



LABURNUM

PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWS

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READING CHALLENGE

In assembly today I asked the children to share if they had achieved the house points for reading 5 times in a week. By show of hands, about 20% of children of the children had succeeded. This is a step in the right direction, but we are hoping to see an improvement on this next week. As I said to the children – there is nothing more important than reading (in the context of learning in school) as it opens the door to learning in all other areas of the curriculum.

STUDYBUGS - ATTENDANCE

We encourage all parents to sign up to StudyBugs. We have increased access by 2% this week, but still have about half of our parents who need to download the App. Benefits of the App are that communication comes through the App and not your email inbox and that you can log reasons for absence using the App. This is efficient for you, but also saves the office staff a huge amount of time spent making follow up phone calls when a pupil is not at school and we do not have the reasons.

Even better than accurately reporting your child's absence is when your child is not absent at all. Many of you will be aware by now that StudyBugs will send you alert emails when your child's attendance falls below 97%, below 92% and below 90% (classed as persistent absence). What does this mean in terms of actual days missed?

- At this point in the school year, any child who has missed 2.5 days since September will have an attendance below 97%. For the majority of children this level of absence will not be an issue as long as it does not deteriorate further and the message received is a reminder.
- If your child has missed 7 days of school or more at this point in the school year, their attendance will have fallen to 92%. This is more concerning as this is equal to about half a day a week of missed learning.
- If your child has missed 8.5 days or more at this point in the school year they have missed 10% or more of their education and will be below 90%. This really is concerning and will result in a request for you to make a meeting with Mr Bardell. If your child's attendance is usually very good, we know and understand specific reasons for their absence already and is only just below 90% we may choose to monitor rather than have a meeting to check that your child's attendance does continue to increase. However, if your child's attendance is well below 90%, absences are unauthorised or unexplained or your child has a particular pattern of absence, the school office will make contact and arrange a meeting for you.

Any meetings arranged are designed to be supportive, to provide you with the opportunity to share any particular circumstances and to consider ways that we may be able to help your child's attendance improve or support you in helping your child to catch up on any missed learning.

ACADEMY UPDATE

We are working ever more closely with our colleagues at Advantage Schools in order to move towards being a formal part of the trust and are now within the phase of legal transfers and information sharing. The DfE have requested a target transfer date of 1st March, which Advantage Schools and Central Bedfordshire Council are working towards. We will update you as things progress and ensure that you are fully aware when the formal legal transfer will take place. In the mean-time, members of Advantage Schools have joined our Governing Board as associate governors and key personnel from the trust are beginning to be more familiar faces at Laburnum.

PARENT AND CARER VIEWS

Next week, you will receive a parent/carer survey, which we encourage all parents to complete. Your views are a really important part of our decision making and school improvement processes and help to judge and share with others where we have improved and where we still need to develop further. We have tried to time our latest survey for a slightly quieter part of the school year to maximise the number of responses.

AWARDS AND CELEBRATIONS WEEK ENDING 19th January 2024

ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

Beech	94.9%	0 late marks
Elm	94.8%	1 late mark
Cedar	86.5%	7 late marks
Chestnut	88.5%	0 late marks
Willow	95.7%	0 late marks
Sycamore	92.7%	1 late mark
Oak	97.0%	0 late marks

THE GOLDEN MILE



This week the Golden Mile trophies were awarded to:

EYFS & KS1

KS2

Cedar

Sycamore

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK



268



230



277



289

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

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APPLE	BEECH	ELM	CEDAR
C - Theodore A - Hutton R - Harrison E - Noah S - Chester CARES - Amelia	C - Nicole A - Luna R - Daisy M E - Martha S - Tanner CARES - Harper	C - Aariah A - Effy R - Gabi E - Alfie S - Sienna CARES - Michael	C - Noah A - Nathaniel R - Austin E - Henri S - Jacob CARES - Ezra
CHESTNUT	WILLOW	SYCAMORE	OAK
C - Joycee A - Benjamin R - Grace E - Bethany S - Amelia D CARES - Sienna	C - Tex A - Nevaeh R - Lottie E - Levi S - Becky CARES - Jenaya	C - Ruby A - Camden R - Lilly G E - Leo S - Lexi-Rae CARES - Sofia	Certificates to follow next week

WHOLE SCHOOL CARES AWARD



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C.A.R.E.S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS!

