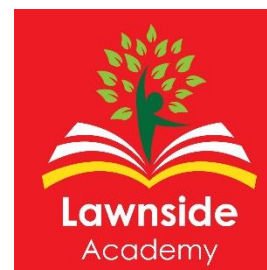


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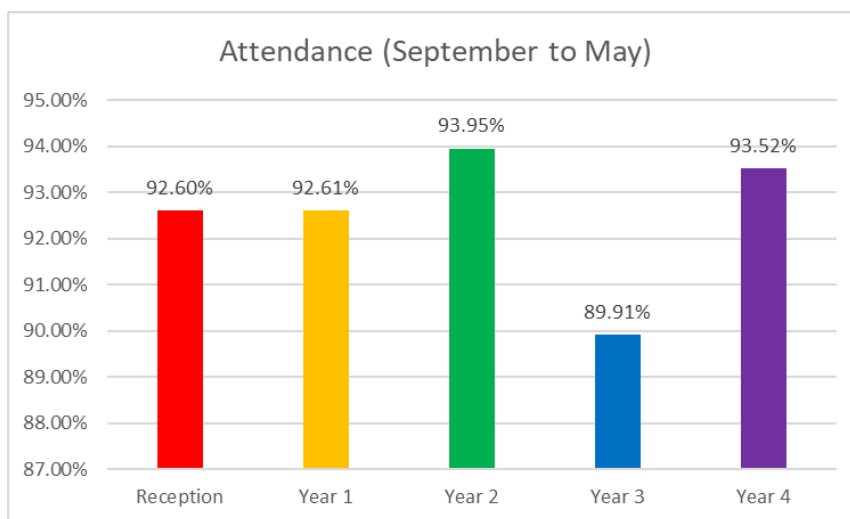
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Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have come to the end of another half-term and only have 7 weeks until the end of this academic year on our return in June. We said goodbye to 2 teaching assistants this month; Mrs. Caveney and Mr. Usher and I would like to wish them, on behalf of everyone at Lawnside, all the very best for their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and commitment to Lawnside.

Our whole school attendance as at the end of May is 92.50%. Our attendance target is 96%. The graph below shows the percentage for each year group:



Science winners!

We are pleased to announce that we have two winners of our science hamper!

Lola in Sycamore class won a hamper filled with science goodies and Abigail in Cherry class won two free tickets to Mead Open Farm. We hope that you enjoy your prizes!

May has been an exciting month for the children. Some of the Year 4's went to Caythorpe Court (PGL) for three days at the beginning of the month. They took part in a variety of practical activities and indulged themselves in three meals a day! Staff were very proud of how the children tried new activities and socialised with fun evening entertainment.



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On Thursday 4th May, the children (staff too!) had an incredible time when Kapla came to visit! They all concentrated, worked as a team and marvelled at their creations. Well done everyone!



On Friday 5th May, we had a visit from a professor of chemistry from the University of Cambridge. We had a fun afternoon watching experiments. He used a vacuum chamber to demonstrate pressure. He used marshmallows, packets of crisps and a water bottle.



On Friday 12th May, the rain held off and we managed to perform our Coronation concert. Thank you to all of you who attended – I am sure you will agree that the children performed really well.



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It is half-term holiday next week. On behalf of everyone at Lawnside, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable holiday and we will see you all back in school on Monday 5th June.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Johnson
Head Teacher

Free School Meals

Your child will get a free school meal if you receive a qualifying benefit, and your child is:

- at school
- studying in further education
- at a sixth form college

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)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. 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



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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Monday 29 May	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 5 June	Children return to school.
w/c Monday 12 June	PTA / Fathers' Day sale.
Thursday 15 June	Reception visit to Paxton Pits.
Tuesday 20 June (2:15pm)	Year 1 Fathers' Day activity.
Friday 23 June	PTA / non-uniform day for summer fair donations.
Tuesday 27 June (9:30am – 11am)	Reception sports morning (parents invited).
Wednesday 28 June (9:30am – 11am)	KS2 sports morning (parents invited).
Wednesday 28 June (1:30pm – 3pm)	KS1 sports afternoon (parents invited).
Thursday 29 June (2:30pm)	**NEW** KS2 parent assembly.
Tuesday 4 July	**NEW** KS1 school visit to Paradise Wildlife Park
Wednesday 5 July	**NEW** KS2 Faith Tour / school visit.
Friday 7 July	Rollover Day – children spend time/day in new classes/schools (Biggleswade cluster).
Friday 7 July	PTA / summer fair – details tbc.
Monday 10 July	End of year reports sent home to parents.
Tuesday 11 July (4pm – 6pm)	Parent/Teacher Meetings.
Thursday 13 July	**NEW** BEST Science Fair – details tbc.
Thursday 13 July (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parent/Teacher Meetings.
Friday 14 July (10:15am)	**NEW** Rock Steady Summer Concert – details tbc.
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.



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