

Newsletter

Dear parents,

Thank you to all those parents who have come in to the school either to find out more about their child's learning through the Year Leader meetings or visiting the classrooms this week. We work hard to ensure parents know what your children are learning about and I hope you also found the Year Leader newsletter informative.

We have many ways of sharing the latest information:

- **Twitter** – we often tweet pictures of amazing work, school events and the latest news – please follow us!
- **Ourschoolsapp** – download the app to have the latest letters, notifications and reminders on your phone
- **Website** – Year Leaders regularly write blogs and post pictures and these are published on our website.

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are also invited to take part in learning activities with their children weekly:

- Year 1 – Friday 8.45 – 9.00am
- Year 2 – Wednesday 8.45 – 9.00am

Parents of children in Reception will also be invited in to class on a Thursday: start date to follow.

We will be holding a **cake sale after school next** Thursday, to raise funds for Macmillan. If you could donate cakes for us to sell, this would be greatly appreciated. We will be selling the cakes in the Year R area, KS1 playground and outside the main Office. Please bring some money and support the school in raising funds for this amazing cause.

K.Hooker

House Points

| | 7/9/18 | 14/9/18 | 21/9/18 | New House Captains |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| Donaldson | 79 | 339 | 692 | Zaeem Majeed & Khadija Ali |
| Rowling | 72 | 492 | 710 | Lacey Gilbert & M. Amin Azad Askshahri |
| Dahl | 92 | 466 | 669 | Ayaan Jilany & Hawwa Malik |
| Morpurgo | 142 | 448 | 688 | Sara Gilani & Yousaf Chaudhary |

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Jeans for Genes day

Thank you to all those parents who supported our charity event today!

As a school, we raised:

£810.00



**Value of the Month
for September is
Forgiveness**

Attendance

Improving attendance is our key priority this year!

No Term Time Leave should be booked without a meeting with Mrs Sobia Khan.

As a reminder, in many cases when a child has a minor illness such as a cough, cold, temperature or headache, we would encourage parents to give them some Calpol or children's paracetamol at home and send them in to school as soon as possible. Please be aware that we cannot administer non-prescription medicines in school.

If your child is very unwell and cannot attend school, please let us know before 10am on the first day of absence. You can:

- ring 01582 587160 and press option 1 to leave a voicemail on the absence line
- email attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk
- text 07537436350

Please state your child's full name, class and the reason for absence; you'll need to say what is the matter with your child as "sick" or "not feeling well" does not give us enough information. **If your child has vomited and/or had diarrhoea in the last 48 hours, please DO NOT send them to school the next day;** they should be at home for 48 hours after the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Appointments

Please try your best to organise routine appointments for your child for before / after school and in the holidays. Children should not be taken out of school because their parent or sibling has an appointment to attend. As a reminder, children **cannot** be collected during their break or lunch time. If your child has a hospital appointment or urgent doctor/dentist appointment which will occur during one of these periods, please collect your child prior to the break or lunch time starting.

| | Break time | Lunch time | Break time |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year R | 9:45 - 10:00am | 12:00 - 1:00pm | 1:45pm - 2:00pm |
| Year 1 | 10:05 - 10:20am | 12:15 - 1:15pm | 2:20pm - 2:30pm |
| Year 2 | 10:30 - 10:45am | 12:30 - 1:30pm | |
| Year 3 | 10:30 - 10:45am | 12:00 - 1:00pm | |
| Year 4 | 10:30 - 10:45am | 12:15 - 1:15pm | |
| Year 5 | 11:00 - 11:15am | 12:30 - 1:30pm | |
| Year 6 | 11:00 - 11:15am | 12:45 - 1:45pm | |

Important dates:

20th September / 16th October – Year 3 Tudor days
 5th October– Reception parents – Phonics workshop
 8th & 9th October – Year 4 Greek days
 12th October – Year 5 trip to London Aquarium
 15th October – Teacher Training day
 16th October – Parents’ evening 3:45pm - 5:30pm
 17th October – Parents’ evening 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 22nd - 26th October – Half term holiday

STEM Returners programme running in Luton with BT!

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren’t using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don’t have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the BT STEM Returners programme, a 13 week fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in November in Luton. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme.

No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com

**School dinners for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Due to Universal Free School Meals, school dinners continue to be free of charge to all pupils in Years R, 1 and 2.

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 wishing to have a school dinner will be charged £2.00 per day. The costs for this school year are as follows:

| Daily | Weekly | Half Termly | | Termly |
|-------|--------|---------------------|--------|---------|
| £2.00 | £10.00 | 4/9/18 - 19/10/18 | £66.00 | £146.00 |
| | | 29/10/18 - 21/12/18 | £80.00 | |
| | | 8/1/19 - 15/2/19 | £48.00 | £108.00 |
| | | 25/2/19 - 5/4/19 | £60.00 | |
| | | 23/4/19 - 24/5/19 | £46.00 | £116.00 |
| | | 3/6/19 - 19/7/19 | £70.00 | |



