

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

This week has seen the beginning of advent and the new value of patience being introduced. In the lead up to Christmas, patience is an essential value for most of us as we await the special day, however at Laburnum we will not be 'winding down' to Christmas, with the learning continuing right up until the last day (although there will of course be the chance for some Christmas fun too). Christmas can also be a challenging time of year for many and this Christmas will be especially difficult for some. School can support you in many ways and we have great connections with many supportive organisations that can help if you are struggling with managing the festive season, including making referrals to local organisations that can help with food and even gifts. Please do contact Mr Bardell or Mrs Dawes in confidence, via Class Dojo, or on the school gate and we will do what we can to help.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Sandy recorded 18 new Coronavirus cases in the last week, which makes us the joint highest in Central Bedfordshire. We are now in tier-2 and I would urge all of you to review the poster later in the newsletter that explains tier-2 restrictions. With cases on the rise locally, it is now more important than ever that everyone follows the relevant guidance and we would once again remind you that unless exempt, we do require you to wear face coverings on the school site. Please do not be offended if staff challenge you on this – if you are exempt just let the staff member know and we will of course respect this.

As you know, we had one case in a child in school, which in line with DfE and Public Health England, necessitated sending home Year 5 pupils and staff for 14 days self isolation. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support with our COVID-19 closure this week. We appreciate the challenges of having one child isolating, while others need to be in school and also the challenges of home learning and access to electronic devices. We have a number of tablets and laptops in school that we can loan out should this be required while your child is isolating (whether from Year 5 or another year group). Continuing with learning, while at home, is really important and if any family finds themselves struggling with this, please do get in touch and we will do our best to support you in any way we can.

THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to the Maguire family for once again, donating a Christmas Tree to the school to help us all with some much needed festive cheer. The beautiful Christmas tree is on display outside the library, so that everyone can enjoy it.



Values Education

Our value for December is:

PATIENCE



Attendance

Beech	98.3%	0 late marks
Elm	87.7%	2 late marks
Cedar	95.7%	1 late mark
Chestnut	92.8%	1 late mark
Willow	100%	0 late marks

Sycamore

Oak	98.5%	0 late marks
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Attendance figures do not include any absences due to COVID-19 self-isolation / awaiting test results.

Attendance Target: 97%

VALUES CHAMPIONS

Apple	Freddie W
Beech	Finlay
Elm	Jenaya
Cedar	Ava
Chestnut	Alfie
Willow	Merson
Sycamore	Oliver
Oak	Robert

House Points This Week

Pankhurst	Seacole	Gandhi	Churchill
 132	 137	 132	 135



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

Wow! Look how your school community
 came together last week:



 **128**
 messages
 sent home

 **56**
 stories shared

 **686**
 skills
 celebrated

 **100%**
 positive
 feedback



AUTUMN TERM DATES

December

- Friday 11th Save the Children, Christmas Jumper Day (scroll down for letter)
- Thursday 17th School Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 18th School closes for Christmas break

January

- Monday 4th School closed – Training Day
- Tuesday 5th School opens for Spring Term



Want 30 hours childcare
 next term?
 Apply for your code
 ahead of Christmas.
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TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature + A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)





Christmas Jumper Day

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On **Friday 11th December** we're inviting all pupils to take part in **Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day**. We're asking pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school and make an online donation of £1, or whatever you can give, to help transform the futures of children in the UK and around the world.

To donate your £1, please go to the following Just Giving URL:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200002940>.

or scan the following QR code:



All money raised will go to Save the Children and will help make sure every child, no matter where they're born, has essentials like food, water and a safe place to sleep at night, and will ensure children can grow up happy, healthy and become who they want to be.

If you'd like to find out more about Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, go to

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

We'd really appreciate your support to make Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day a success so together at school, we'll be helping to create a brighter future for children, we can make the world better in our sparkly, silly sweaters!

Woolly wishes,

Laburnum Primary School

Save the Children
1 St John's Lane
London EC1M 4AR

Telephone 0800 281 1031
Email christmasjumper@savethechildren.org.uk
christmasjumperday.org

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Children's Centres

Children centres provide high quality services to children, 0-12 years and their families, in order to give every child, the best start in life. We offer:

- virtual and 1:1 family support
- advice on parenting and child development
- free safety in the home checks
- information and advice on childcare and funded places
- support from a speech and language therapist
- support for children with additional needs
- early education and school readiness
- vitamins and Doidy cups available for sale

Useful Contacts

National breastfeeding helpline number

0300 100 0212 Open 09.30 – 21.30

SPA health visiting and school nursing team

0300 555 0606 Monday – Friday 8am to 5.30pm

Parent line text messaging service for parenting support

Text 07507331456

National domestic abuse helpline

0800 970 2070

Text: NCDV to 60777



Sandy and Biggleswade

Children's Centres

0-12's Family Service



Sandy and Biggleswade Children's Centre

0300 300 8114 / 0300 300 8134

Laburnum Road, Sandy, SG19 1HQ



www.facebook.com/SandyBiggleswadeChildrensCentre

Introducing Solids



Is your baby aged 4 to 8 months old? Would you like information and support around introducing solids. Join our virtual introducing solids talk to find out the what, when and how. Email

Alison.Coats@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for details

Baby Wiggle and Jiggle

Virtual baby singing and movement session with Kirsty. Thursdays 1:00 – 1:30.

