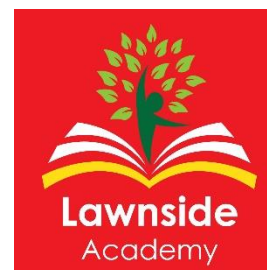


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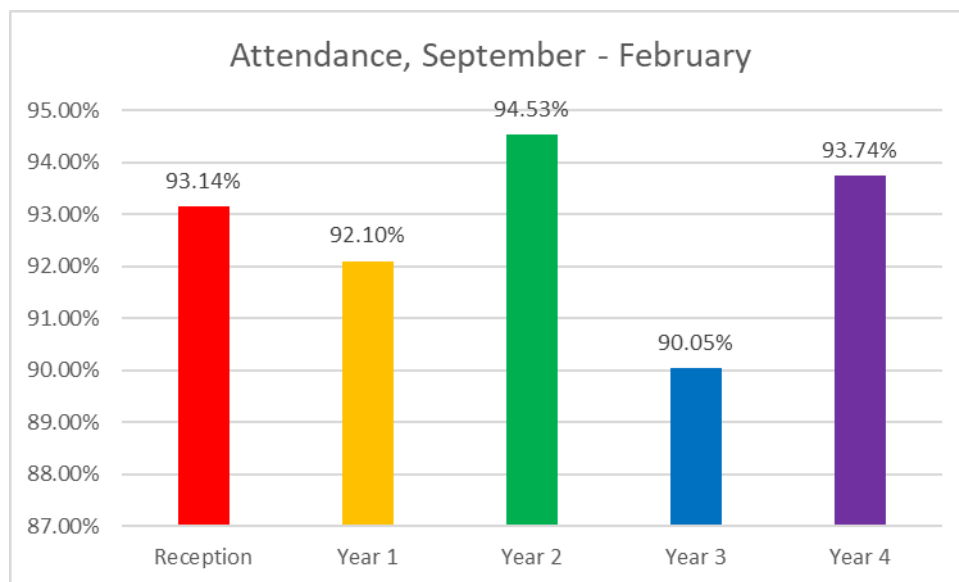
Dear Parents / Carers,

We have moved/added a few dates in the school diary due to some clashes noticed with the Year 4 residential visit to PGL. Please see the dates at the end of this newsletter for your information.

World Book Day is Thursday 2 March – we would like children to come dressed in their favourite colour(s).

Red Nose Day is Friday 17 March – we would like children to ‘Dress Up For Joy’ - pick a theme, don the best home-made costume ever, go red from head to toe or simply dig out your brightest socks. Wear something that makes you and your school smile, in return for a donation to Comic Relief.

Our whole school attendance as at the end of February is 92.64%. Our attendance target is 96%. The graph below shows the percentage for each year group:





The photo on the left is Tuesday's after school inflatable fun at Rising Stars after-school club. Lawnside have been fortunate to keep Hannah and Alfie and, until they have secured their Ofsted registration, are providing wrap-around care from 7:45am – 8:45am and 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Monday – dodgeball
Tuesday – inflatables
Wednesday – boot camp
Thursday – football
Friday – multi-activity

For our 'Stay and Play' sessions, Mrs. Gardner has asked whether anyone has (which you have finished with) any of the following:

- Jigsaws – complete
- Child's tea set
- Any items for a kitchen / home corner / role-play
- Dressing up clothes – up to 4 years of age
- Garage

If you have any of these items, in good condition, which you would be willing to donate; please speak with Mrs. Gardner on the playground before school – thank you.



Reception enjoyed finding out about Shrove Tuesday; decorating a pancake and having their very own pancake race.

This term in science, Cherry class have been learning about the weather. They have become weather reporters and described the weather. 'It is cold and wet', 'Today it is windy and sunny'. They looked at the weather in Mexico, Italy, France and Australia. They noticed that there is different weather all around the world. Following on from their topic last term, 'materials', they did an experiment to see if they could find a suitable material for a new coat for teddy. 'The water will go through the fabric', 'Waterproof means when it stays dry', 'I think the paper won't be good because it will get soggy. I left paper outside and it got all soggy wet'. They discovered that plastic kept teddy dry. Then they thought about if plastic would keep them warm and dry. 'No because it isn't fluffy inside'. They looked at their own coats to find out which would be warmer to wear. They also thought about how long they could be in the rain for with a fabric coat and compared it to a plastic coat. After looking at the materials their shoes were made from, some children thought that leather might be a good material for a coat.



Hazel Class performed a musical show. It demonstrated all the lovely activities they have been working on in music. They talked about how music made them feel and they played musical instruments to the titled piece 'Prehistoric Animal Brigade'. They all were amazing and worked really well as a team. Well, done Hazel Class!



Rowan class made masks like Mr. Horta (during their Mexico Day).



One final (polite) request, please... we have a lot of the children's belongings/clothes in lost property which, without a name on, we are unable to return to their owner. Please can we ask that you name your children's clothes to make it easier for them and us to re-unite them.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Johnson
Principal

Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Monday 20 February	Children return to school.
Tuesday 28 February	Reception school visit - Tales from Acorn Wood.
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
Saturday 11 March	Introduction to First-Aid for Parents - places still available - please speak with Mrs. Gardner.
NEW w/c Monday 13 March	PTA / Mothers' Day sale.
Wednesday 15 March - Wednesday 22 March	Scholastic Book Fair.
Thursday 16 March (2:15pm)	Reception afternoon tea/Mothers' Day assembly.
NEW Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day.
NEW Friday 17 March (2:15pm)	Scholastic Book Fair / Afternoon Tea.
NEW Monday 27 March	Sublime Science - details TBC.
NEW Tuesday 28 March (2:45pm)	KS1 assembly to parents.
Monday 3 April	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 18 April	Children return to school.
Friday 21 April (3pm)	Year 2 parents - Q&A SATs drop-in meeting.
NEW Friday 21 April (3:20pm)	PTA / start of ice-lolly Friday.
Thursday 27 April (3pm)	Year 1 parents - Q&A phonics drop-in meeting.
Monday 1 May	Bank holiday - school closed.
Tuesday 2 May - Thursday 4 May	Science week. Thursday 4 May - whole school KAPLA activity.
NEW Wednesday 3 May - Friday 5 May	Year 4 residential visit to PGL.
Monday 8 May	Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III - school closed.
NEW Friday 12 May	Whole school coronation tea party / performance to families - details to follow.
Wednesday 24 May	Class photographs.
Monday 29 May	Half-Term Holiday
NEW w/c Monday 12 June	PTA / Fathers' Day sale.
Tuesday 20 June (2:15pm)	Year 1 Fathers' Day activity - details tbc.
NEW Friday 23 June	PTA / non-uniform day for summer fair donations.
NEW Tuesday 27 June (9:30am - 11am)	Reception sports morning (parents invited).
NEW Wednesday 28 June (9:30am - 11am)	KS2 sports morning (parents invited).
NEW Wednesday 28 June (1:30pm - 3pm)	KS1 sports afternoon (parents invited).



NEW Friday 7 July	PTA / summer fair - details TBC.
NEW Monday 10 July	End of year reports sent home to parents.
Tuesday 11 July (4pm - 6pm)	Parent/Teacher Meetings.
Thursday 13 July (4:30pm - 7:30pm)	Parent/Teacher Meetings.
Tuesday 18 July (3:30pm+)	Open evening - meet/visit new teacher/class.
Wednesday 19 July	Year 4 sports afternoon (children only).
Thursday 20 July (2:15pm)	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly.
Friday 21 July	Last day of school year.



Reception Valentine's Tea

