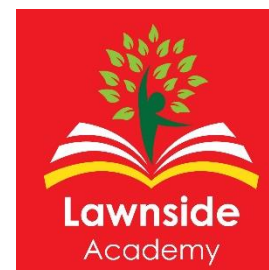


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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Please can we politely request that you do not let your children play on the pirate ship, trim trail or field before school. These are wet and slippery in the morning, therefore dangerous, and children are bringing wet / muddy feet into school.**

**The gates are opened at 8:40am and the bell is rung at 8:50am. This only gives children 10 minutes before school; where they need to be fully supervised by parents, please.**

**Children are not permitted to climb the trees at any point during the day at Lawnside.**

October has been a busy month at Lawnside with open events for admissions to Reception next September, PTA AGM, harvest assembly, school photographs, parent/teacher meetings and the children have been busy designing their Christmas cards which you will be able to purchase to fundraise for school.

We have poppies in school for the pupils to purchase for a donation, as well as some other items in a school pack, which are 50p each. Year 4 children will walk round with poppies in the afternoons and the other items, from the school pack, can be purchased from the school office. Please send your children in with their money, clearly labelled in an envelope, stating what you wish them to purchase:

Donation	A photograph showing an open white box filled with red paper poppies on green stems. Next to the box is a red cylindrical tin with a white label that says 'Poppy Appeal'.
50p	A photograph of a blue cardboard box containing several school packs. Each pack is wrapped in clear plastic and has a red poppy on it. The packs are arranged in rows within the box.



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We would like to say a few 'thank yous' on this newsletter:

### **Furniture donations:**

We have received a substantial, and very generous donation, of furniture from Mr. Poole and on behalf of the staff and pupils, we would like to say a massive 'thank you'. The furniture is already being used in classrooms and learning spaces and is greatly appreciated by pupils and staff – thank you.



### **Harvest donations:**

On Monday 9th October, we held our Harvest Assembly – to collect donations for the NEED Project. A huge 'thank you' to everyone for your very generous donations. The NEED Project collected these on Tuesday 10th October and were immensely grateful – thank you.



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### **PTA:**

A huge thank you to the PTA for all of their fundraising efforts last year, and to the parents/carers who supported the PTA AGM this month. A parent-teacher association (PTA) is a group of volunteers separate to the school that work to fundraise for the school to help it to afford resources that the ordinary school budget does not cover. If you are interested in supporting the PTA, please speak with the PTA Chair, Sarah Morgan, on the playground, or alternatively, you can e-mail the PTA on [lawnsideacademypta@gmail.com](mailto:lawnsideacademypta@gmail.com).

### **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



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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. 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



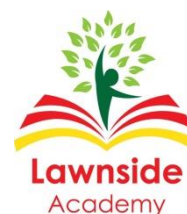
Please remember to  
send in your stamped  
addressed envelopes  
for children to post  
their grandparents'  
afternoon invitations.



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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Friday 20 October (8:40am and 3:10pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> Second-Hand School Uniform Sale (50p per item - CASH ONLY)
Friday 20 October	KS1 Outdoor Learning Day*
w/c Monday 23 October	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 30 October	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 31 October	Children Return to School
Wednesday 1 November	PTA RECEPTION Film Night*
Thursday 2 November	<b>**NEW**</b> Pupil Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 7 November (2pm)	KS1 Grandparents' Afternoon*
Wednesday 8 November	PTA KS1 Film Night*
Thursday 9 November (2pm)	Reception Grandparents' Afternoon*
Friday 10 November (2pm)	KS2 Grandparents' Afternoon*
Wednesday 15 November	PTA KS2 Film Night
Thursday 16 November - Tuesday 21 November	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Friday 17 November	Children in Need*
Friday 24 November	PTA Non-Uniform Day (for Christmas Fair donations)
Friday 1 December	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper Day*
Friday 8 December (9:15am)	Reception Christmas Performance*
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 December (am and pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> KS2 Christmas Performance - there will be 2 performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon to enable all parents/carers to attend one performance*
Tuesday 19 December (am and pm)	<b>**NEW**</b> KS1 Christmas Performance - there will be 2 performances, one in the morning and one in the afternoon to enable all parents/carers to attend one performance*
Tuesday 19 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Wednesday 3 January	Children return to school

\*More details to follow



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**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,



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## LAWNSIDE ACADEMY WRAP-AROUND CLUB

### BREAKFAST CLUB

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

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

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



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



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](http://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 name, 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.

## PUPIL PREMIUM PARENT INFORMATION

### WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best**.

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to **prioritise the academic support** of eligible pupils with it.

### WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

**Remember:** Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.



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