



Christmas Card Orders - PTA

The Parents' Group have had a wonderful response to this fundraising idea, thank you to everyone who has placed their order. Additional orders need to be in by Tuesday 19 November. Please remember cheques must be made payable to Launde Parents Group and not to school.

Raffle Tickets - PTA

Please send in your raffle ticket money along with the completed stubs with the buyer's details on them. Any unwanted tickets also need to be sent back to school by Monday 25 November. An updated prize list is available around the school. The Parents' Group have sourced some fantastic prizes which include meals out, gym membership, day trips to various parks and also include some personal pampering.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place after school on Tuesday 26 November. The Parents' Group need more volunteers to help throughout the event. Please sign up at the school office. All help gratefully received. We know you are busy, but even a short amount of time given means a lot to the Parents' Group. Without your help it makes it very difficult so please donate some of your time, its all for a good cause – your children.

Donations of cakes are needed and should be bought to the office on the morning of Tuesday 26 November. Please ensure that all cakes are nut free.

Aspirations Day

On Wednesday 6 November, we held the second Aspirations Day event for pupils in Years 5 and 6. Parents were invited to talk about their professions so that Launde pupils had access to the world of work

We believe that children benefit hugely from anything that motivates, inspires and encourages a sense of citizenship. Indeed, we think it is vital that children have a 'real world context' to their learning and what options are out there for them. Whilst we bring this into teaching and learning wherever possible, there is nothing quite like meeting people from 'real' careers talking passionately about their chosen path.

Our fantastic community of parents supported the KS2 event, giving up their time to attend. We had representatives from many diverse

Diary Dates

Monday 18 November – Year 3 Egyptian Day

Thursday 21 November – Year 6 Warning Zone visit

Tuesday 26 November – Christmas Fair

Tuesday 3 December – Year 1 Christmas Concert 1.30 pm

Wednesday 4 December – Year 2 Christmas Concert 1.30 pm

Wednesday 4 December – Year 3 Christmas Concert 6.30 pm

Monday 9 December – Year 4 Christmas Concert 6.30 pm

Tuesday 10 December – Year 5 Christmas Concert

Friday 13 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16 December – Year 6 Christmas Concert 6.30 pm

Thursday 19 December – Foundation Christmas Concert 10am

Please note that May Day 2020 has been moved and will now take place on Friday 8 May to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

fields, including science, film and photography, banking, sales, health, nursing, project management, construction and education.

Each attendee made a huge effort to carefully prepare their 'stall' with visuals, props, demonstrations, and detail of how education played an important role in their chosen career. Children from Years 5 and 6 attended separately, with a questionnaire for the session. The children independently asked questions of the presenters to get an insight into the world of work.

The children loved talking to the parents and were eager to discuss what they had learnt. Our children appreciated that education is the foundation of all professions and we would like to thank all the parents/visitors for instilling this within their talks. It was a pleasure to hear about our children's aspirations that were very demanding on them but know that through hard work at school they can achieve them.

The aspiration event was a huge success and we would like to thank all the parents who contributed to it. Launde staff will continue to highlight the importance of English, Maths and Science as underpinning all learning across the curriculum and how it contributes to future careers.

We would like to run future events like this and if any parent would like to be involved please let the office know and we will let you know when we are having the next event.

Some of the children's comments and reflections after the event include:

'You can't give up on your dream'

'All jobs have hard and easy bits'

'I enjoyed learning about other people's jobs'

'Jobs can be great fun but also have negatives'

'That you should never give up and if you don't get the job you wanted then there are plenty more'



Christmas Concerts

Concert tickets are now on sale. Please send the money in an envelope with your child so that we can return the tickets to you. There are only two tickets per family due to the limited space in the hall and there are no tickets for under school age children for the evening concerts so please make the necessary arrangements for childminding. The concerts are on the following dates and times:

Foundation – 19 December 10 am

Year 1 – 3 December 1.30 pm

Year 2 – 4 December 1.30 pm

Year 3 – 4 December 6.30 pm

Year 4 – 9 December 6.30 pm
Year 5 – 10 December 6.30 pm
Year 6 – 16 December 6.30 pm

If you require more than two tickets please let the office staff know and if there are any spare tickets they will be sold during the week of the concerts.

Christmas Dinner

If your child is in Years 3-6 and currently has a packed lunch but wishes to have a Christmas dinner on Thursday 19 December please purchase a ticket from the school office no later than Tuesday 10 December.

If your child is in Foundation, Years 1 or 2 and currently has a packed lunch then please let the office know by Tuesday 10 December and your child can be added to the dinner list. A copy of the menu is attached.

Football News

Launde Football Team played away at Brookside in the Oadby and Wigston Knockout Cup on Monday evening. The team played in a very one-sided game, which finished 5-0 to Launde. This was an excellent scoreline, which could have been much more, if the team hadn't faced a very good Brookside goalkeeper or if they hadn't hit the bar and post on 4 separate occasions. Launde went in at half time leading 1-0 after a very good finish from Kaylan. A second half hat-trick from Hartej and a second goal from Kaylan gave the team a thoroughly deserved win. The most pleasing aspect of the game was the team's effort and persistence, never giving up despite leading comfortably and their fantastic sportsmanship towards the opposition. All the team gave top performances making a man of the match decision very difficult; it was decided that for high levels of determination, finishing and passing that Kaylan deserved it on this occasion. A huge thank you to the parents for transporting the team to the match and for supporting them throughout in very cold conditions.

Parents' Running Group

The Parents' Running Group takes place on a Thursday at 9.15 am on Uplands Road Park. If you are interested in taking part please sign up at the school office. New parents' welcome.

Loughborough Music Competitions

We have been informed about an opportunity for young musicians in the area who wish to demonstrate their musical skills in front of specialist in their field. Loughborough Schools Foundation have sent us the attached poster to promote this opportunity. Further details can be found on their website www.lsf.org/music-cometitions.