



Launde Newsletter

9 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



It is with great sadness that I write this following the news that the country received yesterday regarding the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. I watched the news yesterday evening in thoughtfulness and reflection. Whatever our



thoughts on the monarchy, she was considered by many as a lady who was admired for her strong moral values, reigning with a sense of uttermost duty, loyal public service and commitment to the

countries within the realm. This commands much respect and when we celebrated her impressive 70 years on the throne back in May we realised how the country has developed, grown and flourished over the decades.

As is tradition, the crown immediately passes to her son and we now are ruled by King Charles III who has, in Liz Truss's words, an 'awesome responsibility' ahead of him. We will spend time with the children over the next week or so helping them understand the change. But for the meantime, my thoughts are with the royal family who are coming to terms with the loss of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother and to all our families who are in a similar position who are finding ways to cope with loss of a dearly loved family member.

School News

It has been another purposeful week here at school. We are settling back into routines and have had a very positive start to the year. Myself and the staff have been delighted with the positive attitude and the hard work that the children have already put into their learning. They seem rested but excited to be back learning with their friends. A special congratulations to our new reception children who began this week by completing their half days so well. They were very settled in the classes and smiling lots at lunchtime too. We look forward to welcoming them in for their first full week next week.

We are always keen to work with parents as we know that a partnership is the best for the children. Mrs Priddey and Mrs Meer attended the parent's coffee session on Thursday to talk about parent involvement this year at school and our Year 1 staff held a reading workshop this week – thank you to the parents who came. Feedback showed it was a useful session. Any parent who couldn't make this, the PowerPoints and booklet with helpful strategies will be on our website next week on the Year 1 class page. Do have a look. My thanks go to the Year 1 staff for their hard work behind the scene to make this happen.

Diary Dates

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.

Tuesday 27 September – Skern parents meeting for Year 6 at 6pm

Friday 30 September – Year 6 Harvest Assembly at 2.15pm. Year 6 parents welcome.

Friday 7 October – Year 4 Yom Kippur assembly at 2.15pm. Year 4 parents welcome.

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

Year 6 Welcome Session

Year 6 have a welcome session planned in for next Thursday. The children will be baking for this so you can look forward to coffee, home baked biscuits and an opportunity to meet the Year 6 staff and get to know them. We hope that you will find this a helpful way to develop the partnership for the year ahead.

Class Assemblies/Festival Assemblies

Well done to Watership Down class for their super assembly. It was lovely to welcome parents into school to share all the children have been learning about with Mr Mukadam. We look forward to many more this year. I am pleased to share that we are bringing back our year group festival assemblies too. Celebrating some key festivals that are celebrated in our country is an important part of the children's learning here at Launde as we help promote our values of tolerance, understanding and respect. Look out for the diary dates for these throughout the year.

Harvest

This year our harvest assembly will be on 30 September. We will be collecting tinned or packed goods (all suitable for vegetarians) for the local charity Sewaday, Leicester. As you do your shopping over the next few weeks, please consider what you could donate to this worthy cause. We will send out reminders during the next few weeks about when to bring these in this year with energy prices increasing dramatically, I am sure these donations will be more appreciated than ever.

Assemblies

Each week we have a different theme for our assemblies. This week the theme was resilience. The younger classes listened to the story called 'Giraffe's can't dance' and chatted with Mrs Priddey about each other's special talents and unique skills, including trying hard to do our best. On Tuesday, as you will undoubtedly be aware, a new Prime Minister was announced for our country. In the KS2 assembly, Ms Priddey talked about the process with the children – well done to quite a few who were well informed about this! – and linked it with feelings needed to begin a new role and the importance of resilience in any task – whether at school, or in a new role. Mrs Priddey was very pleased to see so many hands go up when she asked who wants to be the Prime Minister in the future- reassuring that we will be in safe and capable hands!

Healthy Activity Programme

We have had information sent to us about a Healthy Eating Healthy Activity Programme Organised by The Leicestershire County Council. This will take place from Friday 23 September-18 November 4-6pm in Oadby and Wigston. The programme is design for overweight children and offers support from them and their families. Evidence suggests that lots of children and families have struggled with their weight over the COVID -19 period.

HEHA is an 8-week healthy lifestyle programme that supports families to eat well, participate in regular activity and maintain a healthy weight. It is a fun weekly group delivered by a dedicated Nutritionist. Each session involves:

- A friendly, informal food-based discussion about the Eatwell guide, portion sizes, fats and sugars in everyday foods, and more
- A fun games session for the children
- A new recipe to try each week
- An option for siblings to join in too

The aim is to encourage young people to develop positive lifestyle behaviours that will continue into adulthood.

Registration is essential- contact 0116 305 0730 or weightmanagement@leics.gov.uk for more information.

Please see attached posters for more detail.

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.

Midday Vacancy

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 **Strath Avon**.

Healthy Eating Healthy Activity

A free, fun
food and
activity group
for families



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Did you know that 1 in 3 children are overweight by the time they leave primary school? We can help! Contact the HEHA Team if you have concerns about your child's weight.

www.leicestershirewms.co.uk

0116 305 0730

You can also check if your child is overweight by using the following web link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator>

For families
with children
aged 4-17 years

BMI healthy weight calculator



*Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2020)

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“ The HEHA programme has been amazing, so helpful and personalised. We did lots of fun games and set ourselves a challenge each week. It’s a helpful tool, for people who don’t have as much information. It’s been fun for the kids and been good to talk about different things to do with food.” Parent of HEHA participant ”

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

Dates: Friday 23rd September to 18th November 2022 (except 21st Oct - half term)
 Time: 4 - 6pm
 Location: OADBY & WIGSTON DISTRICT

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

To find out more information please contact
 0116 305 0730 or weightmanagement@leics.gov.uk
www.leicestershirewms.co.uk



Oadby Upper Schools Open Evenings & Days 2022

The closing date for transfer applications for the September 2023 Year 7 intake is 31 October 2022.

Launde Primary School has collated the following information for parents about future open events



Beauchamp College

An open evening will be held on: **Wednesday 14 September @ various times (16:15, 16:50, 17:30, 18:10 and 18:50)**

To book your time slot and for more information, please visit the school's website:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lionhearttrust/e-lpeegv>



Gartree High School

An open evening will be held on: **Tuesday 13 September @ 17:00 - 19:00**

To learn more, please visit the school website: <https://www.gartree.leics.sch.uk/>



Manor High School

An open evening will be held on: **Thursday 29 September @ 16:30 – 19:30**

To learn more, please visit the school website: <https://www.manorhigh.leics.sch.uk/>

Parents can apply for a school place by using the online admissions system on the Leicestershire County Council website:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Should you require any further help from the School Admissions Team, you can fill in an [online contact form](#) or call them on: (0116) 305 6684.





PARENTS' COFFEE AFTERNOONS

**EVERY THURSDAY
14:00 – 15:00
AUTUMN TERM 1**

Date	What's on...
08/09/22	Welcome to the new academic year
15/09/22	Foundation parents' welcome morning – an opportunity to meet other parents
22/09/22	Help with bedtime routines
29/09/22	Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem
06/10/22	Helping children with anxiety
13/10/22	Encouraging an enjoyment of reading



Come along for a coffee and a chat!

ALL WELCOME!

**Please come
along and join us!**

**Different themes
and activities
every week**

**Learn more about
what your child is
doing at school
and how to help
them**

**Learn new skills
and meet new
people**

HELD IN:

RIVERBANK

**REFRESHMENTS WILL
BE PROVIDED**