To book, please email

Kirsty-Anne.Beard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Healthy Movers

Healthy Movers is designed to get pre-school aged children moving in a fun way with a variety of activities in your home or garden. Videos available on Facebook for you to join in with at your leisure.

Email Kirsty-Anne.Beard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for details



Super Kids

'Super Kids Online' is for families with children who have a special educational need or disability. Email Catherine.Brighton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for more info

Parent Puzzle

A 5 week nurturing programme run virtually. 'How to get the best out of family life. Top tips and strategies for positive parenting. Email Claire.Racher@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for more details

Speech and Language

We have two different offerings to help with your little one's speech and language.

- Speech and language advice line
 - Chattertots, a speech and language group for 18 months +
- Both are run by Speech and Language Therapist, Lisa Mitchell. Email Lisa.mitchell26@nhs.net to see what would best suit your child and to book

Time for Twos

Join us virtually for 3 weeks of play, fun and information to support your child's development and get them ready for pre school.

For more information call 0300 300 6009 or email Karen.Burton@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Buggy Walks

Join other parents for a stroll around the local area. For more information email Kirsty-Anne.Beard@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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A PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS & CARERS TO GET ADVICE AND
STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR
EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

LOW MOOD, SELF-HARM & SUICIDE

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 13
JANUARY 2021

WEDNESDAY 27TH
JANUARY 2021

10.00 AM - 11.30 AM 6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

FOR FULL DETAILS CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINKS

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BEREAVEMENT

DAYTIME SESSION

EVENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 2ND
DECEMBER 2020

WEDNESDAY 16TH
DECEMBER 2020

10.00AM - 11.30AM 6.00PM - 7.30PM

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Football Development Centre Sandy Sports Centre – SG19 1BL by 4 Corner Coaching



Individual skills



UEFA coaches



Team play

High Quality Football coaching by very experienced coaches
Who supplement your own club sessions.

Developing - **Technical skills** – **Physical skills** – **Psychological skills** – **Social skills**

£4 per session – Payable as a block.

Times/ages: **5-6pm = 5 - 9 years** & **6-7pm = 10 - 14 years**



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

Contact: **Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk**
www.4cornercoaching.co.uk



Christmas Cracker Football days 4cornercoaching



Tues 22nd & Thurs 24th Dec - Sandy Sports Centre - SG19 1BL – Grass

Tues 29th & Thurs 31st Dec - Sandy Sports Centre - SG19 1BL – Grass

Time/cost - 10am – 1pm = £15



Contact : **Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk**
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Sandy Town Council in partnership with St Swithun's Church present:

Sandy & Beeston

Christmas

DECORATION COMPETITION

Enter
Between
23rd Nov
& **18th Dec**

Win a
£50
Voucher

Help to spread some festive cheer in your neighbourhood & beyond this Christmas!

Decorate the front of your home or businesses and send a photo to admin@sandytowncouncil.gov.uk for us to share with the community on our Facebook page.

The best entry in each of 4 festive categories will win a **£50 Sandy High Street Voucher**.

- ★ Front garden Christmas tree
- ★ Window display
- ★ Nativity scene
- ★ Overall decoration



Santa Challenge

Cycle, Scoot or Stride to Santa in Lapland

Monday 30th November to Friday 11th December

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's school is joining the SANTA CHALLENGE, a virtual Christmas trip to Lapland, where we count up their active travel trips during the two weeks of the competition.

So what is that?

This virtual race is where children and parents walk, scoot or cycle to school. Each time a child or parent travels actively, they will be credited with one mile. These miles will be used to map the school's journey to Lapland. We will be adding up all of the miles completed by the schools taking part in Bedfordshire to see whether we can reach our goal of arriving at Lapland.

Why now?

We want to encourage as many children as possible to travel actively to school. As we get nearer to Christmas we thought it would be great opportunity to keep everyone walking, biking and scooting. While the weather is getting colder and the days shorter, we believe there are still opportunities to be bright and stay safe when wheeling or on foot. Being active can warm us up and cheer us up.

We understand this is not always an option for those travelling long distances. We want to open the competition up as much as possible, which is why we include Park and Stride or Park and Scoot as an option.

A challenge has been set for all pupils of the school to join in the virtual trip which gives everyone a focus of arriving in Lapland before Christmas. The virtual journey from Bedfordshire is 2,050 miles. The more people who join in, the quicker we will arrive at Lapland. The main prize is a scooter set for one lucky participating school, which they will be able to use as part of PE for the benefit of both the school and pupils.

We look forward to seeing how far the school can cycle, scoot and walk during the two weeks of the competition.

Good Luck!

Yours Sincerely

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marianne.santis-spilling@sustrans.org.uk

Siobhan McSwiggan, Schools Officer (Luton) siobhan.mcswiggan@sustrans.org.uk

Alister Barclay, Schools Officer (Central Bedfordshire) alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk

Sustrans is working with schools in Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford to promote and encourage sustainable travel to school. We would like pupils and parents to discover the benefits of walking, scooting or cycling (it can be fun, social, and healthy; it also promotes learning). Our programmes are funded by Luton Borough Council, Central Bedfordshire Council and Bedford Borough Council.

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