



LABURNUM

PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS

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WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all of our families. We have had an extremely positive start this term and myself and the staff are incredibly proud of the enthusiastic and focused start that the children have made to this term, especially as summer has made a late appearance this week! children have coped very well with the heat this week, although there were lots of tired children by the end of the day today – partly because of the heat, but mainly because of the effort they have been putting into their learning. The hot weather has also allowed us to enjoy the newly installed air conditioning in the Dining Hall.

I am especially pleased to see how well the children who are new to the school have integrated into their classes and the friendly and supportive way their peers have made them feel welcome – feedback from the children has been that they are enjoying being in their new school.

Our Reception Class are now full-time after a slightly staggered start and have been busy learning in their classroom. The reception classroom had a bit of a make-over during the summer break, with new flooring being installed.

We are incredibly grateful to Mr Bradley Hayward, a parent of two children in school, who donated the flooring, including installation as a thank you to the school. This generous gift will also see other floors in school being upgraded in the near future.



SCHOOL & NURSERY PLACES

We are currently beginning to organise tours for families with children who will be in Reception next September. If you have a child of Nursery age and would like a full school tour, then please contact the school office. Please also mention this to friends who are not familiar with Laburnum and I would be very pleased to show them all that our school has to offer.

As some parents know, we keep a Nursery entry register in the school office. We usually have a little capacity in our Nursery, but it really does help us to plan staffing and finance in advance if we have future children listed on our register. If you have a child under the age of 3 and you would like them to attend out Nursery, please do contact the school office – we have had several children listed since birth, so it is never too early to put their name down! Please also encourage friends who don't yet have children at the school to contact us as we would welcome the opportunity to show them our school and nursery.

DATES & INVITATIONS!

The dates list for the year is included later in the newsletter – dates of school visits, FLS events and Class Assemblies will be added over the coming weeks.

Mrs Dawes and I would like to welcome any parents who would like to, to an informal Senior Leaders drop-in on Friday 14th September in the Dining Hall. This will be the first of a series of regular opportunities across the year in a slightly less formal setting and without the need to make an appointment. Parents will be from to come across as they drop their children as school in the morning (8:45)– tea/coffee and biscuits will be available and you are more than welcome to bring your pre-school children with you too. There is no agenda – just an opportunity to ask any questions you may have in relation to school. If your question is very specific we may suggest a private meeting at another time.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

We are always grateful to parents who can volunteer some time to help in school and we can guarantee you a very warm welcome. Volunteering can be either as a block of time e.g. an afternoon, or one or more short sessions at the end of the day to read with children.

If you would like to help in school, please contact the school office. They will ask you to complete a simple form and will also process a DBS check.

We also host volunteers who are undertaking childcare and education qualifications – this year we are again hosting the [Central Bedfordshire Support Work in School Course](#), starting on 12th October. This was very successful, with 3 of the attendees who volunteered in school last year, now working at Laburnum as Teaching Assistants.

FOOD AND DRINK REMINDERS

Please remember:

- Water bottles brought into school should only contain water.
- If your child has a packed lunch it is useful to pack an additional smaller drink with this.
- All break-time snacks should be raw fruit or vegetables only.
- Hot cooked dinners are free for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Packed lunches should not contain sweets and there should really only be one sweet item such as a small cake or biscuit bar; and only one pot/packet of crisps or similar. Children need a carbohydrate based lunch e.g. sandwich, wrap, roll etc. to give them longer term energy to last the day. Some families vary this with rice, pasta and crackers. We encourage children to eat their 'main' item (sandwich etc.) first and certainly before anything sweet.
- We are a no nuts school! Under no circumstances should children bring in any nuts or nut containing items as we have several children with severe allergies and nuts pose a significant risk to their health.

PLEASE HELP

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACCESS FUNDING TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Could your child be entitled to free school meals?

We know that lots of parents have not applied, but are eligible and their child is missing out on the support they could be receiving.

We could offer your child many benefits if they are entitled:

- Free breakfast club
- £50 school uniform voucher per year
- Reduced costs on school trips, music lessons, after school clubs
- Free break-time milk
- Extra learning support in and out of class.



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All of these benefits could make a significant difference to your child.

All children in reception class, year 1 and year 2 automatically qualify for a free school meal under the Government's Universal Free School Meals scheme **BUT** any child in Reception – Year 6 could still qualify for free school meals (and therefore the benefits listed above) if you are in receipt of the following –

- Income Support, or
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, or
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related), or
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit, or
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS), or
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.

IF YOU THINK THERE IS ANY CHANCE YOUR CHILD COULD BE ELIGIBLE - PLEASE APPLY

IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL BUDGET AND THE SUPPORT WE CAN PROVIDE

Once your child is identified as eligible their school receives additional funding each April (in the budget) for the next 6 years.

