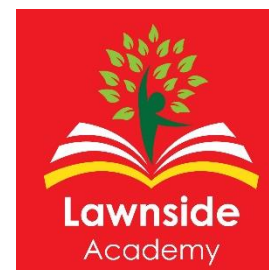


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Tuesday 30th April 2024

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.

April has been short at Lawnside and we are now into the summer term; minus the summer weather!

Thank you to all of you who attended CBC's open evening on Monday 22nd April. If you were unable to attend and you would like to see the plans for Lawnside's primary conversion then please speak with me on the playground and I will be only too happy to share.

On Friday 26th April, Reception children visited the Radlett Theatre to see 'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book'. There was lots of singing and dancing and the children were fantastically behaved - a real credit to the school and their families.



I have been asked to say 'thank you' on this newsletter - to CBC for their grant; spent on a new shed as well as bark, planters, fence and soil for our bee garden and to Tesco for their grant; spent on a bug hotel in Reception.



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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:
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Thursday 23 May	Class Photos
w/c Monday 27 May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 3 June	**NEW** Children return to school
Thursday 13 June	**NEW** Reception visit to Paxton Pits
Tuesday 18 June	**NEW** KS1 Father's Day event - TBC
Thursday 20 June	**NEW** KS2 visit to Verulamium (St. Albans)
Friday 5 July	**NEW** Sports Day - TBC
Friday 5 July	**NEW** End of year reports to parents - TBC
Monday 8 July	**NEW** KS1 visit to Windsor
Tuesday 9 July	**NEW** Whole school open evening - TBC
Friday 19 July	**NEW** Rock Steady Concert - by invitation only
Friday 19 July	**NEW** Last day of academic year - summer holiday
Wednesday 4 September	**NEW** First school day of new academic year

School visits are in the diary for the summer term:

- 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



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 courses Rising Stars will collect certain information about you / your child which will include your names, 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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