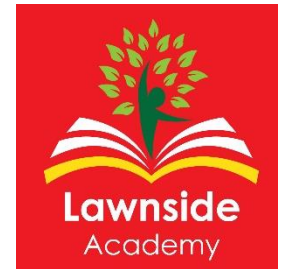


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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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 and after 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.

February has been a busy month at Lawnside and we are already half-way through this academic year. We started with Time to Talk Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February; a chance for all of us to be more open about our mental health and talk about how we really feel.

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February; to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all.

Reception invited parents to their Valentine event on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Staff want to say 'thank you' to all the parents who came along to this afternoon. The afternoon started with children beautifully singing a Chinese New Year song. Parents then enjoyed crafting, game playing and refreshments with their child(ren).



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In KS2, the children have enjoyed learning all about WW2. The children have taken part in experience days where they have been evacuees. They have made their own Anderson shelters and enjoyed looking at and exploring different artefacts.



Red Nose Day will return on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, set to be bigger than ever this year, and we are once again supporting Comic Relief as it helps people tackle poverty and injustice in the UK and around the world. More details will follow.

Mrs. Gardner has requested donations of the below please, for her Stay and Play group:

- Dressing-up clothes (for ages 3 - 4, 4 - 5 and 5 - 6 years);
- Puzzles (for early years);
- Dressing-up trolley;
- Musical instruments (for early years).

If your children have grown out of any of these, and you are looking to donate them, Mrs. Gardner would be happy to receive them. Please speak with Mrs. Gardner on the gate in the mornings before school if you have anything that you think may be suitable. Thank you.

Finally, I have set Parents' Evenings up on ParentMail, for you to be able to book your appointments from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, at 9am. Mrs. Brookes usually sets this up for me but in her absence, I have done this myself - if you have any difficulty in booking your appointments, please let us know as it is likely something I have not done in setting these up.



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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

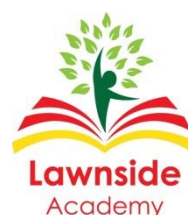
Have your children grown out of their school uniform?

Is it in good / clean condition?

Would you like to donate it to school?

If yes, we will gratefully take it off your hands to either have as spares in school or to sell as second-hand to other parents (and to raise money for Lawnside) – thank you.

Diary Dates:



Date:	Activity:
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day – <b>details ParentMailed separately</b>
Friday 8 March (pm)	Reception Parent Mothers' Day Event – details tbc
Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March	<b>**NEW**</b> The Big Plastic Count
Thursday 14 March – Monday 18 March	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 15 March	<b>**NEW**</b> Red Nose Day
Friday 22 March (10am)	Rock Steady Concert – by invitation only
Tuesday 26 March (4pm – 7pm)	Parent / Teacher Meetings – <b>bookings open Monday 4 March on ParentMail @ 9am</b>
Thursday 28 March (4pm – 6pm)	Parent / Teacher Meetings – <b>bookings open Monday 4 March on ParentMail @ 9am</b>
Friday 29 March - Monday 15 April	EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 16 April	Children return to school
Friday 19 April (3pm)	Year 2 Parents Q&A SATS Drop-In Session
Thursday 25 April (3pm)	Year 1 Parents Q&A Phonics Drop-In Session
Friday 26 April (pm)	Reception Theatre Visit to Radlett Theatre
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 23 May	Class Photos
w/c Monday 27 May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

School visits are in the diary for the summer term:

- Reception – Friday 26 April (Radlett Theatre)
- Reception – Thursday 13 June (Paxton Pits)
- KS1 – Monday 8 July (Windsor)
- KS2 – Thursday 20 June (St. Albans / Verulamium)

We have set up payment plans 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.



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# Stay & Play!

9 -10am every Wednesday (term time)  
0 – 4 years



50p per session

Come along to our Stay and Play on Wednesday 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.  
Telephone: 01767 312313  
Email: [agardner@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:agardner@bestacademies.org.uk)



**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 core 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](mailto:lawnside@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 07990 367199  
or for admin queries [info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk](mailto:info@risingstars-wraparound.co.uk) 01462 790152

On registering your child for a place on our courses Rising Stars will collect personal information about you or your child which will include your name, email address, telephone number, 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.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

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

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



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