



LABURNUM

PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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NEWS

VALUE OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER - RESILIENCE

Our October value of RESILIENCE comes at just the right time. As the school community continues to adapt to the full return, our children and staff have been showing great resilience in the face of new social and learning challenges, not to mention the different COVID-19 expectations and restrictions we have in school. Learning more about resilience will support our whole school community at this time of national crisis.

COVID-19 UPDATE

In line with measures expected nationally I would strongly encourage all parents and carers to begin wearing face masks at school drop off and pick up. This is not something we can enforce, however parents are often in close proximity and we have observed many occasions when parents are not staying apart 1m+. **From Monday 5th October, all parents and carers entering the school site, including for Nursery drop-off, will be required to wear a face mask (unless there is a medical reason not to).** [Click here](#) to remind you of the importance of safety and social distancing measures.

POLICY UPDATES – REMOTE EDUCATION

On Monday we will send out our Remote Education Policy that details our expectations for remote education in the event of a local/national lockdown, small group or individual isolation (pending test results) or a whole class bubble closure for isolation.

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEED PROJECT

Thank you for all of the food items sent in for our Need Project Harvest appeal. As usual, the Laburnum families have not let us down and our collection of food will be put to great use by The Need Project, feeding families in times of hardship.



CONGRATULATIONS MRS BELLINGHAM

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Bellingham is currently on maternity leave. Now that the children are settling back into school, we thought they (and you) would like to be introduced to the new member of the Bellingham family: Georgia Elsie Bellingham – who has just turned 2 months old – many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bellingham.



MOBILE PHONES FOR YEAR 5/6

Following a safeguarding concern, we have been asked whether Year 5 and 6 can resume bringing mobile phones into school (in case of issue on the journey to/from school). Unfortunately, this will not be possible for in school safeguarding and health reasons. Government guidance asks us to limit items coming into school due to contamination risks, which would be increased as we would need to store the devices for the children, as allowing children to keep their phone with them would be a safeguarding risk. Allowing your child to walk to and from school independently is a personal choice made by each child's parents/carers, which you are free to withdraw should you feel that they are not safe to walk without a mobile phone. We will continue to review this decision and advise parents of any changes.

Values Education

Our value for October is:

RESILIENCE



Attendance

Beech	95.7%	0 late marks
Elm	89.1%	1 late mark
Cedar	97.5%	0 late marks
Chestnut	96.0%	0 late marks
Willow	96.3%	0 late marks
Sycamore	96.7%	1 late mark
Oak	98.1%	2 late marks

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

Attendance Target: 97%

VALUES CHAMPIONS

Apple	Charlotte R
Beech	Parker
Elm	Becky
Cedar	Lilly V
Chestnut	Charlie
Willow	Ellie
Sycamore	Sasha
Oak	Amelia

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House Points This Week

Pankhurst	Seacole	Gandhi	Churchill
 182	 201	 201	 219



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

AUTUMN TERM DATES

October

Tuesday 6th
 Thursday 15th
 Week Beginning 19th

Friday 23rd

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 2nd

 Friday 13th
 Monday 16th - Friday 20th

School opens for Autumn 2
 Reverse advent calendar begins – Further information to follow
 Children in Need
 Anti-Bullying Week: United Against Bullying



December

Friday 18th

School closes for Christmas break

January

Monday 4th
 Tuesday 5th

School closed – Training Day
 School opens for Spring Term

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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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Contact us for help on supporting
you or your child in school

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Are you concerned about progress at school? Are you unsure about the decisions being made? Do you need some advice about Special Educational Needs? We may be able to help

We provide FREE, impartial & confidential information, advice and support in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

SENDIASS officers and volunteers are trained in SEN law and can help you understand your rights, so that you can make informed decisions.

We will listen to your concerns and discuss with you possible next steps. We can help you understand what support schools and the Local Authority can offer. We can support you through school exclusion, EHC needs assessment and appeal processes. We can support you in meetings to help find a positive way forward.

For more information or to discuss your queries and concerns please contact SENDIASS.



0300 300 8088 (24-hour message service available)



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October 2020 Football By 4 Corner Coaching



FUN



FRIENDS



FOOTBALL

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

Monday Oct 26th & Wednesday Oct 28th & Friday Oct 30th

Half days: 10am – 1pm or 2pm – 5pm

Costs/Times: 10am – 1pm = £15 or 2pm – 5pm = £15

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS

Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact : Mark – 07419764033 - mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk

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Virtual Wellbeing Drop-ins

Do you want to learn more about feeling happy and calm at home?

Worried about returning to school or other changes happening?

Activities and information will be aimed at all children.

12.10.2020	Feeling calm	Please book on through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-feeling-calm-tickets-122939811285
26.10.2020	Managing worries through uncertainty	Please book on through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-managing-worries-through-uncertainty-tickets-122938368971
09.11.2020	Understanding anxiety	Please book on through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-understanding-anxiety-tickets-122937759147

Younger children may need support from an adult.



For more information please contact the Early Help team via Eventbrite. Booking ends the night before the event.

Promoting Positive Emotional Wellbeing Drop-in

Find ways to support the children and young people in your life

Free to attend

Via Microsoft Teams

Young People

17:00-17:30

Parents

17:30-18:00

Gain information, support and guidance

Resources will be sent out after each session

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