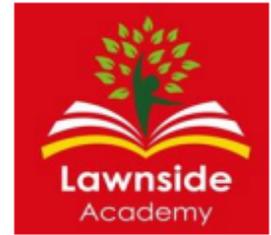


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Dear Parents / Carers,

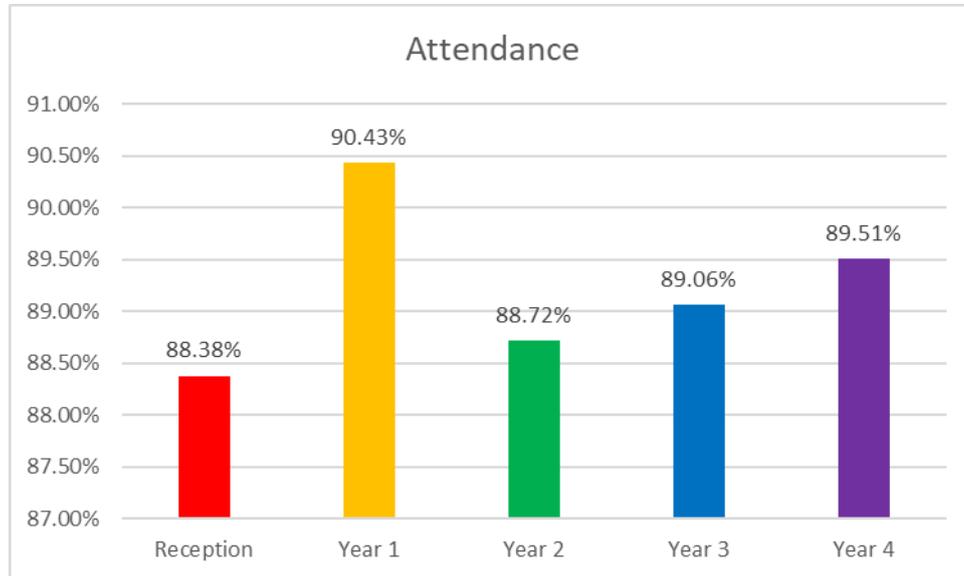
Welcome to the last half-term of this year. There are only 6 weeks to go until the summer holiday and this newsletter includes all of the dates which are in the school diary, for your information.

On Friday 27th May, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a whole school and it was lovely to see the whole school together. Classes spent the morning enjoying Jubilee activities, and in the afternoon, we sang a Jubilee song together on the playground and then enjoyed juice and Jubilee cupcakes on the field. Everyone had made a real effort to dress up and it was a lovely whole school celebration in the sunshine. There was lots of teaching and learning in classes leading up to the Jubilee also and below are a handful of photos of work and celebrations.



Congratulations to Ella in Willow class who won our Spring Easter Hunt. Well done and thank you everyone for taking part; we were very impressed with all of your entries.

Below is our attendance for the end of May, by year group. Our whole school attendance is 89.19% and our whole school attendance target is 96%. Our whole school attendance has increased since our main COVID absence period in the second half of the autumn term, so thank you and well done everyone.



Miss Holden would like to share that Birch class are World Record holders again - this time for the most amount of people to participate in a multiplication tables challenge. Well done Birch class.

KS2 staff would like to say a huge “well done” to all the children in KS2 for their wonderful efforts in completing their Mile Challenge, walking nearly 400 miles between them in 5 days which was really good going.

Thank you to all of you who have collected sponsors for their efforts. We would be very grateful if you could send the sponsor money into school once you have collected it. Thank you very much.



Help maximise Lawnside's income:

All children in reception class and years 1 and 2 are eligible for a free school meal, but schools receive extra funding called the pupil premium for children from families who receive a qualifying benefit for free school meals.

If you have a child in **any year group** in school and you get a qualifying benefit for free school meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306 (option 4). The information you provide will only be used to increase the school's income and will remain confidential. **This additional income can then be used to provide additional teaching and learning and/or enrichment activities.**

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children are:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner

Dates of birth for your children

If you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

Please note - this is for all children (reception to year 4) - not just year 3 and year 4.

In the school holidays, the government has been giving food vouchers to families / children in receipt of free school meals. This has not been confirmed for the summer holiday as yet but if this is the case and you sign up then you may be entitled to these too.

Please can we remind you to book your child's school dinners before midnight on Saturday for the following week. Innovate will not be providing a school dinner moving forwards if it has not been booked (due to increasing non-payments of meals provided). If you have not booked your child's school dinner you will be telephoned and asked to bring in a packed lunch.

A huge thank you to everyone - staff, children and parents for making our 'Ice Cream Fridays' a massive success. You have raised a significant amount of money for Lawnside (as well as being able to enjoy this Friday afternoon treat).

Diary Dates	
Friday 10 th June	Reception classes visit to Paxton Pits
Friday 10 th June @ 3pm	New PTA parent meeting in the school hall
Friday 24 th June	Athlete visit to Lawnside
Monday 27 th June	Reception classes Bikeability
Tuesday 28 th June	Reception classes Bikeability
Thursday 30 th June @ 9:15am / 7pm	Parent meeting for new Reception intake
Thursday 30 th June	Year 4 sports afternoon (delivered by Year 8, Edward Peake) - children only
Monday 4 th July	Year 4 visit to Cambridge Botanic Gardens
Friday 8 th July	Transition day for Year 4 - to middle schools Shuffle up morning for Reception to Year 3 - to new classes
Tuesday 12 th July @ 1:30pm	Reception classes sports afternoon
Wednesday 13 th July @ 9:30am	KS1 sports morning
Wednesday 13 th July @ 1:30pm	KS2 sports afternoon
Thursday 14 th July	KS1 visit to Shepreth Wildlife Park
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 visit to Cambridge Botanic Gardens
Friday 15 th July	Reports sent home to parents
Tuesday 19 th July @ 3:30pm	Open afternoon (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 4 sports afternoon (delivered by Premier Sport) - children only
Thursday 21 st July @ 2:15pm	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 22 nd July	Last day of the school year

Yours sincerely



Cheryl Johnson
Principal