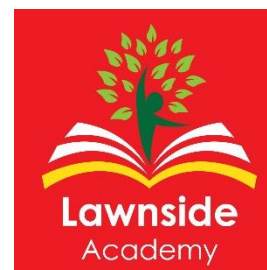


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Friday 5th January 2024

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.

Happy new year to all of our Lawnside families and staff and welcome back to school.

I wanted to send a very brief newsletter with a couple of additions / amendments to the diary dates - apologies, I missed Good Friday off, which is Friday 29th March. We have also reviewed our mid-year parent / teacher meetings; these are now in the diary and on the diary dates below.

On Thursday 7th December we held our Christmas Jumper Day, for Save the Children. Thank you for your support with this - we raised £102.43 for Save the Children.

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



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Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Friday 19 January (2:45pm)	Year 2 SATS Parent Meeting
Thursday 25 January (2:45pm)	Year 1 Phonics Parent Meeting
Thursday 1 February	Time to Talk Day / No Writing Day
Tuesday 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 14 February (pm)	Reception Parent Valentine Event - details tbc
w/c Monday 19 February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day - details tbc
Friday 8 March (pm)	Reception Parent Mothers' Day Event - details tbc
Friday 22 March (10am)	Rock Steady Concert - by invitation only
Tuesday 26 March (4pm - 7pm)	**NEW** Parent / Teacher Meetings
Thursday 28 March (4pm - 6pm)	**NEW** Parent / Teacher Meetings
NEW Friday 29 March - Monday 15 April Apologies, this was incorrect on the previous newsletter.	EASTER HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 16 April	Children return to school
Friday 19 April (3pm)	**NEW** Year 2 Parents Q&A SATS Drop-In Session
Thursday 25 April (3pm)	**NEW** Year 1 Parents Q&A Phonics Drop-In Session
Friday 26 April (pm)	**NEW** Reception Theatre Visit to Radlett Theatre

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.

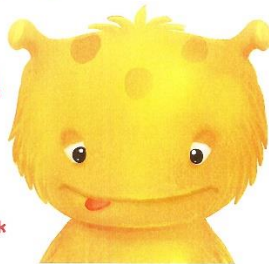
Interested?

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 to a place on our course Rising Stars will via text message 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 store 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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