



Launde Newsletter

15 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Staff have appreciated spending time with all of their children's parents this week at parents' evenings and sharing the progress that the children have made via our virtual system. Thank you to all for taking the time to check that the system was working and taking the time out of your day to meet with us.

Our staff have worked ever so hard this half term planning exciting lessons as well as delivering intervention and tutoring sessions, and I'm sure you join me in thanking them for all they do for the children to help them at school.

We wish everyone, staff, pupils and parents alike, a restful half term whatever your plans.

Packed lunches and school dinners

At Launde we aim to promote a healthy lifestyle for all of our children and ask that this is reflected in the packed lunches they are sent in with.

Packed lunches should provide the children with a balanced meal, for example; a sandwich, a packet of crisps, a cereal bar, fruit, vegetable sticks. It must not contain confectionary or sweets, and we do not allow any nut products on our premises.

Children who have school dinners are able to choose from meat and vegetarian options in the canteen. Children in foundation to Year 2 are given a wrist band; red if they can eat meat, blue if they can only eat fish, or green if they are full vegetarian. Children in Years 3-6 should be able to tell the kitchen staff what they can and cannot eat. Please remember that we are a no beef, no pork, no nut school, and our menu is not Halal. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please talk to the office about applying for a special menu through Leicestershire County Council.

School Attendance

As the new Secretary of State for Education has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

We thank our families for supporting their children and getting back into the school routine this half term. It has been evident through the work that has been completed just how much progress has been made by our pupils since starting back in August.

Please may we remind you of the importance of ensuring appointments wherever possible are made outside of the school time and that holidays are taken during the holidays only.

Diary Dates

Monday 18 – Friday 22
October – Half term

Tuesday 25 October – Year
6 Warning Zone: Oakwood
and half of Watership Down

Wednesday 27 October –
Year 4 Roman Day

Friday 29 October – Strath
Avon assembly

Friday 29 October – Harvest
Festival

Tuesday 2 November –
Year 3 New Walk Museum

Friday 5 November –
Swiftwood assembly

Friday 12 November –
Cader Idris assembly

Friday 19 November –
Rainbow's End assembly

Monday 29 November –
Year 6 Warning Zone:
Cader Idris and half of
Watership Down

It is understandable that children may fall ill on occasion and need time at home to get better however arranged time off will not be authorised and does affect your child's progress, even for 1 day.

Attendance certificates have been given out each week to classes who have had the highest attendance in both KS1 and KS2. Last week the class with highest attendance in KS1 was Stepping Stones, and in KS2 it was Striding Edge.

Our congratulations go to Sunburst class and Striding Top class for achieving the highest attendance this half term.

Author of the Week – Jaco Jacobs



Jaco Jacobs is the most popular and prolific children's book author in Afrikaans. He has published more than 140 books and over a million copies have been sold. Jaco is also a well-known columnist, blogger, freelance journalist and translator. He lives in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Age 7-11

Grandpa Zombie

Zack Attack!



Age 11+

A Good Day for

Climbing Trees

A Good Night for

Shooting Zombies



Harvest

We will be celebrating the harvest on Friday 29 October. This is an important occasion in the Launde community as it gives us the opportunity to give thanks for the abundance of food that we have and what has been produced in this year's harvest. It also gives us the chance to donate food (unwanted or otherwise) to those who are less fortunate than us.

Do send in any dried foods, tins or packets that you can spare. Please bring any donations to the office and please ensure that these items are in date. Your donations will go to a good cause as they will be sent to the Salvation Army, which will then use and distribute the food to a good and worthy purpose.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kindness.

Calendar

Do look at the calendar dates that we include on each newsletter for upcoming events. All of our Christmas activities will be shared after the half term.

Parking

We must remind parents and carers once again to park safely, sensibly and legally when dropping off or picking up. We have had several instances reported to us recently of people blocking residents' driveways. This is unacceptable and, in an emergency, could be fatal.

If you do encounter any cars parked illegally, please do report these instances to the police as these actions are illegal and can be extremely dangerous.