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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Year 6

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome your children to Year Six, which we hope will be an exciting and interesting finale to life at Launde. Obviously, these are unusual times and the return to school has been a long time coming. Schools like the rest of society have had to adapt and we have put into place various measures to ensure the safety of your child. In the mornings, we will be out on the playground to welcome your child into school, but then we will expect the children to go straight into the classroom from 8.40 am onwards. Handwashing will continue to be an important part of our steps to protect the spread of Coronavirus and this will become embedded into the school day.

Once in school, the children will work within a year group bubble and playtimes and lunchtimes have been staggered to ensure that the year groups are kept separated. In addition, each year group has their own toilets to further support social distancing.

Initially, we want to limit the amount of equipment that we take to and from school, so whilst your child will have a reading book it will not be taken home as of yet. We would be very grateful, therefore if for the time being your child could read their own books at home. We have included a book list of some ideas if you are struggling to find something new. As stated on the newsletter, we will not be changing shoes or bringing a book bag or PE kit to school. On the days when it is PE we will expect you child to come to school dressed in their PE kit and wearing trainers. (Cader – Wednesday and Friday; Watership Down – Thursday and Friday and Oakwood – Tuesday and Friday)

In the classroom, children will have their own pencil cases which will contain equipment that they will use on an everyday basis. We expect the children to look after this equipment and ensure it is kept together in the pencil case we have provided.

We have planned an exciting and varied curriculum for the first few weeks of school, (see below) which will inspire the children once again to learn and to want to come to school. This we hope will allow the children the opportunity to talk and settle back into the routines and pace of working within a classroom situation.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 th – Teacher Day	25 th – Teacher Day	26 th – Teacher Day	27 th Welcome back Rules Rocks Children’s Trust feet Photos Art – feet printing	28 th Hands – all about me PE - Outdoor Maths - Under the sea Escape Room
31 st – Bank Holiday	1 st PE – Oakwood Under the sea Plastic PowerPoint and discussion – posters Art – sea creatures using water colours Guided Reading	2 nd PE - Cader Maths game - Sequences PPA	3 rd PE – W.Down Plastic Pollution Rap Maths games Finish sea creature art Guided Reading	4 th Rap finish Make movie maker video of rap PE – outdoor (all) Spellings
7 th Wanted poster Maths tables challenges and 2d shapes Murder mysteries Spellings	8 th PE – Oakwood Cluedo intro Maths table challenges and 3D shapes Art -mixed media backgrounds and eyes Guided Reading	9 th PE – Cader Maths Find the scientists escape room PPA	10 th PE – W. Down Cluedo backstory Maths tables challenges make nets Art – stick backgrounds and eyes and nose/beak Guided Reading	11 th Cluedo backstory PE – outdoor (all) Spellings
14 th Cluedo own character Maths Cluedo character Spellings	15 th PE – Oakwood Science - the circulation system Maths Art – finish mixed media Guided Reading	16 th PE – Cader Maths PPA	17 th PE – W. Down Cluedo interview Maths Cluedo quotes Guided Reading	18 th History research ICT history timeline PE – outdoor (all) Spellings

This is an important year for the children, as it will be their final year at this school before they move onto secondary education. It is very important for the children to develop an independent work ethic, so that their transition is as enjoyable and as successful as possible so this will be an important part of our focus over the year.

The transition to Year Six should be fairly painless as most things will not change significantly from Year Five and we hope that you will continue to support your child's learning at home. They will still be given weekly spellings and maths homework and in addition, there will be class-based homework which will be completed using Microsoft Teams. Over the next few weeks we will be familiarising your children with Teams and ensuring when we start homework that they are secure in their understanding of how this works.

Equipment to be kept at home

- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- Set of colouring pencils
- Rubber
- Dictionary and thesaurus

Homework

During the next few weeks, we would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has read the following books. We will be using both books in the Autumn term and it is essential that they have already read the texts.

- Goosebumps - Night of the Living Dummy
- A Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning

We look forward to working alongside you to ensure that your child has a successful and fulfilling final year at Launde. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

Clare Johnston, Jamal Mukadam and Mark Woodhead

Suggested book list year 6

Animals

• Dumb Creatures - Jeanne Willis • The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo • Anna Sewell, Black Beauty • The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Nature – Christopher Lloyd • The Crowstarver – Dick King-Smith • Lionboy - Zizou Corder • Tiger Wars – Steve Backshall

