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ABOUT CHILDREN

Did you know that an attendance rate of 85% means your child has missed a full 6 weeks of learning in a year?

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	92.4%	N Tchaikovsky	92.9%	R LLOYD-Webber	92.8%	R Zimmer	96.0%
1 Beckham	97.2%	1 Bolt	88.3%	2 Potter	91.0%	2 Rosen	98.3%
3 Anning	93.9%	3 Attenborough	98.6%	4 Banksy	96.0%	4 O'Keeffe	95.9%

Parent/Carer - Teacher Meetings - These will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2020 and appointments should be booked online. We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Please see information sent electronically to parents/carers. If you have any difficulties accessing online booking, please contact the school office.

Y2 Performance - The Year 2 children made all of the staff very proud on Thursday afternoon with their performance of 'Respect our Rainforest'. They have been working so hard over the last couple of weeks. Alongside all of their daily learning they have been practising their lines, singing and perfecting their acting skills which were fantastic!! They have learnt so much about the Rainforest and as a result it has been great to see them make an effort to be a bit eco-friendlier. Well done year 2!

Luton & Dunstable Hospital - Thank you so much for the fantastic support we have received, from Choirs, Jolly Jumper Day, Christmas Cards, Gift donations and lots more! Please see poster attached for more information.

Thank you to all the Y2 children who put on a wonderful dance display for the students of Watling and Studham Lower Schools on 30 January. It was also fantastic to see the Studham and Watling students' performances too!

Healthy Living Day – On Friday 31 January, the children from Y1 - Y4 took part in a healthy living day. This was a wonderful day where all the children worked together throughout the school to understand how we can keep our bodies healthy through food and exercise. A lot of enjoyment was had by all even if there were some tired children after the PE circuit training activity!

Nursery - This is the last week of our Traditional Tales topic and we would like to celebrate this by inviting the children to school dressed as their favourite story character on Friday 14th February 2020. (You can save the costume for World Book day!)

World Book Day - We have a fantastic production to help celebrate **World Book Day 2020 on Thursday 5th March** at the Grove Theatre. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote live storytelling to young children through drama, singing and visualisation as well as exploring new ways of looking at classic fairy tales. The performance will encourage the children to use their imagination and join the characters on their wonderful adventure. After the performance, the Grove will be handing out prizes for two of the best dressed World Book Day attendees who will win a family cinema ticket for a screening of their choice. Many thanks to **FOILS** who have covered the cost of this amazing Artsmark experience.

Class Teacher Award winners this week – Tchaikovsky – Joy; Newman – Orlando; Zimmer – Amy-Leigh; Lloyd-Webber – Tudor; Bolt – Scarlett; Beckham – Nicholas; Rosen – Tilly; Potter – Emily; Attenborough – Remi; Anning – Amelia; Banksy – Sophia; O'Keeffe - Lia.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y3 Attenborough** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **10/02/2020** they should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library area at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school.

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Leap Year Quiz Night - Following on from our quiz night letter tickets are selling out quickly. If you would like to join us for a fantastic evening full of laughter and pizza, please return the correct money and slip to the office ASAP as places are limited.

Mother's Day doughnut sale - On Friday 20th March we will be holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale straight after school. There will be a stall in both playgrounds, and we will be selling them for £1 each (please bring the correct change). You will also be able to take them away for family and friends!

SAVE THE DATE! - We are very excited to announce that on Saturday 28th March, between 14:00 – 16:00, the Easter bunny will be visiting our school! Further details to follow shortly. If you are able to help at all at this event or would like to hire a stall, please email us at dilspta@gmail.com. We are only able to put on such events with your support.

FOR PARENTS

Family Fridays – In order to make the reading experience more enjoyable for the all children and parents, we would kindly request parents not to bring siblings and buggies into the school.

Stormy Weather is On Its way! - Storm Ciara is expected to hit the UK over the weekend. This is the perfect time to remind parents and carers of the CBC 'School's Open Status'; a web-based information tool to let everyone know if the school is open or unexpectedly closed. Please see the link below for more information.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/migrated_images/sos-parents_tcm3-8624.pdf

Once a week, Take a peek! – There have been many reports of headlice in the school.

Head lice is a very common problem in schools, and we would recommend that all parents / carers check their child's hair at least once a week. If you would like advice on how to treat head lice or what you are looking for then you can find more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Parent Drop-in Sessions with an Educational Psychologist (EP) – If you have concerns about your child's development, their emotional wellbeing, challenging behaviour, learning, your relationship with your child or any other concerns, the Central Bedfordshire Educational Psychology Team is holding bookable drop in sessions for parents of children between 0-12 years old. Please see attached poster for information on booking and attending a session at the Houghton Regis Children's Centre - Tithe Farm.

Acceptable User Agreement and Photograph Consent - We have recently reviewed safeguarding and technology procedures and as a result are refreshing our 'acceptable use' and 'Photograph consent' agreements for parents. More information on how to do this will be sent to parents.

Reporting an absence - If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on 01582 663709 before 08:45 to notify us.

School Vacancies:

- **Midday Supervisors** – We have opportunities for relief lunchtime work at our school. You will be supervising children in the dining hall and be responsible for ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office on 01582 663709 and ask for Mrs White, or email our school office on dunstable@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk
- **Finance Administrator Assistant** - We're looking for an experienced Finance Administrator to join our office team. If you are interested in applying for this position, please call the school office on 01582 663709, or email our school office on dunstable@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk.



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Key Dates for Term 2	20 term dates are available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and our own website. Dates are subject to change so please refer to CBC regularly.
Every Friday until Fri 17th July	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Monday 10th February	Interim Progress Reports issued to parents ahead of parents evening
Wednesday 12th February	Parents evening 1 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 15:30-18:00 – self scheduling will go live on 03rd February 2020 08:30 AM
Thursday 13th February	Parent evening 2 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 16:00-19:00 – self scheduling will go live on 03rd February 2020 08:30AM
Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Saturday 29th February	FOILS – Leap Year Quiz Night
Thursday 05th March	Y1 Bolt– Class Assembly to parents – 09:00 – 09:30 (<i>Change of time due to World Book Day Event</i>)
Thursday 05th March	World Book Day – Activity for children – more information to follow
Thursday 19th March	Y1 Beckham– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00
Wed 18th – Fri 20th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit – PGL - parents meeting 05.02.2020 15:30 –16:00
Friday 20th March	FOILS – Doughnut sale – event for parents and children
Saturday 28th March	FOILS – Easter Bunny Visit to school – more information to follow
Thursday 02nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate assembly to parents 14:30 – 15:00
Mon 06th – Mon 20th April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 30th April	Y3 Anning - Class assembly to parents 09:00
Thursday 14th May	Y3 Attenborough - Class assembly to parents 09:00

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Reception Take Home Task	Reception	04.02.2020
DILS - Reception Coverage of works 10.02.2020	Reception	05.02.2020
DILS - Information - PGL Information	Y4	06.02.2020
DILS - Information - Y2 Potter	Y2 Potter	06.02.2020