LABURNUM PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWS

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Values Education

Our value for November is:

PEACE

Values-based Education
VbE Quality Mark

MESSAGES, FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. The children have settled back into their learning fantastically and the classrooms are calm and purposeful as usual. It is also fantastic that we have the vast majority of our staff back in school this week, fit and healthy and working hard, as always, to support your children's learning. In addition to our regular staff, tutoring began (the week before half term) for a number of children and will continue throughout the year for different children as part of our efforts to fill the learning gaps created by the pandemic over the last 2 years.

It is really interesting to reflect that it has been 2 years since the last uninterrupted school year – the last time Year 6 had a full year in school was when they were in Year 3. For Year 5 it was when they were in Year 2 and so on. The children in Year 2 and below have not yet had a whole year of fulltime education. This makes it absolutely crucial that we all do everything we can to keep the children in school and learning. Part of this relates to limiting illness and infection, but it is also why we keep such a strong focus on attendance and lateness. We know the recent attendance letters caused concern for some parents and at this time of year, even a small absence can reduce attendance to below 97%, however with good attendance, this will quickly improve over time. If you are having a particular issue that is impacting on your child's attendance/lateness, please do ask for help – there is often something we can do or suggest, or we can put you in touch with someone that can provide the help you need.

COVID-19 UPDATES

It is good to see this week that the local levels of COVID-19 infection have reduced over the half term break, but as you will know from the information sent from Public Health earlier in the week, there is a lot of concern about the potential for infection to spread even more rapidly amongst the very young – as this is what has been seen more recently. As a school, we have always ensured that we keep to the higher end of restrictions and cleaning regimes etc. in order to try and limit the potential for infections to spread. We have also continued to have very low instances of coronavirus amongst staff and pupils, compared with other areas and the rate of infection spreading between individuals is also extremely low.

Thank you for your support regarding the most recent changes to COVID restrictions. The school office staff are hugely appreciative that parents have immediately taken on board the request to call or email, rather than visit directly. Please do remember that if you need to visit the school office in person you will need a face covering (unless exempt). All staff, visitors and volunteers have adapted well and the children have also adapted to the tweaks we have made in our protocols in school.

Throughout this academic year, we have planned additional visits, activities and FLS events that meet the requirements of the current restrictions. National guidance and restrictions have not changed and therefore the venues for our visits are still keen to welcome us and we intend to continue with the vast majority of the visits and experiences planned. Whilst we can put measures in place to ensure our visits go ahead, we will have to evaluate the situation regarding events that involve inviting parents onto site, following a thorough risk assessment of each individual situation.

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK

Seacole	Pankhurst	Gandhi	Churchill
199	191	174	181

ATTENDANCE

Beech	96.7%	2 late marks
Elm	97.3%	0 late marks
Cedar	98.57%	0 late marks
Chestnut	98.62%	0 late marks
Willow	95.3%	4 late marks
Sycamore	92.8%	3 late marks
Oak	93.3%	1 late mark

Attendance figures do not include any absences due to COVID-19 self-isolation / awaiting test results.

Attendance Target: 97%

VALUES CHAMPIONS

Apple:	Bowie & Dakota
Beech:	Skyla
Elm:	Millie
Cedar:	Lana
Chestnut:	Roman
Willow:	Imogen
Sycamore:	Logan
Oak:	Scarlett

CONGRATULATIONS!

THE GOLDEN MILE

In the last week the school ran 195 miles in total!

The winning classes were:

EYFS & KS1

Cedar (39.4 miles)

KS2

Sycamore & Chestnut (45 miles)

