

## COVID-19 UPDATE

As is the case nationally, we continue to have lots of colds in school, some of which have the same symptoms as COVID-19. Where relevant, families have sought tests, but as shared previously we will only ask you to have your child checked if one of the symptoms is present. All tests so far have been negative. If there was a positive result it would mean a class closure for 14-day isolation. The summary of guidance is below:

## POLICY UPDATES – COMMUNICATION & HOMEWORK

Attached to this newsletter are 2 policies. We have updated our homework policy to reflect changes made during the pandemic, mainly around electronic communication and the use of Class Dojo, Numbots and Sumdog. We have also started to use Google Classroom with some year groups so that children have access to a wider range of tools for home learning. The communication policy is a new policy that clearly sets out expectations regarding communication from school and to school. It includes a useful section that makes it clear who parents should contact regarding different matters.

## FOOD IN SCHOOL: SNACKS

Please remember that all break-time snacks should be fruit/vegetables. In line with school policy, government guidance and advice from the school nurse, no other snacks are allowed. Children in Early Years and KS1 are provided with a free piece of fruit or vegetable as part of the government scheme. If you would like your child in Years 3-6 to have a snack each day, you should send them in with a piece of fruit/vegetable.

## FOOD IN SCHOOL: NUTS

We have several children in school who are highly allergic to nuts and any exposure could be life threatening. Therefore, no nuts of any kind should be sent into school for snacks or as part of packed lunches (including most chocolate spreads).



## CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is School census day. Pupil numbers on this day determines a lot of our funding for the next financial year, including funding to cover the cost of school meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2, for the whole year. We are therefore encouraging all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to try a school meal on this day – the menu has already been sent home.

## CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE PARKING EXCLUSION ZONE

Parking around school is becoming an issue and some local residents have raised a concern that they have been blocked in at school drop off / pick up. It is not my role to 'police' the streets around school, but I would like to politely request that parents park considerately and avoid using Laburnum Road if at all possible. To make staggered starts safer, Central Bedfordshire are considering closing Laburnum Road at school drop off/pick up times to all cars, except those of residents and school staff.

## HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE NEED PROJECT

Thank you for all of your donations so far. The Need Project has seen a huge increase in referrals over the last few months, especially as people's financial situations get very challenging, due to the coronavirus pandemic.



If you have not donated yet and would like to, please send tins and packets into school with your child on Monday and ask them to drop them in the boxes at their designated gate.

## Values Education

Our value for September is:

# RESPECT



## Attendance

Beech	100%	1 late mark
Elm	93.0%	0 late marks
Cedar	97.3%	1 late mark
Chestnut	95.7%	0 late marks
Willow	89.5%	0 late marks
Sycamore	86.7%	0 late marks
Oak	92.0%	0 late marks

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

**Attendance Target: 97%**

## VALUES CHAMPION

Apple	Jacob W
Beech	Joshua A
Elm	Jake Dear
Cedar	Ruby R
Chestnut	Connor B
Willow	Logan O
Sycamore	Isla
Oak	Chloe L

## House Points (first 3 weeks)

Pankhurst	Seacole	Gandhi	Churchill
 427	 456	 432	 417



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 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

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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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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

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our website – [www.bedfordshirewellbeingservice.nhs.uk](http://www.bedfordshirewellbeingservice.nhs.uk)