3 April

Botanical Gardens – Bramblewood and Bosworth

4 April

Lambing – Poppyfield

Botanical Gardens – Swiftwood

Film Night Year 3-6

5 April

Vaisakhi Assembly – Year 1

8 April

Water Assembly

10 April

Easter Bonnet Day

12 April

Easter Egg raffle

World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as book characters yesterday. The children enjoyed their day taking part in activities and book themed assemblies. Thank you to all of the parents/carers that helped the children create their costumes and encourage the love of reading.

Parents Coffee Mornings

We welcome parents to come along to the free sessions held on Friday mornings at 9am in Riverbank. Next week there will be a homemade bake sale in aid of Comic Relief, more information has been attached.

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| 15/03/19 | Comic Relief Bake Sale |
| 22/03/19 | Active Month |
| 29/03/19 | E-safety |
| 05/04/19 | Craft making |
| 12/04/19 | Ideas for the Easter Holiday |

School Menu

Leicestershire Catering would like to inform parents that the current school menu will continue until September 2019 although on the actual printed menu the dates are different.