



# Launde Newsletter

27 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Thank you for being on time

Thank you once again for the efforts from all parents to get to school on time. It has been a pleasure to see the children continued to be much more settled at the beginning of the day. Please keep up the good routines and example you are setting. It really does make a difference.



## Optimism



This week we have had the theme of optimism. The children in assembly on Monday shared the book 'The koala who could!' with Ms Priddey and talked about how they can help and encourage each other to have a go and 'go for it!' and the different ways we feel

good in school when we have tried and succeeded at something. The children had lots of super ideas of how others had helped them and how they help others.

## Diary Dates

Friday 3 February – Foxtton Assembly 2.15pm

Monday 6 February – Book look KS2 2.45pm-4.15pm (drop in)

Tuesday 7 February – Book look Foundation & KS1 2.45pm-4.15pm (drop in)

Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 February – Art Exhibition 2.45pm – 4.15pm (drop in)

Wednesday 8 February – Monday 13 February – Scholastic Book Fair in the hall.

Friday 10 February – Bramblewood Assembly 9.30am **(CHANGE OF DATE)**

Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February – Parents Evening

Thursday 16 February – Swithland Assembly 2.15pm **(CHANGE OF DATE)**

Monday 20 – Friday 24 February – Half Term

## Strikes 1 February

As you will be aware from my note in last week's newsletter and the national news, it has been declared that the National Education Union is taking industrial action in the form of a strike next Wednesday 1 February. As you can appreciate, this is a very personal decision as to whether to strike or not and should be respected fully as it not ever a decision taken lightly by any staff. This does only effect members of this union currently. After careful consideration from our staff, a majority will not be striking next Wednesday and so the school will remain open however some classes will be affected as those teachers have elected to take lawful industrial action. Please see separate letter for the information that has been sent to the parents of children in the classes affected. I appreciate that the industrial action is disruptive for parents but we will continue to ensure our children are supported through this time.

## Young Voices

On Thursday evening 61 of our children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in Young Voices at Birmingham Arena. It was a super experience for the children and well worth all the practising that they had been doing leading up to the event. As well as the feeling of being part of a choir made up to 5000 children, the children had the experience of singing along with the Urban Striders and Heather Small. Such super memories. My thanks to all the staff who gave up their evening to take the children with me. Such an amazing staff team.



## Governor Position

As you will have seen, we have two parents who have stepped forward to offer their skills to enhance our governing body. Please read their personal statements through and return your vote as is it very much a parental choice. We always appreciate the support from our parents in many different ways. For information the deadline to return the forms is Friday 3 February. For a write up about our other governing body, do go to the school website. This will inform you a bit about the current governors which may help when considering the governing body.

## Staffing – A huge goodbye and thank you

Next week we say goodbye to one of our Premises Officers, Mr Jefferies who leaves us on Friday to spend more time with his wife. He has been at Launde for 11 years. In that time he has helped the school a huge amount doing the wide range of tasks that his job covers. During the summer holidays he has always been the one who coordinates the rather large summer clean in school which involves moving all the furniture out of every class, cleaning the room and then returning it. This is a huge feat and one for which staff are always appreciative of each year. He always puts the stage and chairs out for our weekly assemblies, is there to respond to every need as well as coming in early during the snowy weather to grit the playgrounds so it is safe for all to come in. He has put so much time and energy into school life to keep us safe and will be very much missed. We are holding a special assembly next week for him.



## Attendance Award



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

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 this week is **Rosewood**.

**Congratulations!**

## Launde Parent Group AGM

That due to a poor turnout at our last AGM in November, we have rearranged another meeting for Wednesday 15 February from 9am in the main hall. Refreshments available. It is important to note that without new members, the charity will have to be closed. If you would like to get involved, or find out more, please email us at [parentsgroup@launde.leics.sch.uk](mailto:parentsgroup@launde.leics.sch.uk) or join us on Wednesday 15 February.