



Lower Farm Weekly



Friday 22nd March 2024

Congratulations to everyone for another amazing term. Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 9th April.



Value Awards



Beech Muzammil	Resilience, Integrity & Achievement
Birch Elisheba	Resilience, Respect & Collaboration
Cherry Hannah	All School Values
Chestnut Theo	Resilience, Care & Achievement
Elder Leo	Achievement & Integrity
Elm Esther	Care & Integrity
Hazel Peter	All School Values
Holly Sanuka	Achievement
Oak Brogan	Care & Resilience

Attendance For week beginning 18th March 2024



Beech Class	97.7%
Birch Class	99.3%
Cherry Class:	92.3%
Chestnut Class:	91.0%
Elder Class:	91.2%
Elm Class:	91.2%
Hazel Class	90.4%
Holly	92.2%
Oak	89.0%

Congratulations to those classes that have reached an attendance of **97% or above**. It would be great to see every class reach 97% next term.

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Easter Bingo

RAISED AN INCREDIBLE

£600

We really appreciate your generous chocolate donations and attendance at the event!

THANK
YOU



Wraparound Care Newsletter- Spring 2

Welcome to the third edition of our 'Wraparound Care Newsletter'. We hope you enjoy reading all about what the children have been getting up to this half term!

Some of the children began the half term with designing their own Mother's day cards. It was wonderful to see the care that went into these cards and hearing some lovely stories about their own Mother's/Mother figures!



With spring creeping upon us in the later stages of the half term, the children have painted their own spring pictures, as well as using their cutting and sticking skills to create daffodils as we begin to see them pop up in our gardens!



The children used their 'personal development' days to create their own fruit salads, decorate pancakes, and creating their own sandwiches has proven to be a real hit! The sandwich creation allows the children to work on their decision making, with a choice of fillings being available and further their cutlery skills by spreading the filling/cutting the sandwich.



As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our wraparound care 'quote of the week' is always on display at our venues! This week's quote is "Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is!". A very fitting quote for this time of year and something to be mindful of and appreciate!



A quick reminder that our multi-activity holiday camp is running at Lower Farm from Monday 25th March- Thursday 28th March & Tuesday 2nd April-Friday 5th April. We hope to see you there!



From all of us at Premier Education, we hope you have a fantastic Easter break! See you when we get back!

The wraparound care team. 😊



Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April: Staff Inset Day – School closed

Tuesday 9th April: School opens for summer term

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 17th May: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Friday 24th May: Non-uniform day – bottle donation

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Friday 7th June: Non-uniform – gift donation

Friday 14th June: Year 3 Fathers' Day

14:00 — 15:00

Saturday 29th June: Summer fayre – sports day

Monday 8th July: Parent/Carer Share Event 14:30

Wednesday 10th July: Transition Day

Thursday 18th July: School closes at 13:30 for summer holidays



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Second Hand Uniform

- Scan the QR code to access the store
- Stock levels automatically updated to show what is in stock
- Order directly from the store & any purchases will be given to child's teacher to pass on at pick up / drop off
- All proceeds go towards school projects



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (*Platt v Isle of Wight* 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2008 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider there are exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent is the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £80 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.