



Launde Newsletter

2 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new term and the beginning of 2022 – 2023 academic year. We offer a warm welcome to our families whether new or long standing. We trust you have had a good holiday time and enjoyed the warm – or often hot! - weather we had this year.

Our newsletters are issued regularly throughout the year and contain upcoming event dates for your diary as well as informing you about some of the activities and learning that the children have been experiencing in school. Alongside the office newsletter, there will be subject specific newsletters and curriculum newsletters written by each year group at the beginning of each term. Do make time to have a read!

The staff actually began back last week. We have had a rewarding three days of exploring current issues, reviewing, reflecting and considering what more we want to offer our families. We were so pleased with our results at both KS1 and KS2 that were released in July. This shows a real commitment to success from the children with yourselves and staff working collaboratively.

We want to continue to develop our partnership with parents this year. We have our coffee sessions back up and running, workshops to demonstrate how we teach being planned and a variety of other additions. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

Our parents evenings will continue to be virtual this year however we appreciate that parents want to see their children's books so we are planning in sessions for your child to show you their work a week before parents evening. This will be an informal opportunity to look around your child's classroom and see inside their books. The parent/teacher session will be the following week.

School Games Mark



We have been awarded the School Games mark Gold Standard for our PE provision last year.

We will ensure we offer the same opportunities this year for our children, as well as enhance this further.

Mr Mukadam is taking over the PE and Sports Lead position from Mr Squires. He has already got some good ideas for this!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6 September –
Reading meeting for Year 1
parents at 3.30pm

Friday 9 September –
Watership Down assembly
at 2.15pm. Parents
welcome.

Friday 16 September –
Striding Top assembly at
9.30am. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 21 September
– Class and individual
school photos

Thursday 22 September –
Foundation Reading
workshop at 6pm

Friday 23 September –
Bradgate assembly at
9.30am. Parents welcome.

Wednesday 28 September
– Foundation Maths
workshop at 6pm.

Thursday 29 September –
Skern parents meeting for
Year 6 at 6pm

Friday 14 October –
Oakwood assembly at
9.30am. Parents welcome.

New Staff

You may have spotted that there is a new member of staff working in the office. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Goring will be joining Mrs Sumner in the office having accepted the position of office administrator at our school during the holiday period. She will be working in the office full time so I am sure many of you will meet her or speak to her over the next few weeks. Mrs Cooper is still working in the office but in a slightly different roll.



Mrs Meer is our school deputy who began this August. She has had a lovely time meeting the children and parents on the playground in the morning as well as going around to the classes to see the learning taking place. She looks forward to meeting more of you in due course.

Safeguarding

A reminder at the beginning of the year that we are committed to safeguarding responsibilities. All staff were trained in the most up to date information last week, which occurs every 2 years. We are an Operation Encompass school, which means that we are informed about any incidents police are involved in. Please see attached letter for more information. We treat all information confidentially however we have a duty to inform and act if there is anything that worries us about the children in our care.

Playground Reminders

Please note that the playground is a busy place and we ask all our community who are arriving on bikes or scooters to dismount at the school gates and walk on to site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent Volunteers

We are welcoming parent volunteers into school this year. If you have some time and wish to come into school to help on a regular basis, please do come and chat to your child's class teacher or the office staff.

In the first instance you will be asked for proof of your right to work in the UK and what days and age range you would like to volunteer with. After this you would then need to complete a DBS check before you can commence your volunteering position. If you require any more information on this please see Mrs Cooper in the office.

Playground Reminders

We have a midday position available for anyone who could commit to 5 days a week position working for an hour every lunchtime to help with children in the dinner hall and on the playground. Please come and ask for an application form from the school office if this job would be one you are interested in. We do hope you will apply!

Change of Contact Details

It is important that you let the office know if you update your contact number or move address. The best way to do this is to send an email to the office clearly stating your child's name and class, along with the updated details.

Thank you to those parents who have contacted us already with changes.

Medical Appointments

Attendance is very important. We need to ensure the children are in school as much as possible. We will continue to not authorise absence. Please make sure medical and dental appointments are made out of school hours as these too can be disruptive to the children's learning.

Attendance Award



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

The classes with the highest attendance in KS2 this week are **Striding Edge and Strath Avon**.

Congratulations – a great start to the year.

Staff Emails

We know that many parents and carers enjoy being able to chat to teachers during drop off and pick up times. You may also contact your children's teacher by email using the addresses below.

Teachers are not able to respond to emails outside of working hours, so please do continue to contact the school office with any urgent matters on 0116 2712261 or office1@launde.leics.sch.uk or office@launde.leics.sch.uk

Class	Teacher	Email address
Beehive	Mrs Williams Mrs Lynch	gwilliams@launde.leics.sch.uk slynch@launde.leics.sch.uk
Fourfold	Miss Barratt	mbarratt@launde.leics.sch.uk
Poppyfield	Miss Pearson	kpearson@launde.leics.sch.uk
Stepping Stones	Mrs Merz	smerz@launde.leics.sch.uk
Sunburst	Mrs Allen	jallen@launde.leics.sch.uk
Rainbow's End	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Sitaram	kwilkinson@launde.leics.sch.uk hsitaram@launde.leics.sch.uk
Bramblewood	Mrs Smith	asmith@launde.leics.sch.uk
Swiftwood	Miss Stewart	hstewart@launde.leics.sch.uk
Bosworth	Mr Frost	sfrost@launde.leics.sch.uk
Striding Edge	Miss Tobin	ktobin@launde.leics.sch.uk
Striding Top	Mrs Nerney	snerney@launde.leics.sch.uk
Bradgate	Miss Moore	nmoore@launde.leics.sch.uk
Foxton	Mrs Johal	sjohal@launde.leics.sch.uk
Swithland	Miss Dale	jdale@launde.leics.sch.uk
Rosewood	Mrs Melody	kmelody@launde.leics.sch.uk
Strath Avon	Miss Wakeling	mwakeling@launde.leics.sch.uk
Speedwell	Miss Parker	aparker@launde.leics.sch.uk
Rivendell	Mr Woodhead	mwoodhead@launde.leics.sch.uk
Cader Idris	Mrs Johnston	cjohnston@launde.leics.sch.uk
Oakwood	Miss Tailor	ntailor@launde.leics.sch.uk
Watership Down	Mr Mukadam	jmukadam@launde.leics.sch.uk
Parent Officer	Mrs Groenewald	cgroenewald@launde.leics.sch.uk

Operation Encompass Information for Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

All Leicestershire Schools are now part of a safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach, known as **Operation Encompass** is used across the UK. In Leicestershire the scheme is run in partnership between Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risk of harm to children and the Police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Leicestershire with Leicestershire County Council. During the school term our Designated Safeguarding Lead will be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household.

This has been introduced because domestic abuse in a household can have a big impact on children, even if they do not see what is happening. This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils.

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse or sexual violence, call the United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) helpline on 0800 80 200 28. The helpline is open 8am to 8am Monday to Saturday. You can also visit www.uava.org.uk