You can apply by phone on 0300 300 8306

Mon-Thurs 8.30 am – 5.30 pm and Fridays 8.30 – 4.30 pm

PLEASE DO CALL – IT ONLY TAKES 5 MINUTES BUT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE THE PHONE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO DO THIS WE ARE MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP YOU

All you will need is:– National Insurance numbers for you and your partner, along with your dates of birth and dates of birth for your children (and NASS number if you have one).

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AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS WEEK ENDING 8th SEPTEMBER 2023

ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

Beech	99.0%	0 late marks
Elm	94.2%	0 late marks
Cedar	100%	0 late marks
Chestnut	99.1%	1 late mark
Willow	91.0%	0 late marks
Sycamore	95.8%	0 late marks
Oak	92.3%	1 late mark

THE GOLDEN MILE



This week the Golden Mile trophies were awarded to:

EYFS & KS1

KS2

Cedar

Willow

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



172



182



218



152

WEEKLY CLASS C.A.R.E.S AWARD CERTIFICATES

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APPLE

CARES – The Whole Class

BEECH

CARES – The Whole Class

ELM

C - Joe
A - Jensen
R - Rosie
E - Bart
S - Kodi
CARES - Sophia

CEDAR

C - Vinnie
A - Austin
R - Edith
E - Mason
S - Skyla
CARES - Blake

CHESTNUT

C - George
A - Sophia
R - Leo
E - Joycee
S - Arabella
CARES - Grace

WILLOW

C - Willow
A - Nadia
R - Paula
E - Seren
S - Meredith
CARES - Charlie Joe

SYCAMORE

C - Lexi-Rae
A - Layton
R - Ruby
E - Harrison
S - Lara
CARES - Angelica

OAK

C - Hannah
A - Tristan
R - Connor
E - Anna-Rose
S - Oakley
CARES - Leon

WHOLE SCHOOL CARES AWARD



September

Thursday 28 th		School Harvest Assembly & The Need Project food collection
Friday 29 th	8:45	FLS MacMillan Coffee Morning – Dining Hall

October

1 st – Mon 31 st		Black History Month	
Mon 2 nd – Thursday 5 th		Y5/6 Bikability Level 1&2 Combined	
Monday 9 th	9-10:00am	Apple (N) Class Parent Session Drop-in Chestnut (Y3) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Apple Classroom Chestnut Classroom
Tuesday 10 th	9-10:00am	Elm (Y1) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Oak (Y6) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Elm Classroom Oak Classroom
Wednesday 11 th	9-10:00am	Willow (Y4) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Beech (YR) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Willow Classroom Beech Classroom
Thursday 12 th	9-10:00am	Sycamore (Y5) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Sycamore Classroom
Friday 13 th	9-10:00am	Cedar (Y2) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Cedar Classroom
Monday 16 th	3-3:30pm	Pupil books available for Parents/Children to view together (books also available for in-school Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Classrooms
Tuesday 17 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	Virtual and in-school appointments available
Wednesday 18 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Friday 20 th		School Closes for Half Term Break	
Monday 30 th		School Opens for Autumn 2	

November

Monday 6 th		Reverse Advent Calendar Begins	
Friday 10 th		Pupil Flu Immunisations Reception – Year 6	
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th		Anti-Bullying Week	
Friday 17 th	All Day	Children in Need 2022	
Tuesday 21 st	10:00- 11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (January admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 23 rd	1:30- 2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (January admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom

December

Wednesday 13 th	9:30am 2:30pm	Reception Christmas Production	School Hall
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Thursday 14 th	3:30pm	Whole School Carols on the Playground	Playground

January

Thursday 4 th		School Opens for Spring Term: Reception-Y6 Pupils return to school Nursery 1:1 New Parent & Child Meetings	
Friday 6 th		Nursery Pupils return to school	
Friday 19 th	All Day	Y6 Young Voices	The O2 Arena, London

February

Monday 5 th	9-10:30am	Oak (Y6) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Oak Classroom
Tuesday 6 th	9-10:30am	Cedar (Y2) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Sycamore (Y5) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Cedar Classroom Sycamore Classroom
Wednesday 7 th	9-10:30am	Elm (Y1) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Chestnut (Y3) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Elm Classroom Chestnut Classroom
Thursday 8 th	9-10:30am	Apple (N) Class Parent Session Drop-in Beech (YR) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Apple Classroom Beech Classroom
Friday 9 th	9-10:30am	Willow (Y4) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Willow Classroom
Friday 9 th	All day	CHUMS Shine Bright, Wear Bright	
Monday 12 th	3:00- 3:30pm	Pupil books available for Parents/Children to view together (books also available for in-school Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Classrooms
Tuesday 13 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	Virtual and in-school appointments available
Thursday 15 th		Parent/Teacher Meetings	
Friday 16 th		School closes for half term break	
Monday 26 th		School opens for Spring 2	