CLASS DOJO

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 10th	Year 3 to visit Flag Fen
Friday 12th	Children in Need Day (Non-Uniform in return for charity donation)
Monday 15th – Friday 19th	Road Safety Week / Anti-Bullying Week
DECEMBER	
Thursday 2nd	Year 6 SATS information Meeting – invite letter to follow
Wednesday 8th 10am and 2pm	*Foundation Stage Nativity Play – subject to COVID rules*
Thursday 9th	FLS Film Night
Friday 10th	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10th	Nursery and Reception to visit Mead Open Farm
Thursday 16th	School Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 17th	Break Up for Christmas Break
JANUARY	
Wednesday 5th	Spring Term Begins – YR-6 Return to School Nursery New Starter 1:1 visits
Thursday 6th	Nursery Return to School
Friday 21st	Year 6 to Young Voices Concert London O2
FEBRUARY	
Monday 7th – Friday 11th	Children's Mental Health Week: CHUMS SHINE BRIGHT WEAR BRIGHT
Friday 11th	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 21st	2nd Half of Spring Term Begins – All pupils return to school
Monday 28th Feb – Wednesday 2nd Mar	Year 4 to Burwell House (residential visit)
MARCH	
Thursday 3rd	World Book Day
Thursday 10th	Year 5 to visit West Stowe
Friday 18th	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Thursday 24th	FLS Special Ladies Afternoon Tea
Monday 28th	Year 4 Bikeability Day
APRIL	
Friday 1st	Break Up for Easter Break
Wednesday 20th	Summer Term Begins – YR-6 Return to School Nursery New Starter 1:1 visits
Thursday 21st	Nursery Return to School
MAY	
Monday 2nd	May Day Bank Holiday
All of May	Year 2 KS1 Assessments
Tuesday 3rd	Class Photographs
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th	Year 6 to PGL Caythorpe Court (residential visit)
Friday 27th	Break Up for Half Term
JUNE	
Monday 6th	2nd Half of Summer Term Begins – All pupils return to school
Monday 6th – Friday 10th	Year 1 Phonics Check Week & Year 4 Multiplication Check Period
Friday 17th	Father's Day Breakfast
Thursday 30th June – Friday 1st July	Year 3 Overnight Camp (School Field)
JULY	
Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd	Year 5 to National Space Centre (overnight stay)
Saturday 9th	FLS Summer Fayre

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021

- MAINS -

Roast Turkey

Roasted Vegetable &
Stuffing Tart

- SIDES -

Carrots

Peas

Optional Brussel Sprouts

Chipolata, Gravy

Roast Potatoes

- DESSERTS -

Gingerbread Snowman

Chocolate & Orange Pudding

Fruit

Yoghurt

dolce schools catering

COVID-19 Snapshot

As of 3rd November 2021 (data reported up to 31st October 2021)

Central Bedfordshire

Population 294,096

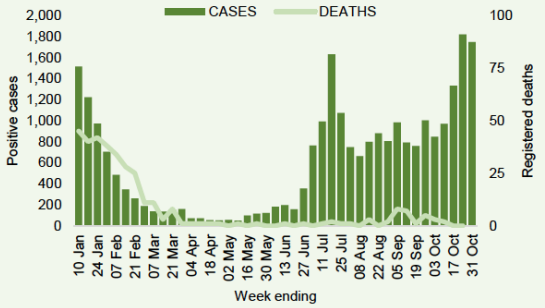
Number of PCR tests in the last 7 days	Total COVID-19 cases	Residents vaccinated with at least 1 dose	Residents vaccinated with 2nd dose
12,834	35,875	217,506	201,591
direction of travel ↓ -1,591		87.3% of 12+ population	80.9% of 12+ population

PCR test Positivity in the last 7 days	Covid-19 cases in the last 7 days	Residents vaccinated with at least 1 dose in last 7 days	Residents vaccinated with 2nd dose in the last 7 days
13.7%	1,746	1,176	700
direction of travel ↑ +1.0%	direction of travel ↓ -69	direction of travel ↓ -392	direction of travel ↓ -179

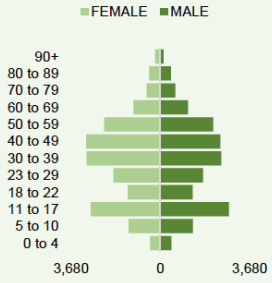
Direction of travel compares current snapshot against previous snapshot

key: ↑ Increasing ● no change ↓ decreasing

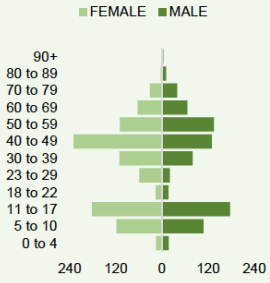
Number of COVID-19 cases and deaths by week