Year 2
Cedar Class
19th January

WHOLE SCHOOL LUNCHTIME AWARD



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Year 3
Chestnut Class
19th January

CLASS DOJO

Messages sent to families

354

245 Last week



Photos and videos shared

41

29 Last week



Positive feedback %

100%

100% Last week



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

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January

Friday 19 th	All Day	Y6 Young Voices	The O2 Arena, London
Friday 26 th	All Day	Y3 & Y4 Bikeability Level 1	

February

Monday 5 th	9-10:00am	Oak (Y6) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Oak Classroom
Tuesday 6 th	9-10:00am	Cedar (Y2) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Sycamore (Y5) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Cedar Classroom Sycamore Classroom
Wednesday 7 th	9-10:00am	Elm (Y1) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in Chestnut (Y3) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Elm Classroom Chestnut Classroom
Thursday 8 th	9-10:00am	Apple (N) Class Parent Session Drop-in Beech (YR) Class Parent Lesson Drop-in	Apple Classroom Beech Classroom
Friday 9 th	9-10:00am	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	
W/C 26th	Mon-Fri	FLS Mother's Day Present Room	

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 15 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	
Wednesday 17 th – Friday 19 th		Year 4 – Grafham Water Activity Centre	

May

Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday: School Closed	
Mon 13 th -Thurs 16 th		Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)	
Mon 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	
Wednesday 5 th		Yr 5/6 Faith Tour, Queens Park, Bedford	
Mon 3 rd – Fri 14 th		Year 4 Multiplication Check window	
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

Friday 12 th		Annual Pupil Reports to Parents	
Monday 15 th		School Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)	
Weds 17 th - Thurs 18 th		Class Transition Days (Children in new classes)	
Friday 19 th	2:20pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly School closes for summer break	

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INFORMATION - ADVICE - SUPPORT



Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support Workshop for Parent Carers

- Is your child or young person struggling in school, college or their early years setting?
- Is your child or young person newly diagnosed?
- Are they struggling to access/attend lessons/their educational setting?
- Are you struggling to get the support your child or young person needs from their educational setting?

If the answer is yes to one or more of the above our **FREE** online information and advice session for parents and carers could help you. It will focus on the process of first level support in mainstream schools, colleges and early years settings for pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and explore:

- Special Educational Needs and what schools can do to meet the needs of Children and Young People (CYP) with SEND;
- Special Educational Provision, SEN Support and The Graduated Approach - Assess, Plan, Do and Review;
- What does a SEN Support Plan look like, and what it might include.

SEN Support Workshop Dates:

- Thursday 1 February 2024, 18:30 - 20:30
- Friday 2nd February 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

To book your place call us on 0300 300 8088 and leave a message. Or email 'emma.jenkins@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk', stating which date you wish to attend.

A Teams invite will be sent to your inbox before the workshop.

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- Rhymes
- Stories
- Instrumental delights



**Leighton Buzzard
Library - Thursday 25th
January 9:45am -
10:15am**

**Dunstable Library
Thursday 25th January
2pm - 2:30pm**

**Flitwick Library
Thursday 1st February
2pm - 2:30pm**

**Biggleswade Library
Thursday 1st February
9:45am - 10:15am**

Please Book your place by calling your Library



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About Steve Grocott

Musician - Composer - Teacher



BIO

Steve is a professional musician, composer and qualified teacher who specialises in music and storytelling in the Early Years. He is the author of the 'Bright Sparks' collection of song books and collaborated with Pie Corbett on the 'Storysongs' CD. He delights families with stories, rhymes, songs and much more!

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