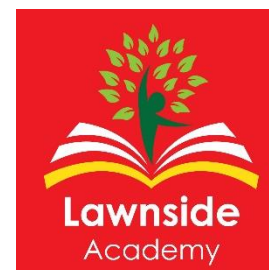


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Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our existing Lawnside families and welcome to our new Lawnside families. Welcome also, to our new staff – Miss Albone, Ms Archer and Mrs. Watson-Street (Teaching Assistants) and Ms. Freedman (Midday Supervisor). I am confident that you will all soon feel part of our Lawnside family.



This first newsletter is to update you regarding our autumn term dates and share with you some important information which may be of help as we begin a new academic year together.

A few reminders, please...

1. Please avoid driving up and down Lawnside. Please park on the surrounding roads and walk up and down Lawnside; ensuring the safety of children and families walking to and from school.
2. Please refrain from taking photographs on the school grounds; for safeguarding reasons.
3. No nuts in school packed lunches, please; we have children and staff in school with nut allergies.



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## Attendance Guide for Parents / Carers

### **What YOU must do:**

- Try to telephone the school before 8.50am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- Please do not book holidays in term-time as these will be unauthorised (and you may be fined), unless in exceptional circumstances.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if you have transport issues, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### **What WE will do:**

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## Free School Meals (FSM)

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

*Registering your child as eligible for FSM will bring more money to the school to help your child achieve. There are other benefits which may be available for children registered as eligible for FSM, i.e.*



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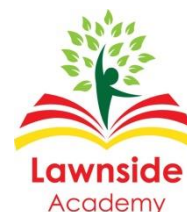
*help with the cost of music lessons or school trips and free access to CBC's holiday activities and food (HAF) programme.*

Yours sincerely



Cheryl Johnson  
Head Teacher

Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Wednesday 20 September (3pm)	KS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) – Meet the Teacher event*
Thursday 21 September (3pm)	KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Meet the Teacher event*
Tuesday 26 September (2:45pm)	Reception – Meet the Teacher event*
Wednesday 11 October	Individual school photos
Tuesday 17 October (4pm – 6pm)	Parent / Teacher meetings*
Thursday 19 October (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parent / Teacher meetings*
Friday 20 October	KS1 Outdoor Learning Day*
w/c Monday 23 October	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 7 November (2pm)	KS1 Grandparents' Afternoon*
Thursday 9 November (2pm)	Reception Grandparents' Afternoon*
Friday 10 November (2pm)	KS2 Grandparents' Afternoon*
Thursday 16 November – Tuesday 21 November	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Friday 17 November	Children in Need*
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper Day*
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 14 December – Tuesday 19 December	Christmas events*
Tuesday 19 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Wednesday 3 January	Children return to school

\*More details to follow



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LAWNSIDE ACADEMY INVITE YOU TO

**Meet the teacher  
afternoon**

Please come and meet your child's teacher and other key staff. You will find out about the exciting year ahead for your child, including key information about curriculum, events and expectations.

**KEYSTAGE 2 - 20.9.23 @3PM SCHOOL HALL**  
**KEYSTAGE 1 - 21.9.23 @3PM SCHOOL HALL**  
**RECEPTION - 26.9.23 @2.45PM SCHOOL HALL**

We look forward to seeing you. Please come to the main school reception.




**Open Events**

Is your child due to start school in September 2024?

Book a Lawnside tour today and find out more about Biggleswade's hidden gem

**call 01767 312313**

**September 2023**  
 Thursday 21st, 2pm  
 Tuesday 26th, 9.30am  
 Thursday 28th, 6.30pm

**October 2023**  
 Tuesday 3rd, 2pm  
 Thursday 12th, 9.30am

\* Each tour has a limited capacity - book early to confirm your preferred slot

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**STAY & PLAY!**

**9-10am every Monday (term time)**  
**0-4 years**

Come along to our Stay & Play on Monday mornings for an opportunity for your child to play and you to meet and chat to other parents, grandparents and carers.

**Interested?**  
 Please telephone or email  
**Mrs Alison Gardner (Family Support Worker)** to book your space, spaces are limited to 15 children.

**50p per session**

**Telephone**  
 01767 312 313

**Email**  
 agardner@bestacademies.org.uk



**Rising Stars Wrap-Around Clubs Ltd**

**LAWNSIDE ACADEMY WRAP-AROUND CLUB**

**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
 From 7:30am - £5.50  
 Breakfast served until 8.15 only

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Dodgeball	Inflatables	Multi-Activity	Football	Multi-Activity

3:30pm-4:30pm - £6.50 per session  
 3:30pm-5:00pm - £8.50 per session  
 3:30pm-5:30pm - £10.00 per session

At our after school club, the children will be offered the activity listed above or they can choose time in our chill and care area where they will have access to a variety of play activities. Children staying beyond 4:30pm will be provided with a light tea and then have further opportunities for indoor or outdoor games and play activities or quiet time if they prefer.

To book a slot please visit our website  
**risingstars.magicbooking.co.uk**

If you need to contact us please email  
 lawnside@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 07990 367199  
 or for admin queries info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our course Rising Stars will collect personal information about you/your child which will include your names, email address, telephone number, child's date of birth, gender and school. We will not share this information with any third party for marketing purposes.



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