



Dear Parents and Carers



It was a fun filled week for our Year 4 pupils last week as 55 children went on a residential to Condover, Shropshire. It is always a pleasure to hear from the children on their return about how much fun they had and all the different activities they took part in – definitely creating lasting memories. The staff who went commented on how well behaved the

children were too as they were so polite and well mannered towards each other and the JCA staff. It makes me and the staff ever so proud. Thank you to the parents for the appreciation shown towards our staff when collecting the children on Wednesday. It takes staff a lot of additional planning, organisation and time away from their own families to deliver a residential and although staff are always willing to go the extra mile for the children at Launde, the kind comments they received were much appreciated.

Mrs Melody had also planned lots of fun activities for her team who stayed with her at Launde from making chocolate brownies, visiting Botanical Gardens and using clay to make botanical themed designs. Lovely to see the children being taught such a range of skills. Thanks Mrs Melody! The children were excited to tell me all about it when I visited Swithland on Thursday.

PTA Group & PTA Easter Activities

The AGM new committee members were voted in and we are pleased to be able to continue our Launde Parents Group charity. We would very much like to be able to host some fun events for our children at Launde. As always this relies upon having parents getting involved and volunteering their time. We will keep you informed of our next meeting and plans for the rest of the year.

The PTA have been planning some Easter activities for the last week of term – do look out for further details of this that will be coming out soon. We are very grateful for the time our PTA volunteers give up to raise additional funds for the school. The children benefit from these funds to buy the additional 'nice to have' equipment for them that wouldn't normally be possible. Do come and support the events and raise funds to help the children. Our latest project is to develop the outside areas further with additional trim trail equipment for the children to enjoy at lunch and breaktimes. These are costly but provide great entertainment for the children and enhance their skills of working together.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15 March – Year 2 National Test Meeting 5pm

Friday 17 March – Fourfold Assembly 9.15am NEW DATE

Friday 17 March – Rosewood Assembly 2.15pm

Friday 17 March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22 March – Foundation Windmill Farm Trip

Tuesday 21 March – Year 4 Times Table Meeting for Parents 6pm.
CHANGE OF DATE

Thursday 23 March – Swithland Assembly 2.15pm NEW DATE

Friday 24 March – Rivendell Assembly 2.15pm

Thursday 30 March – Year 3 Beaumanor Hall Trip

Friday 31 March – Year 1 Easter Assembly 9.15am

Rose Nose Day

Red Nose Day next Friday 17 March. The School Council have written to you all about the joke book that they have put together over the past couple of weeks. They have been collecting jokes from all the classes! These will be sold next week on the Friday for £2 each. We hope you enjoy having a laugh together as a family. We also will be having a non-uniform day on Friday for £1 donation. All children are welcome to wear their red noses on the day if they wish. Thanks in advance for your support.

Super Learning

Senior leaders watched lessons in Year 3 and Year 5 this week. It was a pleasure to see the children engaged in the learning, treating each other with respect and listening intently to the teachers. They are a credit to the school. We heard lots of enquiring questions, some fabulous vocabulary being used and lots of engagement from the children, trying their very best.

Parents of children in Year 5 will be delighted to know that they will be able to see some of this for themselves. Our Year 5 staff are welcoming parents in to the classrooms in the last week of term to find out how the teachers teach reading. This will take place on Tuesday 28 March so do put it in your diary!

Phonics Reading Books

Thanks to the parents who braved the cold weather on Wednesday evening to attend Mrs Smith's reading and phonics evening meeting for parents of children in the younger years. We hope that you have some good ideas to help when it comes to reading at home and that you have a better understanding of how the teachers use the phonics books alongside your child's other reading book. For those that couldn't make it, the PowerPoint is on the school website. This can be found on each year groups page as well as in the English section of the website. Parents...Core Subjects at Launde...English at Launde. Do also come and chat to your child's class teacher as well as they can help.

Child Concerns

A reminder again that all staff are approachable if you have any concerns or worries. Sometimes a smaller query can be cleared up by the class teacher immediately and can stop your worries straight away. Our staff are always willing to have these conversations. However, if you feel that your problem or concern is more challenging, then myself and Mrs Meer operate an open-door policy and are always on hand to solve any concerns you may have. We have worked with a few parents this week who have been to see us and it has been really rewarding to work together with them in the interests of the children.

Science Week

This week is national science week! To mark this occasion, our science subject lead Miss Pearson, has planned several science activities for the week. She will begin the week with an assembly for the children to launch a competition. I know lots of our children love science so am looking forward to seeing their brilliant entries.

New Parents Workshop Date

Our Year 4 X tables parents workshop date has been changed as we acknowledge that some of our parents won't be able to make the original date due to the beginning of Ramadan. We are moving it forward a day to Tuesday 21 March. Same time of 6pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there.

New Assembly Date

Fourfold's class assembly has been rearranged to Friday 17 March at 9.30am.

International Women's Day

On Monday 6 March, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children attended an event at Leicester City Football Stadium which was in aid of supporting International Women's Day. They were given the opportunity to complete a range of activities which were ran by a variety of successful women who work closely or within the club to promote equality and diversity within sport. They completed different workshops, designing a new kit, meeting award winning athletes, a range of physical activities and finished the day interviewing 4 of the Leicester City Ladies football players. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were hugely inspired to persist with any dream they have to become successful.

Maryam, Watership Down

"My favourite activity was probably the fitness workout because we did things like mountain climbers, star jumps, sit ups, etc. Also, the person leading it was very friendly to us all and motivating."

Ankita, Watership Down

I enjoyed it a lot! We learnt a lot about International Women's Day and participated in many events. It was an amazing day! My favourite activity was designing a kit because it was creative and fun too!

Cross Country

Cross Country County Championships: Saturday 4 March

Over the year, our children have been taking part in Cross-Country events at Manor High. In February, you may remember that 13 of our children across key stage 2 qualified for the County Championships held on Saturday last week. Each race (individual boys' and girls' races from year 3 to year 6) had over 100 runners from across the county made up of children who had qualified for their respective areas. Our children were representing the Oadby and Wigston team. They ran with great enthusiasm, although some were naturally nervous prior to their race, particularly at the sheer number of children taking part. Nevertheless, it was great competition experience for them. Whilst we didn't reach any podium positions, our children finished between positions 20 to 70, which I'm sure you would agree is a great effort considering the numbers. Hopefully, these children continue to develop a passion for running beyond this event. Well done to all involved!

Sickness

A reminder that if you child has vomited at home or at school, the policy is to keep your child at home for 24 hours from the last time they had vomited and then your child can return back to school only if they are feeling well enough and have managed to keep food down and have no temperature.

Attendance



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

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

Congratulations!



**MEET
THE
COMMITTEE**



**Aslanidou
Sofia-Maria
Chair**

**I have 2
children in
Year 1 & Year
3**



**Reena Rahman
Vice Chair**

**I have one son
in Foundation
Poppyfield**



**Magdalena
Kaszowska
Secretary**

**I have
children in
Year 2 and
Year 3**



**Kerry Roberts
Treasurer**

**I have 2 girls in
Year 4 Rosewood
& Foxton**

To get involved and find out more about what we do or how you could help, please get in touch !

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If you also see us at school, come up and say hello!

Pease welcome our new committee parents who were voted in at our AGM meeting on February.