

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I hope you all have a wonderful and well deserved half term break. The children deserve a rest, but I know several teachers have asked you to complete some home learning too. Please try to keep up with Reading most days and use TT-Rockstars, Numbots and Sumdog too.

In case of self-isolation, attached with this newsletter is our Remote Education Policy.

## COVID-19 Updates

Attached to the newsletter is a letter from Central Bedfordshire Council giving guidance on how we can all help to control the spread of the infection during half term. Please read and follow the guidance so that we can see you all back in school, safe and well, after half term.

Should your household find that you need to self-isolate over half term due to a suspected case or because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, we would ask that you email us on [office@laburnumprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@laburnumprimary.co.uk) giving the following details:

- Name and class of child(ren)
- Reason for self-isolation
- Who is being tested, i.e. pupil or family member
- Test result if applicable

This will give us enough information to notify the Local Authority retrospectively when we return after the half term break.

## HALLOWEEN – a message from Central Bedfordshire Council

“Celebrating Halloween differently this year – a suggestion for parents/carers/children

Halloween is only a few weeks away but with Government restrictions in place across the country to slow the spread of COVID-19, Halloween celebrations are likely to be a little bit different this year.

An alternative to trick or treating - with social distancing guidelines in place and with recent research showing that the virus can stay on surfaces for longer than previously thought, trick or treating might not be practical. So this year, why not organise your own community pumpkin hunt? We have created a [poster](#) to print off and stick in your window. Household groups can then make their way safely around your neighbourhood, being careful to stay 2 metres away from anyone not in their household. Whenever children spot a pumpkin in a window, their parents can give them a treat! With sweets only circulating amongst households, we'll all avoid the risk of touching surfaces that others have been in contact with.

By sticking to household groups and spotting pumpkins from a distance, we'll all be able to follow social distancing rules as we won't be crowding around doors trick or treating. All of these small steps can help us reduce our chances of picking up or transmitting the virus.” A copy of the poster is attached to this newsletter.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Spaces are available in our After School childcare club. It runs from 3.30 – 4.30 pm and costs £5.00 per session. You can book online through ParentMail, ring the school office on 01767 680691 or email [office@laburnumprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@laburnumprimary.co.uk).

## Values Education

Our value for October is:

# RESILIENCE



## Attendance

Beech	97.0%	0 late marks
Elm	98.9%	3 late marks
Cedar	99.3%	0 late marks
Chestnut	98.3%	1 late mark
Willow	96.3%	0 late marks
Sycamore	95.0%	1 late mark
Oak	96.3%	0 late marks

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

**Attendance Target: 97%**

## VALUES CHAMPIONS

Apple	Noah W
Beech	Lacie
Elm	Seren
Cedar	Sofia
Chestnut	Mia
Willow	Emily
Sycamore	Aaron
Oak	Calli





## POPPY APPEAL

Please send your order and money to school week commencing Monday 2.11.20. It should be in a sealed named envelope with amount of money and what your child would like to order written on the outside, and handed to your child's teacher. Poppy Appeal goods will be sent home with your child.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Due to the installation of a new digital phone system, these meetings **will now be in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> November**. Meetings will use Google Meet or be a phone call (you will be asked for your preference when booking). Booking will go live straight after half term.

## House Points This Week

Pankhurst	Seacole	Gandhi	Churchill
 <b>270</b>	 <b>282</b>	 <b>288</b>	 <b>277</b>



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

## Half Term House Point Winners



## AUTUMN TERM DATES

### October

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

School closes for half term break

### November

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

School opens for Autumn 2

Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Reverse advent calendar begins – Further information to follow  
Parent / Teacher Consultation Meetings this week (virtual / phone)  
– arrangements to be confirmed

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Children in Need

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

Anti-Bullying Week: United Against Bullying

### December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

School closes for Christmas break

### January

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

School closed – Training Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

School opens for Spring Term



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# Autism and Behaviour



## A workshop for parents/ carers

This workshop provides you with the opportunity to learn more about:

- the difficulties autism may cause in managing behaviours
- how to adapt environments & practices to meet the needs of autistic individuals
- strategies for managing difficult situations

The training will be online, using Zoom.  
Once booked on, we will provide you with the details to join.

### MORNING SESSION

Date: Monday 19th  
October 2020



Time: Log in from 9:45am for  
a prompt 10am start,  
till 12pm

OR

### EVENING SESSION

Date: Tuesday 10th  
November 2020



Time: Log in from 6:45pm for  
a prompt 7pm start,  
till 9pm

Cost: £15 AB Members / £20 non-AB Members

To Book, contact Autism Bedfordshire: call 01234 214871,  
or email [enquiries@autismbeds.org](mailto:enquiries@autismbeds.org)

LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE



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## We challenge all junior bookworms!

