



Launde Newsletter

28 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy and fun week at school. Our staff have continued to work hard to provide exciting learning for our children despite the large number of staff absences we have had this week. The staff's determination and resilience is definitely something to be proud of here at Launde, going over and beyond to do their best for the children.

Staff meetings have recently been focused on ensuring the curriculum here at Launde is of high quality and there continues to be a breadth of learning. Staff enjoyed and a very active PE staff meeting this week!

Next week there is a festival day on Tuesday – please see the information below to find out how we are celebrating Chinese New Year. Do enjoy the coming weekend together and we look forward to seeing the children next week.

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year is on Tuesday 1 February. On this day, the children will learn about how Chinese New Year is celebrated in their classes and take part in different related activities throughout the day.

Children are welcome to come to school in traditional Chinese attire or any clothes that they wear for a celebration.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held virtually on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 February. The system is now open for you to book appointments. A separate letter has been sent by email with instructions on how to log in and book. Booking closes at 11.59pm on Wednesday 2 February.

Each slot will be 10 minutes apart. Please do log on and check the system first, making sure that you allow the site to use your microphone and camera, to ensure that you can make the most of this opportunity as staff will find it tricky to find additional time.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 February –
Chinese New Year
celebration day

Thursday 3 Feb – 4pm Y4
Virtual times table meeting

Thursday 3 Feb – 5pm Y2
virtual meeting

Friday 4 February –
Bosworth assembly 9.30am

Monday 7 February and
Tuesday 8 February –
Parents evening – virtual

Friday 11 February –
Children's Mental Health
Day non-uniform

Friday 11 February –
Oakwood assembly 9.30am

Monday 14 – Friday 18
February – Half term

Scholastic Book Fair

We are delighted to see the Scholastic Book Fair return this year. Children will have the opportunity to browse the Book Fair while it is in school between Wednesday 2 and Tuesday 8 February. The fair will also be open in the afternoons for you to accompany your children. Due to the ongoing Covid situation we ask that you only attend on the day assigned for your child's year group as follows:

- Thursday 3 February 2.30-3.45pm – Foundation
- Friday 4 February 2.30-3.45pm – Years 4, 5 and 6
- Monday 7 February 2.30-3.45pm – Year 1
- Tuesday 8 February 2.30-3.45pm – Years 2 and 3

We have tightened up systems with Scholastic to ensure that any books ordered get to you in a timely manner.

Children's Mental Health day



Children's Mental Health week this year is Monday 7 – Friday 11 February. There will be activities in class throughout the week and on Friday 11 February children will be able to attend in non-uniform for a donation of £1. All donations will go to a local Leicestershire mental health charity called Raising Health.

The theme for this non-uniform day is 'This is Me'. We ask that children come

dressed in clothes they feel represent their personality or that they feel the most comfortable in. These clothes should be appropriate for the weather and children should wear suitable footwear so that they can enjoy playtimes safely.



Reporting absences due to Covid

Your child may have Covid even though they have shown no symptoms. This is why it is important to regularly test your child using Lateral Flow Tests.

If your child does test positive on a lateral flow test, we require the following from you, emailed to office@launde.leics.sch.uk:

- a picture of the lateral flow test
- a copy of the email/text you receive after reporting the result to

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

As the government have changed the track and trace procedure to identify contacts, there is no longer a need for the covid response email. Therefore, please **do not** use the covidresponse@launde.leics.sch.uk email address as it is no longer active.

Children can now leave isolation earlier than 10 days. The day of the positive test is day 0. On day 5 you can begin taking Lateral Flow Tests again. If your child tests negative on two consecutive days (e.g. day 5 and day 6) they can return to school on the day of the second negative test. These negative results must be 24 hours apart. If your child is still testing positive, they will need to remain in isolation until they have 2 consecutive negative tests at least 24 hours apart, or until they have isolated for 10 days.

Attendance Award



This week the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Bramblewood**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 is **Cader Idris**.

Casual cleaners

We are currently seeking casual staff to assist our team with cleaning. As this is a casual role, we cannot guarantee hours or days. Sometimes cleaners are poorly or have appointments so we like to have a contacts list who can fill this role on an ad-hoc basis. If this is an opportunity that would suit you then please do visit the office for an application form.

Books of the week - China

Children's literature creates an incredible opportunity to fill story time with tales from cultures and traditions from around the world, and to discover authors who bring to life people and places that children may not have imagined or encountered yet. With that in mind, and as it is Chinese New Year on Tuesday 1 February, we thought it would be fun to look at stories that reflect a particular place, a place full of great history and tradition: China.



- *The Cat from Hunger Mountain* by Ed Young (4+)
- *The Cricket Warrior: A Chinese Tale* by Margaret Chang and Raymond Chang, illustrated by Warwick Hutton (6+)
- *Fortune Cookie Fortunes* by Grace Lin (3+)
- *The Shady Tree* by Demi (4+)
- *Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan, illustrated by Meilo So, translated by Helen Wang (8+)
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin (8+)



You can also find lots more stories and books set in China and by authors of Chinese heritage using the following links:

- Stories based on Chinese myth and legend - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2021/july/seven-beautiful-stories-featuring-chinese-mythology-chosen-by-maisie-chan/>
- Books to help you celebrate Chinese New Year - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2021/february/9-brilliant-books-to-help-you-celebrate-chinese-new-year/>