March

Thursday 7 th		World Book Day	
Tuesday 12 th	10:00- 11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 14 th	1:30- 2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (April admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Friday 17 th		Red Nose Day	
Thursday 28 th		School closes for Easter Break	

April

Tuesday 16 th	School Opens for Summer Term: Reception-Y6 Pupils return to school Nursery 1:1 New Parent & Child Meetings
Wednesday 17 th	Nursery Pupils return to school

May

Monday 6 th	May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed
Mon 13 th -Thurs 16 th	Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
Monday 20 th	SCARF Life Education Visit to Laburnum
Friday 24 th	School closes for half term break

June

Monday 3 rd	School opens for Summer 2	
Mon 3 rd	Year 4 Multiplication Check window opens	
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week	
Tuesday 25 th	10:00-11:00am Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 27 th	1:30-2:30pm Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom

July

Monday 15 th	School Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)
Weds 17 th - Thurs 18 th	Class Transition Days (Children in new classes)
Friday 20 th	2:20pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly School closes for summer break

Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service



HOME ENERGY ADVICE

If you're worried about paying your energy bills, want to know how to make your home warmer or need advice on accessing financial support, Better Housing Better Health are here to help. We're a charity working locally to improve residents' domestic warmth and wellbeing and improve the energy efficiency of your property.

BETTER HOUSING BETTER HEALTH CAN HELP WITH:

ENERGY BILL
SUPPORT

HOME
ENERGY
VISITS

FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE

PRIORITY
SERVICES
REGISTER



GET IN TOUCH
0800 107 0044

www.bhbh.org.uk



Emotional Wellbeing Workshops

Early Help - Central Bedfordshire Council
September - December 2023

Workshop	Date	Link to Book
Building Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence	Tuesday 19th September 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703178223997?aff=oddtcreator
Supporting Emotional Regulation	Wednesday 25th October 6:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703264913287?aff=oddtcreator
Managing Anxiety	Thursday 12th October 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703266447877?aff=oddtcreator
Emotionally Based School Avoidance	Thursday 9th November 10:30am	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703269587267?aff=oddtcreator
Managing Transitions	Wednesday 6th December 6:00pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/703297280097?aff=oddtcreator

All workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams and are aimed at parents/carers of children or young people in Central Bedfordshire. Workshops will run each term.





Guest speakers from PoetsIN a Creative Mental Health Charity.

A Charity Created For People Struggling With Their Mental Health By Two Poets Who Have Struggled Too.

Parent Session

Thursday 28th September 2023

4.30-5.30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/694086420167?aff=oddtcreator>

Resources will be shared after the workshop.

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

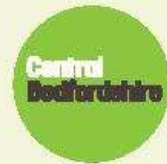
North Early Help - northeearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

South Early Help – southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Managing Healthy Relationships

Free workshop for parents

Luton



Find your local children's centre



This two-part workshop will help parents and carers identify how arguments start within relationships, what can make arguments escalate and the impact this can have on children.

The programme will also explore healthy ways to manage disagreements and how couples can communicate effectively in their relationship.

This workshop is funded by the Reducing Parental Conflict agenda across Central Bedfordshire and Luton.

The workshop will:

- Help to identify how disagreements start
- Help to identify how disagreements impact ourselves and our children
- Help to identify helpful and harmful behaviours during arguments
- Provide valuable resources to take home

To join a programme, contact your local Children Centre for times and dates.

A great place to live and work.



Pre Diagnostic Workshops for Adults 18+

The Assessment Process for an Autism Diagnosis

Monday 4th September - 11am-12pm

[Click Here](#) to register

Wednesday 6th September - 6pm-7pm

[Click Here](#) to register

You must live in Bedfordshire, Luton or Milton Keynes to be able to attend.



Are you seeking an autism diagnosis and wanting further information?



Sandy FC Mini Colts

FOOTBALL TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-6 YEARS

SATURDAY MORNINGS @
SUNDERLAND ROAD RECREATION
GROUND, SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE

FIRST
SESSION
FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
OUR MINI COLTS COACH KEITH

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Football Development Centre
Sandy Sports Centre – SG19 1BL
 by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

Start Back Date - Friday 15th September 2023

£4 per session – 13 week block of Development



Times/ages: 5-6pm = ages 5 - 9 & 6-7pm = ages 10 - 16 & Girls Only = ages 9-15

**UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
 BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)**

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