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ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	91.9%	N Tchaikovsky	83.9%	R Lloyd-Webber	87.0%	R Zimmer	92.2%
1 Beckham	96.6%	1 Bolt	97.3%	2 Potter	88.9%	2 Rosen	96.3%
3 Anning	93.3%	3 Attenborough	96.8%	4 Banksy	95.9%	4 O'Keeffe	94.6%

Thank you - The Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes would like to say a huge thank you to Laura Lloyd and her colleagues, from the Next Generation Youth Theatre, who came in last Monday. The children had a fabulous time retelling stories through dance and drama. The music and bubbles made the experience very memorable.

4 Banksy assembly – A huge well done to 4 Banksy for a wonderfully entertaining and informative class assembly on Thursday. It was clear to see how much learning the children had done across the whole curriculum, and the audience were far more knowledgeable about Romans and Celts when they left! Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to watch.

Camera watches – We have noticed recently that there have been a number of children coming into school wearing camera watches. These devices are wonderful pieces of technology to have at home but are not appropriate for school. In order to safeguard all children from the misuse or unauthorised sharing of digital images, children are not permitted to bring into school any device which has the ability to take digital images.

Winter weather and boots - As part of our daily school uniform, all children wear black shoes. If children come to school in wellingtons or boots, they should change into their school shoes indoors.

Class Teacher Award winners this week – Tchaikovsky – Natalia; Newman – Leo; Zimmer – Archie; Lloyd-Webber – Sam; Bolt – Jake; Beckham – Layla; Rosen – Liam; Potter – Harvey V; Attenborough – Gabriel; Anning – Sonny; Banksy – Macie; O'Keeffe - Tilly.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y3 Anning** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **03/02/2020** 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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Bags to school - Thank you to all the parents who supported our Bags2School campaign! We have raised an amazing £96.00!

Save the date: We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding a leap year quiz night on Saturday 29th February. Look out for a letter to explain how you can book your table which will be coming out shortly.

FOR PARENTS

Once a week, Take a peek! – There have been many reports of head lice in Year 4 and Year 1 over the last week.

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/Carer - Teacher Meetings - These will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February 2020 and will be booked online on our parent app Arbor from 3rd February 2020 from 08:30 AM. Please see information sent electronically to parents/carers. If you have any difficulties accessing online booking, please contact the school office.

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



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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@icknieldlower.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@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk.

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 17 th July	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Monday 3 rd February	Online Booking system opens for Parents Evenings from 08:30 AM
Wednesday 05 th February	PGL Parents Meeting 15:30 – 16:00 – for parents and children
Thursday 06 th February	Y2 All Creatures Great and Small – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30
Monday 10 th February	Interim Progress Reports issued to parents ahead of parents evening
Wednesday 12 th 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 13 th February	Parent evening 2 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 16:00-19:00 – self scheduling will go live on 03rd February 2020 08:30AM
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Saturday 29 th February	FOILS – Leap Year Quiz Night
Thursday 05 th March	Y1 Bolt– Class Assembly to parents – 09:00 – 09:30 (<i>Change of time due to World Book Day Event</i>)
Thursday 05 th March	World Book Day – Activity for children – more information to follow
Thursday 19 th March	Y1 Beckham– Class Assembly to parents – 14:30 – 15:00
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit – PGL - parents meeting 05.02.2020 15:30 –16:00
Thursday 02 nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate assembly to parents 14:30 – 15:00
Mon 06 th – Mon 20 th April	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 30 th April	Y3 Anning - Class assembly to parents 09:00
Thursday 14 th May	Y3 Attenborough - Class assembly to parents 09:00



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E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Y2 PE kits	Y2	29.01.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 03rd February 2020	Nursery	31.01.2020