



Our Value for September is

## RESPECT



### COVID-19 Update

School continues to run really smoothly. Your children have been nothing but accepting, responsive and resilient and the staff continue to put huge effort into supporting the academic and social needs of the whole school community. Our new 'normal' has quickly established and I am so proud of the way our whole school community has worked together to ensure our return has worked. We know it is difficult when children are unwell and we say they cannot come to school. As a parent you can usually make a choice about whether they are well enough to be in school (unless they have a specific illness requiring absence or they have sickness/diarrhoea as this requires a 48-hour absence from the last episode), however due to COVID-19, some symptoms mean your child cannot be in school until they have been tested and shown to be negative. We will not request that your family self-isolate and your child take a test unless they demonstrate one of the prescribed symptoms – at which point government guidance takes over and we have no choice but to make this request. Full government and NHS guidance on symptoms and staying at home are below:

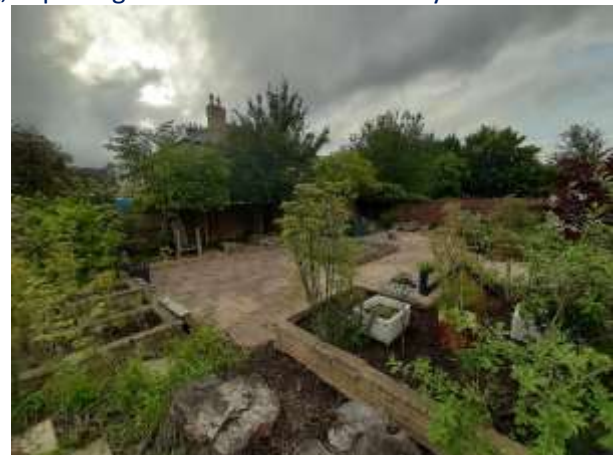
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

### Nursery

If your child turns 3 this term, they are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare and learning in our fantastic nursery class, from January 2021. If you are employed, you may be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare and learning. Please contact the school office if you have not yet put your child's name down for a January or April 2021 start.

### Quiet Garden

When you walk past the school Quiet Garden, take a moment to look in and see how fantastic it looks. During lockdown and over the summer break, local residents and supporters of the school, Mrs Fisk, Mrs Snitch and Mrs Woollard have done an amazing job of clearing, weeding and maintaining the space. We now have a garden to be proud of and one that that we can really utilise with the children for planting, growing, exploring and sometimes for a story.



### Free School Meals

Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals if you think you might qualify – it will make a big difference to you and to the funding the school receives.

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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## **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.

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**

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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## AUTUMN TERM DATES

### September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

School Harvest Assembly and  
The Need Project food collection – please bring a tin or  
packet into school **on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** and leave in the box at  
your relevant gate.

### October

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Week Beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Week Beginning 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Individual School Photographs  
Flu Vaccinations  
Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings this week (virtual  
/ phone) – arrangements to be confirmed  
FLS Non-Uniform / Halloween Dress Up Day  
School closes for half term break

### November

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

School opens for Autumn 2  
Reverse advent calendar begins – Further information to  
follow

Children in Need

Anti-Bullying Week: United Against Bullying



### December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

School closes for Christmas break

### January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

School closed – Training Day

School opens for Spring Term



YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY



# Harry Potter Studio Tour



\* *Win*  
a family ticket  
for 4 people \*

- Help boost our school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 per week
- Cash prize winner every week
- You could even win our £25,000 jackpot

To start supporting, visit:  
**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**

and search for: **Laburnum**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Entries close on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. T&Cs apply, see website for details

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## Making a Positive Difference Through Talking Therapies

Self-refer today by calling **01234 880400** or by visiting  
our website – [www.bedfordshirewellbeingservice.nhs.uk](http://www.bedfordshirewellbeingservice.nhs.uk)



***Are you a parent/carer living in Central Bedfordshire who wants to understand more about sensory processing?***

***Then join our online workshop An Introduction to Sensory Processing***

*This is a FREE online event held over 2 sessions each lasting 2 hours. The workshop will provide you with an introduction to sensory processing.*

***Workshop Session 1 - 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00am – 12.00***

***Workshop Session 2 - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00am – 12.00***

*The workshop will cover: A basic overview of sensory processing to include:*

- 1. What the senses are and why they are so important for everyday skills*
- 2. How poor sensory processing can present itself in children*
- 3. Examples of how it may feel to experience poor sensory processing*
- 4. Helpful strategies that can support everyday living*

*Please note there is a requirement that by signing up to the workshop, you MUST attend both of the sessions*

*To book your place on the workshop copy and follow the link below for more details*  
*Session 1*

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-workshop-an-introduction-to-sensory-processing-session-1-tickets-114446552720>

*Session 2*

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-workshop-an-introduction-to-sensory-processing-session-2-tickets-114448313988>

***Workshop run by Rachael Gartland***  
***Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist & Sensory***  
***Integration Practitioner***



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