Spooky/Mystery

• The Haunting - Maragret Mahy • Mokee Joe Series - Peter J Murray • Cirque Du Freak - Darren Shan • The Vampire's Assistant - Darren Shan • Vampirates series - Justin Sompter • The Thousand Eyes of Night - Robert Swindells • Eren – Simon P Clark • Abomination – Robert Swindells • The Weathermonger – Pete Dickinson

Humour

• Aliens Don't Eat Dog Food - Dinah Capparucci • Killer Mushrooms Ate My Gran - Susan Gates • Trust Me I'm a Trouble Maker - Pete Johnson • Jones Charmed Life - Diana Wynne • Night of the Living Veg - Phillip Reeve • Night of the Living Dead - Phillip Reeve • Harry and the Wrinklies - Alan Temperley • Fruit and Nutcase – Jean Ure • Granny – Anthony Horowitz • The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged thirteen and three quarters – Sue Townsend

Historical

• The Diary of Anne Frank • I am David - Anne Holm • When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit - Judith Kerr • Tom's War - Robert Leeson • Goodnight Mr Tom - Michele Magorian • Blitz Boys - Linda Newberry • Fly Away Home - Christine Nostlinger • Dolphin Crossing - Jill Paton Walsh • The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall Blitzcat • Once – Morris Gleitzman • The Silver Sword – Ian Serrailier

Fantasy

• Midnight is a Place - Joan Aiken • Heaven Eyes - David Almond • Artemis Fowl series - Eion Colfer • The Supernaturalist - Eion Colfer • The Dark is Rising sequence - Susan Cooper • Icefire - Chris D'Lacey • Shrinking Ralph Perfect - Chris D'Lacey • The Salt Pirates of Skegness - Chris D'Lacey • Ingo - Helen Dunmore • Inkheart - Cornelia Funke • Inkspell - Cornelia Funke • The Thief Lord - Cornelia Funke • The Owl Service - Alan Garner • Elidor – Alan Garner • Warriors of the Raven - Alan Gibbons • Little White Horse - Elizabeth Goudge • The Power of Five series - Anthony Horowitz • Warrior Cats series - Erin Hunter • Redwall - Brian Jaques • Tooth and Claw - Stephen Moore • The Wind on Fire Trilogy - William Nicholson • The Noble Warriors Trilogy – William Nicholson Year • Charlie Bone series - Jenny Nimmo • Measle and the Mallockee - Ian Ogilvy • Eragon - Christopher Paolini • Johnny and the Bomb - Terry Pratchet • Diggers - Terry Pratchet • The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents - Terry Pratchet • His Dark Materials Series - Philip Pullman • Mortal Engines - Philip Reeve • Mighty Fizz Chilla - Philip Ridley • Harry Potter Series - J. K. Rowling • Holes - Louis Sachar • Small Steps – Louis Sachar • Septamus Flyte series - Angie Sage • Shapeshifter series - Ali Sparkes • The Edge Chronicles series - Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell • Golem's Eye - Jonathan Stroud • In the Nick of Time - Robert Swindells • Shadowmancer - G. P. Taylor • The Swithchers Trilogy - Kate Thompson • The Missing Link – Kate Thompson • The Hobbit - J. R. R. Tolkein • Lord of the Rings - J. R. R. Tolkein • Dr Who story books • Ms Swordhand is Singing – Marcus Sedgewick

Adventure/Action

• Treasure Island - R. L, Stevenson • The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain • Around the World in 80 Days - Jules Verne • An Angel for May - Melvin Burgess • The Young Bond books - Charlie Higson • Alex Rider series - Anthony Horowitz • Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo • Orange's in No Man's Land – Elizabeth Laird

Well-loved Authors

• Witches - Roald Dahl • Tales of the Unexpected – Roald Dahl • Malory Towers Series – Enid Blyton • Five Find Outers Series – Enid Blyton • Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens • Northern Lights – Philip Pullman • The Amber Spyglass – Philip Pullman • Stop the Train - Geraldine McCaughrean • The Stones are Hatching - Geraldine McCaughrean • A Little Lower than Angels - Geraldine McCaughrean • Peter Pan in Scarlet - Geraldine McCaughrean • Out of the Ashes - Michael Morpurgo • Private Peaceful - Michael Morpurgo • Alone on the Wide Sea - Michael Morpurgo • Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo • Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo • The Illustrated Mum - Jacqueline Wilson • Vicky Angel - Jacqueline Wilson • My Sister Jodie - Jacqueline Wilson • E. Nesbit, The Railway Children • The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S Lewis

Thought-provoking Books

• Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman • Tell Me No Lies - Malorie Blackman • The Kin - Peter Dickinson • Village by the Sea - Anita Desai • The Breadwinner series - Deborah Ellis • The Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah