



Dear Parents and Carers

As this half term draws to a close and we are all looking forward to a break next week, I would like to thank you for your support. It has been a busy half term at school with teachers keen to ensure children have exciting lessons and lots of assemblies have gone ahead.

Despite the high number of absences of both staff and children there has been very much a feeling of business as usual and it has been brilliant to see your children learning and making progress both academically and socially too.

Enjoy the half term break with friends and family and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 21 February.

This is Me! Children's Mental Health day

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and we ended the week with a non-uniform day to raise money for a local Leicestershire mental health charity called Raising Health.

The theme for the day was This Is Me! We were so excited to see the children dressed up in the clothes that made them feel the most comfortable and happy.

We managed to raise £521.06 which will go towards providing specialist support for people who are suffering from illnesses or who are disabled. It does make a real difference. Ms Pascoe, a representative of Raising Health, came to school to deliver assemblies to Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 to share information about the charity and to make sure the children felt special.



Diary Dates

Monday 14 – Friday 18
February – Half term

Friday 25 February – Swithland
class assembly 9.30am

Tuesday 22 February – World
Thinking Day

Monday 28 February – Friday 4
March - World Book Week

Friday 4 March - Speedwell
class assembly 9.30am

Friday 11 March –
Bramblewood class assembly
9.30am

Friday 18 March – Fourfold
Class Assembly 9.30am

Friday 25 March – Striding Top
class assembly 9.30am

Sunday 27 March – Wednesday
30 March – Conover Hall
residential Year 4 and Year 5

Friday 1 April – Sunburst class
assembly 9.30am

Thursday 7 April – Easter
Activity Day

Friday 8 April – Vaisakhi
Celebration Day

Monday 11 April – Friday 22
April – Easter Break – school is
closed

Monday 25 April – School
reopens from Summer Term

Move It March



Move it March is a challenge that will run in school throughout March that aims to increase the amount of physical activity completed during the school week – aiming to get children completing at least 60 minutes of activity every day.

We will also be taking part in The Big Walk/Pedal challenge, just like we did last year. This aims to get children being as active as possible after the long winter months.

World Thinking Day

On the 22 February Girlguiding celebrates World Thinking Day. This is a day where all members celebrate the joint birthdays of the Founders of the organisation, Lord and Lady Baden Powell. On this day any children who take part in Girlguides or Brownies are welcome to wear their uniform to school.

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.

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.

Attendance Award



This half term the class with the highest attendance in KS1 is **Rainbow's End**.

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 for the half term is **Watership Down**.

Temporary Menu change

Please note the temporary menu provided by Leicestershire Traded Service will continue until 7 March 2022 in order to accommodate staffing and supply issues. The menu is attached to this email.

Books of the week - Family

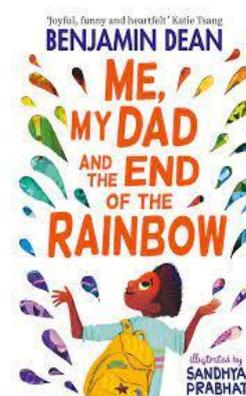
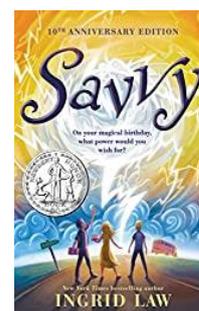
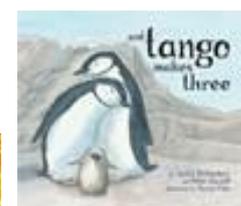
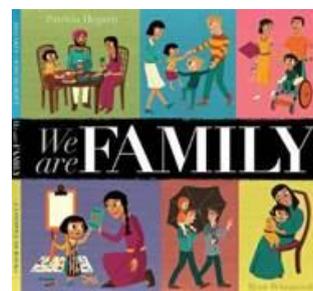
At Launde, we like to think of all of our children and staff as one big family. We know that family has been even more important over the last couple of years, and we want to celebrate families. Sometimes family means more than just the people you are related to and they can come in all shapes and sizes. This week we have put together a selection of books that celebrate families of all kinds.

For younger readers:

- *We Are Family* by Patricia Hegarty
- *The Best Mum* by Penny Harrison
- *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S Brannen
- *And Tango makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Pater Parnell
- *The Family Book* by Todd Parr
- *Under the Love Umbrella* by Davina Bell
- *The Great Big Book of Families* by Mary Hoffman
- *Robo-Babies* by Laura Gallagher
- *The Blanket bears* by Samuel Langley-Swain
- *Stellaluna* by Jenell Cannon
- *Murphy's Three Homes* by Jan Levinson Gilman
- *A Family is a Family is a Family* by Sara O'Leary

For older readers:

- *Forever, or a Long, Long Time* by Caela Carter
- *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker
- *Nothing Ever Happens Here* by Sarah Hagger-Holt
- *Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow* by Benjamin Dean
- *The Elephant's Girl* by Celesta Rimington
- *Three Pennies* by Melanie Crowder
- *When Stars are Scattered* by Omar Mohamed
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan





Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Launde Primary School requires a midday supervisor to work 1 hour a day.

11.45am – 12.45pm

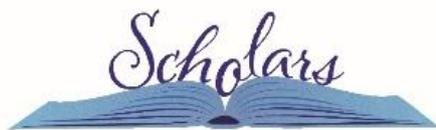
Monday to Friday, term time only.

£9.62 per hour.

To start ASAP.

If you would like to join our team and to find out more information, please collect an application pack from the school office.

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