All cases by age and gender



Last 7 days by age and gender



only age groups with more than two cases will be shown

Most affected wards in the last 7 days

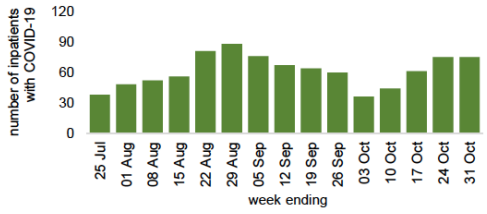
	Number of cases last 7 days	DOT	Rate per 1,000 population last 7 days	Rate per 1,000 population all cases
Arlesey	121	↑	7.3	111.5
Stotfold and Langford	107	↑	6.5	111.6
Ampthill	103	↑	7.4	128.0
Leighton Buzzard North	89	↑	5.8	108.5
Cranfield and Marston Moretaine	86	↓	5.2	122.9
Biggleswade North	85	↓	8.1	137.1
Dunstable-Northfields	82	↑	7.4	143.8
Biggleswade South	82	↓	7.0	126.8
Caddington	81	↑	8.1	123.3
Leighton Buzzard South	81	↑	5.2	120.0
Shefford	80	↑	7.4	131.0
Flitwick	77	↑	5.5	108.7
Dunstable-Icknield	61	↑	6.7	143.4
Dunstable-Central	60	↑	10.3	125.0
Houghton Hall	58	↓	6.3	138.2
Potton	56	↓	6.6	117.2
Sandy	54	↓	3.9	121.0
Toddington	48	↓	4.8	120.3
Linslade	41	↓	3.4	100.6
Silsoe and Shillington	38	↓	6.4	118.8
Dunstable-Watling	37	↓	3.9	123.2
Heath and Reach	30	↑	6.6	138.9
Eaton Bray	26	●	5.7	97.6
Barton-le-Clay	26	↑	5.2	127.3
Dunstable-Manshead	26	↓	4.5	142.7
Tithe Farm	23	↑	4.5	131.1
Houghton Conquest and Haynes	22	↓	6.6	144.4
Aspley and Woburn	19	↑	3.9	93.6
Parkside	18	↓	3.3	128.2
Northill	17	↓	3.8	100.0
Westoning, Flitton and Greenfield	12	↓	2.5	134.0

only wards with more than two cases will show last 7 days detail

direction of travel (DOT) compares current snapshot against previous

Hospital bed occupancy patients with COVID-19

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



The maximum daily number of inpatients with COVID-19 each week (combined figures for the Bedford and Luton & Dunstable hospital sites)

Number of weekly positive cases per 100,000 population

Previous 7 day snapshot	Last 7 days	Direction of travel
18-Oct - 24-Oct	25-Oct - 31-Oct	
617.1	593.7	↓ -23.4

rates based on ONS mid year population 2020

Total deaths registered involving COVID-19 since 1st January 2020	Deaths registered involving COVID-19 16-Oct to 22-Oct	Direction of travel (compared to previous 7 days)
697	0	● +0

(current snapshot against previous snapshot)

Parenting Insight

Coping with the Christmas Holidays

Guidance on stress management and managing worries over the Christmas period

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance from The Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Bedfordshire Wellbeing Service

Making a positive difference through Talking Therapies

Thursday 2nd December 2021

4.30-5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/169601287015

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

North Early Help -northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Parenting Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on SEND services

Thursday 11th November 2021

4.30-5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/168102437917

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Guest speakers from Home-Start, SENDIASS and SNAPP

HOME START Central Bedfordshire

SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

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NHS

My child has received a neurodiversity diagnosis (e.g. Autism or ADHD)

Where can I find help and information?

DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT PACK

The **DIAGNOSIS SUPPORT PACK** is an online *'one-stop shop'* for information, resources and signposting for families.

- Introduction
- Positives of Neuro-diversities
- Holitic Approach
- What to expect at your appointment
- Sleep
- Medication
- Talking about a diagnosis
- Sensory Processing Needs
- Mental Health
- Supporting Social Communication Development
- Best Practice Guide for Professionals
- Contact Information and Resources
- Jargon Buster
- Printable resources and links

www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/dsp

This pack has been co-produced with the help of parents, young people, local Parent Carer Forums, CAMHS, Education Psychology and other key partners.

Bedfordshire Community Health Services

Luton Children & Adults Community Health Services

SNOWMAN COMPETITION

WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH

Please write your name, age and school on the back and hand in your picture to the cook before 12/11/21. The cook and head teacher will send the two best entries to us and we will announce a nationwide winner on 19/11/21.

. . . and a pack of Christmas cards displaying the winning snowman design on!

Plus runners up prizes!

SANDY CARNIVAL

Prince and Princess Competition

Sunday 21st November 2021.
Sandy Village Hall.

Entrants to arrive at the Hall by 2.00pm for registration, competition to start at 2.15pm.
A series of questions will be asked each entrant but no need to be shy, our judges are all very friendly.
Entrants must be between 7 and 11 years old on 11 June 2022
They must be available to attend the Sandy Carnival Procession and where possible any other events during the forthcoming year