Headteacher and Teacher Commendations



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|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Mohammed AAHIL | Ramlah HAASHI | Lialah KHAN | Saffa SAGHIR |
| Aaima ABBAS | Rayan HAASHI | Mehrab KHAN | Usman SANAYEE |
| Sara ABDALLA | Zaynab HABEEB | Saad KHAN | Adam SHAFIQ |
| Haaris AFGHAN MALIK | Haaniya HAFIZ | Sufyan KHAN | Isha SHAFIQUE |
| Hannah AFTAB | Hussain HAIDER | Usmaan KHAN | Ismaeel SHEIKH |
| Amaad AHMED | Tayyiba HAMID | Zayaan Ali KHAN | Sukhraj SINGH |
| Inaaya AHMED | Fathima HANOOK | Zayaan Ayub KHAN | Urooj SOHAIL |
| Zaynab Ahmed | Hafsa HUSSAIN | Zhara KHAN | Janusiga SOORIYAKUMAR |
| Ayaan AKRAM | Maira HUSSAIN | Fatima KIYANI | Lucjan STALINSKI |
| Abbas AKRAM | Eesa HUSSAIN | Oskar KWAS | Reehan SUBHANI |
| Aleena ALI | Sadi HUSSAIN | Inaayah LATIF | Ilyes SULTAN |
| Maryam ALI | Ibrahim IBRAHIM | Fiza MAHMOOD | Nimrah SULTAN |
| Wahab ALI | Huma IDREES | Suha MAHMOOD | Suvisan SUTHAKARAN |
| Ukasha ALI | Anaya IQBAL | Arman MALIK | Thashvin SUTHAKARAN |
| Zayna ALI | Noor Ul Nisa IQBAL | Hassan MALIK | Zainab SYED |
| Moniba AMJAD | Yusaf IQBAL | Hawwa MALIK | Aissa-Elena TABACARU |
| Anum ASGHAR | Abdallah JABER | Zaydan MALIK | Laaibah TALLAT |
| Mohammad ASIF | Safwan JILANY | Zohaib MALIK | Mariyah UDDIN |
| Hana AZEEM | Amar KALSI | Amaan MAQBOOL | Raiyan ULLAH |
| Amirah BAIG | Mehvish KARIM | Michal MARCINIAK | Alishbah USMAN |
| Hassain BAIG | Habiba KHALID | Raheem MATLOOB | Priyatharsy VIMALENDRAN |
| Sora BIBI | Malak KHALIL | Fatimah MEHMOOD | Shayan WATIF |
| Jeva BINDERYTE | Amelia KHAN | Hajra MEHMOOD | Mahnoor ZAHIR |
| Kayra BROWN | Amirah Khan | Isah MIAH | Husaam ZAMAN |
| Eshan CHOUDHRY | Assil KHAN | Noor MIRZA | Jibraan ZAMAN |
| Maleekah CHOUDHUREY | Ayaan KHAN | Mufudzi MUBAYA | Laiba ZAMAN |
| Adam DAD | Ayaat Safa Khan | Isa MUDASSAR | Safa ZIA |
| Firyal FAHAD | Azaan KHAN | Ayla NOOR | Muhammed Ayan ZULFIQAR |
| Hamid FAIZAN | Daniyal KHAN | Mohammed OWAIS | Riash AHMED RATHORE |
| Habeeba FAROOQ | Haris KHAN | Haroon QAMAR | Muhammad Mueed AHSAN |
| Mishaal FAROOQ | Ibrahim KHAN | Simra RAHMAN | Daria-Aliseia GAIDOS |
| Abdulahi HAASHI | Ifza KHAN | Soban RIAZ | Muhammad-Al-Ameen MANALLAH |
| | Laaibah KHAN | Aishah SADIQ | |

Academic Calendar for Community Schools 2018/2019

| SEPTEMBER 2018 | | | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|----|----|----|
| Monday | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| Tuesday | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Wednesday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Thursday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Friday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Saturday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Sunday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |

| OCTOBER 2018 | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|---------------|----|----|
| Monday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Tuesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Wednesday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Thursday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Friday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Saturday | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Sunday | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |

| NOVEMBER 2018 | | | | | |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Monday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Tuesday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Wednesday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Thursday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Friday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Saturday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| Sunday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |

| DECEMBER 2018 | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Monday | 31 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| Tuesday | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Wednesday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Thursday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Friday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Saturday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Sunday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |

| JANUARY 2019 | | | | | |
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| Monday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Tuesday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Wednesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Thursday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Friday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Saturday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Sunday | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |

| FEBRUARY 2019 | | | | | |
|---------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Monday | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Tuesday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Wednesday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Thursday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Friday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | |
| Saturday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | |
| Sunday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |

| MARCH 2019 | | | | | |
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| Monday | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Tuesday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Wednesday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Thursday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Friday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Saturday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Sunday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |


| APRIL 2019 | | | | | |
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| Monday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Tuesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Wednesday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | |
| Thursday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Friday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Saturday | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Sunday | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |


| MAY 2019 | | | | | |
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| Monday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Tuesday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Wednesday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Thursday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Friday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Saturday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Sunday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |

| JUNE 2019 | | | | | |
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| Monday | | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 |
| Tuesday | | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 |
| Wednesday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Thursday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Friday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Saturday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Sunday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |

| JULY 2019 | | | | | |
|-----------|---|----|----|---------------|----|
| Monday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Tuesday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Wednesday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Thursday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |
| Friday | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 | |
| Saturday | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 | |
| Sunday | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 | |

| AUGUST 2019 | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----|----|----|----|
| Monday | | 5 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| Tuesday | | 6 | 13 | 20 | 27 |
| Wednesday | | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
| Thursday | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
| Friday | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Saturday | 3 | 10 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| Sunday | 4 | 11 | 18 | 25 | |

 School Holidays

 Bank Holidays

 Training Day

People Directorate

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