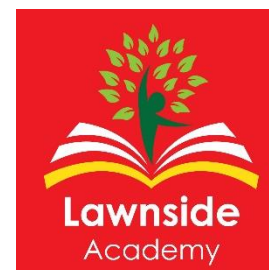


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Thursday 30th November 2023

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.

November has been a busy and exciting month at Lawnside for the children, starting with our grandparents' afternoons, which were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and their visitors:



The children also enjoyed this month's PTA Film Nights. 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.

On Friday 10th November, the whole school observed a 2-minutes silence to remember and pay our respects to everyone who has died during the world wars. Thank you for your donations to our Poppy Appeal fundraising collection – we raised £93:



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Anti-Bullying Week 2023 took place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November starting with Odd Socks Day on the Monday – a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week:



(Reception's odd socks)

We also organised our Scholastic Book Fair which was launched with our very popular afternoon tea. Thank you to everyone who made / donated cakes and who supported the book fair and this event. We raised over £230 to be spent on books for the children in school:



Thank you for all of your very generous donations for Children in Need. We raised an amazing £236.63 – very well done. Thank you also for your support using our Just Giving page – we will continue to use this method in future when fundraising for a specific cause to try to reduce / eliminate having cash in school:



(Reception staff production of Goldilocks and the Three Pudding Bears for Children in Need)

Friday 24th November was the PTA's non-uniform day for donations for the Christmas Fair (Friday 1st December) – thank you for your very generous donations for this.



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Also on Friday 24th November, Lawnside's Choir sang in Biggleswade for the annual Christmas lights switch on. Well done Lawnside Choir – we are all very proud of you, and a huge thank you to Mrs. Wood for leading the choir so brilliantly:



And finally, thank you to LAWSONS (Whetstone) Ltd. – Timber, Building & Fencing Supplies, who have donated a 6ft Christmas Tree to Lawnside – this will be decorated and displayed in the school hall. Lawson's contact details, should you wish to purchase a tree from them, are Southill Park, Old Warden, SG18 9LW, 01462 819173. The tree will be recycled afterwards and we have made a contribution to the Garden House hospice as part of their recycling scheme.

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.



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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. 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



The poster is for a 'CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION' and is framed with a red and blue striped border. At the top left is a circular logo for 'NORTH POLE SANTA CLAU'. At the top right is a postage stamp featuring a snowman and the text 'SEASON'S GREETING', 'BEST', and 'BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'. The main title 'CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, the rules state: 'You can design your Christmas card however you want - paint, draw or collage. Whatever you like as long as it has a Christmassy feel about it. Your design can be A4 or A5 in size, landscape or portrait.' To the right, it says: '£15 Amazon voucher prizes will be awarded to the best design in each of the following categories: Nurseries - Reception, Years 1-4, Years 5-8, Years 9-13, ... and a grand Voucher Prize £30 for an overall winner!'. At the bottom, it says: 'Please remember to write your Name, Academy/Nursery and Tutor group/Year group/Class on the back of your design.' A dark blue banner at the very bottom says: 'Submit your entry via your school/nursery by 9am Monday 11th December'.



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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Friday 1 December (10am)	**NEW** Rock Steady Concert – by invitation only
Friday 1 December (3:30pm – 5pm)	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 December	**NEW** KS2 Stone Age Day
Thursday 7 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 December (9:30am and 2pm)	Reception Christmas Performance*
*Christmas performances are bookable on Parent Mail – under the events section	
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 December (9:30am and 2pm)	KS2 Christmas Performance*
Tuesday 19 December (9:30am and 2pm)	KS1 Christmas Performance*
Tuesday 19 December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Wednesday 3 January	Children return to school
Friday 19 January (2:45pm)	**NEW** Year 2 SATS Parent Meeting
Thursday 25 January (2:45pm)	**NEW** Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting
Thursday 1 February	**NEW** Time to Talk Day / No Writing Day
Tuesday 6 February	**NEW** Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 14 February (pm)	**NEW** Reception Parent Valentine Event – details tbc
w/c Monday 19 February	**NEW** HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7 March	**NEW** World Book Day – details tbc
Friday 8 March (pm)	**NEW** Reception Parent Mothers' Day Event – details tbc
Friday 22 March (10am)	**NEW** Rock Steady Concert – by invitation only
Monday 1 April – Monday 15 April	**NEW** EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 16 April	**NEW** Children return to school

School visits are in the diary for the summer term:

- Reception – Friday 26 April (Radlett Theatre)
- KS1 – Monday 8 July (Windsor)
- KS2 – Thursday 20 June (St. Albans / Verulamium)

We will be setting payment plans up for these visits on Parent Mail hopefully making it easier for parents to be able to spread the costs and reduce the risk of school needing to cancel these visits – details will be confirmed.



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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

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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