



Our Value for June is **KINDNESS**



School Update

Having analysed all of the surveys, we can confirm that we will not be able to offer places to children in additional year groups. We have offered places to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. In addition, places have been offered to the children of key workers in all years. From Monday 22nd June, we will have 83 children attending school most days – this is 35% of our usual number on roll. We really wish that we could have more children in school, but following government guidelines on group sizes, taking account of our own risk assessments, staffing availability and available space, we cannot open any additional ‘bubbles’. We will always try and accommodate key worker children if you need us to, but at this stage it would be likely that we needed to close a Year 6 bubble in order to do this. When it is safe to do so, we will welcome more (and eventually all) children back to school, but we must ensure that this is done in line with government guidance and in a way that is safe for the children and adults in school. Next week, we will arrange for additional exercise books and home learning materials to be supplied to all families who would like them.

Home Learning Grid

From next week, you will notice a change in our home learning grids. We are adding a page of the key learning in English and Maths that each child should achieve in their year group. We will continue to provide daily learning opportunities, but would like you to support your child’s learning of these key skills. A short session each day on counting, times tables, phoneme recall, reading to an adult and writing a sentence or paragraph at an age appropriate level will make a massive difference to them and enable them to access the learning in their new year group when they return in the Autumn. Over the next few weeks we will emphasise these key skills and share resources that will enable your child to practise them.

Free School Meals (& vouchers) – Could you be eligible?

With lots of people’s working and financial circumstances changing, we know that many more children may be eligible for Free School Meals. Not everyone wishes to apply and take up this opportunity, but there are many more benefits to eligibility that just receiving the meal – please see the 3rd page of this newsletter for more details. **We would urge as many of you as possible to apply for Free School Meals as school receives additional funding and we can use it to support your child and their learning.**

Children eligible for Free School Meals have been receiving a weekly voucher of £15. Now that school is open to more children, our caterer is supplying Food Parcels instead, however in the summer holiday, parents of eligible children should receive a £90 supermarket voucher for each child. To be eligible for the summer holiday supermarket voucher, your child needs to be registered as eligible for Free School Meals by the end of this term. It really does only take 5 minutes to apply.

Communication

Just a short reminder that all staff are still working and the majority of staff are working in school, leading, teaching and supporting in ‘bubbles’. This means that class teachers do not have access to Class Dojo for much of the day and cannot respond quickly if you contact them. All teachers will respond within 48 hours, but may not see an urgent message until after the end of the school day. If you have an urgent question or something you need to share, please contact the school office, which is open from 8am until 4pm each day, except Wednesday (although staff are working from home and checking emails). If your child is attending school currently and will be absent, please contact the school office via phone or email to report this. Similarly, any urgent messages should also be communicated via the school office.

Starting Nursery

If you have a child who will turn 3 by the end of August, they are eligible to start Nursery in the Autumn Term. Mrs Edwards will contact parents of children already registered, but if any other parents have children turning 3 and you would like them to start in the Autumn Term please contact the school office as soon as possible. If your child turns 3 from September onwards, please also contact the school office to have your child added to our list for entry in other terms. Parents/children starting Nursery in the Autumn Term will also get the opportunity for a 'virtual' meeting with Mrs Watts and Mrs Gauge (our Nursery teachers) as we are unable to have our usual drop-ins and home visits.

Starting Reception

We have already written to parents of all children due to start Reception in September 2020, including those who do not attend our Nursery. We will be contacting you again shortly to share further information, make arrangements for transition meetings and give you an opportunity to meet with our Reception Class Teacher and Early Years Lead, Mrs Boyall. You will also have an opportunity to meet Mrs Gauge, who will teach the class on a Thursday and Friday.

School Uniform

From September, we will expect all children to be in full school uniform when they are in school, including appropriate footwear – black school shoes (no trainers). If your child is moving to Year 3, please remember that they will need to wear a white shirt (not polo shirt) and a school tie. Details of our full uniform expectations is on our school website: <https://www.laburnumprimary.co.uk/uniform>

Class Structure 2020-21

We do not know what the rules and expectations will be in September yet, but it is possible that social distancing and reduced class sizes will still be in place. When regular classes resume, the staff will be organised as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Nursery (Apple):	Mrs Gauge (M/T) and Mrs Watts (W/Th/F)	Miss Cook Mrs Murphy
Reception (Beech):	Mrs Boyall and Mrs Gauge	Mrs Opper Mr Rosmini
Year 1 (Elm):	Mrs Johnston	Mrs Aloysius Miss Sermons
Year 2 (Cedar):	Mrs Moore	Mrs Andrews Mrs N Johnston Mr Rosmini
Year 3 (Chestnut):	Miss Joy	Mrs Hutchison Mrs Leet Miss Sermons Mr Rosmini
Year 4 (Willow):	Mr Mephram	Mrs Shaw Mr Rosmini
Year 5 (Sycamore):	Mrs Jarman and Mrs Godfrey	Miss Bloss Mrs Tyler Mr Wyatt
Year 6 (Oak):	Mrs Day	Mrs Milne



At this time, Raring2go would normally be saying "hello" and dropping off the summer edition of the Bedford edition of their magazine for us to give to all our students. Due to Covid-19, they made the decision to go digital this summer and will be doing two editions instead of one. They want to be able to help and support as many local businesses as they begin to reopen and give families lots of ideas about things to do. Here is a link to the first edition <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bedfordandbiggleswade/summer/>. The second edition will be out in the middle of July.

Please store our new mobile numbers in your phone. You can call them if you have a safeguarding concern, but Mrs Dawes and I may use them to call parents when we are working from home. If you are struggling and need some help, or are worried about another family from school, please do call us on 07742814635 / 07742827178

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PLEASE HELP!

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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Virtual Wellbeing Drop-ins

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

Activities and information will be aimed at all children. Younger children may need support from an adult.

12 th June 2020	Managing overwhelming feelings in times of change.	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-managing-overwhelming-feelings-tickets-107812821050
18 th June 2020	The internet and wellbeing (Time change 13:00-14:00)	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-the-internet-and-wellbeing-tickets-108098222694
26 th June 2020	Mindfulness and relaxation	Please book through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-positive-wellbeing-mindfulness-and-visualisations-tickets-108106573672

For more information, please contact the Early Help team via Eventbrite



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

11:00-11:30

Parents

11:30-12:00

Gain information, support and guidance
Resources will be sent out after each session



Being a Parent

a FREE 9-week Parenting Programme



**A FREE 9 week programme run by parents for Mums, Dads
& Carers of children aged up to 11 years.**

Booking essential

Starts on 7th July 2020 at 8pm – 9.30pm

Via Zoom

A link will be sent to you at time of booking.

For more information and bookings please contact our EPEC Hub Co-Ordinator

Colette Fletcher

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Being a Parent Programme

There is always something new to learn as a parent.



We all know being a parent isn't always easy. The EPEC sessions help parents develop new skills. The programme is held in a trusting, non-judgemental environment, where parents are encouraged and supported to explore new ideas. This is done in a fun, informal way and delivered by parents who have first-hand experience of the challenges of parenthood.

- Come along to exchange ideas and tips that help with parenting
- Develop communication skills that are effective
- Celebrate the joys and successes of parenting
- Learning to make playtime fun
- Deal with the challenges of being a parent
- Identify your own needs and your child's needs
- Meet likeminded parents

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