



## Christmas Card Orders - PTA

The Parents' Group will be distributing the Christmas cards and other items ordered during the next few days.

## Raffle - PTA

Thank you to everybody for helping to sell the raffle tickets. The raffle was drawn at the end of the Christmas Fair and a list of prizes/winning numbers is displayed in the school reception.

## Christmas Fair - PTA

We would like to say a very big thank you to the Parents' Group for a brilliant Christmas Fair this week. Thank you also to the many volunteers who gave up their time to help and to those parents and children who attended. It was lovely to see so many faces. The total amount raised was **£2,179.72**.

## Christmas Concerts

If you have not yet bought your Concert tickets please do so as soon as possible as any tickets not sold will be offered to other parents' who require extra. 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. The cost of a ticket is £1.50.

## 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.



## Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be in reception from **Monday 2 December**. Please make sure that all cards put into the post box are clearly labelled with the recipient's **name and class**.

## Diary Dates

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

Monday 16 December – flu vaccines

Tuesday 17 December – Foundation & Year 1 visit the Curve to see Giraffes Can't Dance

Wednesday 18 December – Years 2-6 visit De Montfort Hall for Aladdin

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.

## Parents' Running Group

The Parents' Running Group meet on Uplands Road Park at 9.15am on a Thursday morning. More information is available from the school office or you can just join the other members on the Park on Thursdays.



## Children in Need/Poppy Appeal



The amount raised for **Children in Need** was **£2,481.33**. The children enjoyed raising money for this very important cause by running stalls, paying £1 in return for dressing as animals for the day and various other activities including enjoying milkshakes.



The total amount raised from the sale of poppies and other British Legion items was **£278.20**. Thank you to everybody who contributed.

## Hip hop Artist visits school

Following on from the very successful 'Aspirations Day' we held last month, we organised for an inspirational speaker, **Emmanuel Jal**, to visit the school to speak with our Year 5/6 children. He visited on Tuesday, sharing his unique story and, through dance and hip hop, got the children thinking about the importance of being courageous and determined to achieve their goals.



Emmanuel Jal is a UN Ambassador and a hip hop music artist who speaks and performs with a strong message of peace, travelling to many countries to work with pupils and leaders. He has experienced a very challenging childhood as a child soldier in the war-torn region of Southern Sudan. He describes how he was rescued by British aid worker Emma McCune and, through education, was able to achieve success. He shared his life story at an age appropriate level for children.

Emmanuel has released six award nominated studio albums. His live appearances have included Live 8, Nelson Mandela's 90th Birthday Concert. He has collaborated and performed alongside artists such as Lauryn Hill, Xavier Rudd, Peter Gabriel, Nelly Furtado, Darryl "DMC"

McDaniels, Joss Stone, Ed Sheeran, Nile Rodgers and Alicia Keys. Emmanuel Jal has addressed the UN, US Congress, the Carter and has been involved with a number of global charity organisations including the British Council, the Child Soldiers Initiative, Amnesty International and Oxfam. He has spoken alongside major players in the world of global humanitarianism. For his outstanding commitment to peace building, Emmanuel Jal has been given many awards.

At Launde, Emmanuel Jal spoke and performed songs and poems with the children, encouraging them to think about their future jobs and the powerful meaning of words such as 'courage', 'belief' and 'understanding'. He encouraged the children to think about a person they were grateful for, the children coming up with superb messages of gratitude for all their parents do to support them and recognised how lucky they were to receive the toys and gadgets they have been given. I was so pleased with the thoughtfulness our children displayed.





The children then went on to work with him on some 'belief statements'. They made us feel very proud with the ideas that they put forward:

I believe in love  
I believe in happiness and freedom  
I believe the world belongs to animals and humans  
I believe I can become what I want to be  
I believe in friendship  
I believe everyone should have a chance to do what they want to do  
I believe in bravery  
I believe in peace

He explained to the children that all the beliefs can only work if we work together and respect each other, a message we are continually delivering during our school assemblies so it was pleasing that this was reiterated in such a memorable way. Emmanuel Jal was very inspiring and we feel very grateful to him to have taken time out of his busy schedule to visit our school.

## Flu Vaccine

The team from the NHS are in school on Monday 16 December to give the nasal vaccine. If you have not already completed the online form please follow the instructions below:

**To complete the consent form visit:** [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu)  
You will need a code for your school. For **Launde Primary School** the code is **LE139751**

**Top tip:** Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form within one week of receiving this letter. If you try to complete the form in the seven days prior to the session date your consent may not be accepted.

## Parking

We are receiving a number of complaints from local residents about parking. One resident close to the school has had her driveway blocked twice in the last week causing her to miss urgent appointments. Please consider the local residents when parking and do not block or park on driveways. We have also received complaints about parking on the pavement close to the pedestrian crossing on New Street which does not then allow people crossing the road to have a clear view of oncoming traffic.



The police are also making extra patrols in the area and have issued both parking tickets and fines. Please park sensibly and with care to keep our children safe.