We're calling on young adventurers to guess which book characters live on the islands in our **Book Island Challenge** – back for a third year!

50 children who guess all seven characters correctly will win a £10/€10 National Book Token to help them discover a new book or two, and 10 of those children will also win a selection of 14 fantastic books from Knights Of, who publish inclusive books for children.

[Play now ▶](#)



## How to play

- 7 islands, 7 book characters. Just click on each island and enter answers in the box. We'll let them know if their answers are correct, almost there, or whether they need to try again!

- Remember, we're looking for the name of the character, not the book title.

- Anyone can play the game for fun, but only children can win a prize. All children under 13 will need an adult's permission to enter.

[Who lives on this island? ▶](#)

## Win 14 fantastic children's books

As well as National Book Tokens prizes, players will be entered to win **one of 10 fantastic bundles of books** from publisher Knights Of, who work hard to make sure that every child sees themselves in the books they make.

Plus, they'll get amazing book recommendations inspired by characters in the game, provided by the brilliant booksellers at [Round Table Books](#) in London.

[Start guessing ▶](#)



## How well do they know their book characters?

The previous games are still available for young bookworms to play for fun! Guess even more book characters who live on the islands floating around our treasure maps.

[Play more games ▶](#)



Now you are six, or seven, or older still,  
let's take a trip to Where the Wild Things Are.

We'll sail past The Smeds and the Smoos  
to climb The Magic Faraway Tree  
and dance with The Girl of Ink and Stars.

Then, just as the Northern Lights appear in the sky,  
A Bear Called Paddington will show us the way home.

A gift beyond words



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## Learn to Ride Lose the Stabilisers

Get kids riding in a safe, off-road environment, supported by local Sustrans schools officer Alister Barclay.

Choose a one-hour time slot and location that suits you, then contact [alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:alister.barclay@sustrans.org.uk), 07917 084663 for further details and to sign up.

### Sunday 25th October at Watling House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park, High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1LF

Session One: 10-11am

Session Two: 11am-12pm

### Sunday 25th October at Priory House

Central Bedfordshire Council car park, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ

Session One: 2-3pm

Session Two: 3-4pm

### Wednesday 28th October at Stratton Upper School

Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade SG18 8JB

Session One: 3-4pm

Session Two: 4-5pm

Max 6 families per supervised session to allow for social distancing

Additional unsupervised space will be available for anyone wanting extra practice





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## The Enormous Crocodile

Looking for children's entertainment this half term? Join John Kirk for his interactive zoom performance of Roald Dahl's *Enormous Crocodile*, Tues 27 October at 2pm.

Praise for his summer show:  
"thank you, we had lots of fun"  
"brilliant, thank you".

Suitable for 3+

**BOOK** your free place using promo code **CROC2020** and your library card number.

[Join the Library](#)



## E-books and audiobooks

Audiobooks to listen to on phone, tablet or computer, via our [BorrowBox](#) service, include popular children's authors Julia Donaldson, Matt Haig, Liz Pichon, Cressida Cowell; and old favourites Michael Bond, Michael Rosen, Harry Hill and Jeremy Strong.

Ebooks and more audiobooks are available through [BB Digital](#). For Halloween, we recommend the classic [Funnybones](#) by the [Ahlbergs](#), or [The Big Pumpkin](#) by Erica Silverman. For older children, listen to [Goth Girl](#) and [the Ghost of a Mouse](#) or [Sam Wu is not afraid of ghosts!](#)

## Select & Collect

Select and Collect is our library service for children and adults, in current circumstances. You may request books and choose from which library you would like to collect them. There are two ways to do it, either by requesting a [specific title](#), or by requesting a staff-selected [bundle](#). There are no charges for Select and Collect and no fines for late returns.

If you select a [bundle](#), you can ask for a selection of picture books, learning to read books or chapter books. There is an additional information box, and it is helpful if you give the child's age, state if boy or girl, and tell us the sort of books they like. You can ask for stories, information books or books to help with schoolwork. If you can give examples of books they have enjoyed (or not!) that is also helpful. If you find it easier to explain what you would like in person, there is also a [telephone service](#) at each library.

Click on the links to discover some of our recommended spooky books for [6-8 year-olds](#) [9-12 year-olds](#)

[Select and Collect open hours will increase from 27 October.](#)



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