

**MESSAGES, FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE HEAD**

I do hope that you enjoyed the long weekend and that those of you who could, managed to spend some time together as a family doing the things that you enjoy!

Last week was another great week in school and you should be very proud of your children. Almost all children are working hard, almost all of the time, but we are still pushing for the 100%. You may have heard your children talking about 100% - part of our goal of maximising learning for all children – and therefore maximising opportunities, is to have 100% of the children doing the right thing, 100% of the time – whether that be listening to an instruction, having the right equipment ready, completing homework, being silent when that is the expectation or actively talking with their learning partner when that is the expectation. A day in school is full of challenge and change, but the children have really embraced the idea of 100%.

On Friday, I was so impressed with the way that the children listened in assembly – something that has always been good, but is getting even better – some of the children even commented that they thought it was 100% - it was certainly very quiet and respectful, with almost all children remembering to focus on the person leading or receiving an award. I was also impressed that almost 100% of the children showed good manners when receiving a certificate or award, with almost all children saying thank you. This week in my Thursday assembly with the children I will be talking to them about the importance of manners and positivity in school (and life). Most children at Laburnum show good manners a lot of the time and some children all of the time. The children are fantastic on visits, special occasions and when visitors are being shown around, but we are looking for that little bit extra and challenging the children to be even kinder to each other and show the respect they have by always remembering positive manners.

**FRIENDS OF LABURNUM SCHOOL, SUMMER FAYRE DONATIONS**



Thank you, on behalf of the friends for your generous donations towards the Summer Fayre. Each item gained a House Point for the house the child who donated came from and saw Pankhurst coming out on top! I know that some families are intending on donating this week – any additional items will gain House Points in the same way.

**SWIMMING POOL UPDATE**

You may have seen the fantastic images below of the swimming pool at Laburnum Primary on social media in the last few weeks. Laburnum has had a swimming pool for a great many years – a very unusual asset for a Primary School and one of the last remaining school pools in Bedfordshire - although we no longer allow diving in from the edge!



This year, we are delighted to share that our pool area and changing rooms are having a mini-makeover, with an additional step being installed from the changing rooms to poolside, to make it easier for little legs to step down and the changing rooms are being decorated with a fresh coat of paint and new anti-slip floor paint. We are also installing a new storage shed for pool equipment.

However, most exciting of all, is that this year we are having a brand-new pool liner installed. The last liner had lasted for many years but sprung a leak this year and therefore had to be condemned. Our pool company are working hard to ensure that the new liner is in place, the pool is full and all necessary checks have been completed, ready to swim after half-term. Once the pool is ready, I will share some before and after photographs to show the transformation!

All children from Reception to Year 6 will swim after half term and we will be asking for parents to volunteer, as we usually do, to stand poolside and help monitor the children. We will confirm swimming days for each class before half term. On swimming days, all children from Reception to Year 6 will need: A swimming costume – 1 piece for girls/swimming trunks/shorts for boys (tight fitting are better and create less drag in the water) and a towel. **Please name all items, as every year we have unclaimed swimming costumes and towels left at the end of term.** We discourage goggles as Swim England guidance suggests that it is better for children to learn without (as they will not have goggles if they fall into a pond/river). However, if your child has particularly sensitive eyes or has prescription goggles, then of course, goggles are allowed – however we cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage. We supply swimming aids, such as tummy bands and woggles, so please do not send these items into school.

**WEEK ENDING 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

**ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%**

Beech	99.0%	0 late marks
Elm	95.8%	1 late mark
Cedar	88.4%	3 late marks
Chestnut	98.7%	0 late marks
Willow	100%	0 late marks
Sycamore	91.2%	0 late marks
Oak	91.0%	0 late marks





**THE GOLDEN MILE**



This week the Golden Mile trophies were awarded to:

<b>EYFS &amp; KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
Beech	Chestnut


**HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK**

			
<b>322</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>304</b>

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

**CHALLENGE • ACHIEVE • RESPECT • EFFORT • SAFE**

APPLE	BEECH	ELM	CEDAR
C - Lillian A - Bernadette R - Sanyu E - Arvin S - Chester CARES - Freddie	C - Zachary A - Ruby R - Tanner E - Tiffany S - Valentina CARES - Ella	C - Tommy A - Bella R - Grayson E - Effy S - Hendrix CARES - Alivia	C - Gaunik A - Skyla R - Jacob E - Teddy S - Vinnie CARES - The Whole Class
CHESTNUT	WILLOW	SYCAMORE	OAK
C - Grace A - Amelia M R - Amelia D E - Emma-Leigh S - Sienna CARES - Joshua	C - Jenaya A - James R - Tex E - Nevaeh S - Eryk CARES - Ted	C - Tien A - Camden R - Charlie E - Joseph S - Evie CARES - Lilly G	C - Macey A - Bobby R - Logan E - Daisy S - Oakley CARES - Alfie




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**C.A.R.E.S AWARD**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Year 5**  
**Sycamore Class**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May**



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#### May

Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>		Year 3 Overnight Camping	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 Verulamium	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May		Extreme Bike Show	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>		SCARF Life Education Visit to Laburnum	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>		Year 6 PGL Caythorpe	
		School closes for half term break	

#### June

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		School opens for Summer 2	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Yr 5/6 Faith Tour, Queens Park, Bedford	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Year 4 Multiplication Check window	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-10:00am	Year 5 Sycamore Class Assembly	School Hall
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Year 6 Bikeability Level 3	
	9:00-10:00am	Year 4 Willow Class Assembly	School Hall
		Year 1 Woburn Safari Park	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-11:00am	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	1:30-2:30pm	Nursery 'stay and play' session (September admission children/parents by invite)	Apple Classroom

#### July

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:45-5:00pm	Yr 3/4 Inspiring Music Celebration Concert, Shuttleworth	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 2 Hunstanton	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-10:00am	Reception Beech Class Assembly	School Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Annual Pupil Reports to Parents	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>		School Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)	
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>		Class Transition Days (Children in new classes)	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:45pm	Year 6 Oak Class Leavers Assembly School closes for summer break	School Hall





**FUN**

## May 2024 Football By 4 Corner Coaching



**FRIENDS**



**FOOTBALL**

Venue: **Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL**

**Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>**

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm

**Costs £18 per person per session. Ages 5 - 14**

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

Contact : **Mark – 07419764033 - [mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk](mailto:mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk)**

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## May Half Term Goal Keeping Camp By 4 Corner Coaching



**Handling**



**Footwork**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May Only** Venue: **Sandy Sports Centre (Grass) SG19 1BL**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May Only** Venue: **Eynesbury Rovers FC (Grass) PE10 2SF**

Time – 10.00am till 3.00pm

**Goal Keeping Camp for 7-14 year olds. Places very limited....**

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# May 2024 Newsletter



The CPD Standards Office  
CPD PROVIDER: 22640  
2024-2025

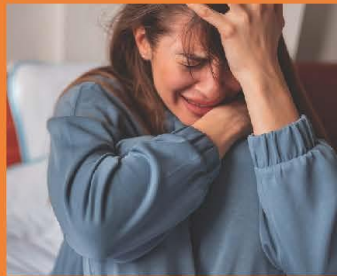
CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

### National Standards CPD accredited sessions

All sessions booked & delivered online via [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday  
2 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Monday  
13 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Monday  
20 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Understanding the Teenage Brain

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday  
21 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



### Raising Self-Esteem

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.

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# Are you worried about how they are feeling?

## DECREASING DEPRESSION

### FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) go to **PARENT** page