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# Outwoods Primary School Newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy half term here at Outwoods. I am sure we all are all looking forward to the half term break to re-gather our strength and get back to 100% fitness. This half term we have really been hit by all the coughs and colds, the 'flu bug and other winter viruses, so thank you for your patience and understanding when we have had to move and change a few dates here and there. I have included another list of dates with this newsletter, so if you have got the old one on your fridge - make sure you change it over for the latest version!

Despite our numbers being depleted, we have still managed to provide our children with a wide range of learning opportunities. This week year three and four came to school to meet Cleopatra, an Egyptian! The children really got into the spirit of the occasion with their wonderful costumes and jewellery, thank you for all the effort you made, they looked fantastic! We also had a wonderful viola concert, hosted by year four which was breathtakingly brilliant, we are so proud of our budding musicians. Next week Year Two will celebrate VE day with tea and scones and our reception children have celebrated all things British with their red, white and blue day. If that isn't enough year five and six will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a real Lion Dance! Wow! We even had the ball from the Atherstone Ball Game come into school on Monday this week. All our special events are catalogued in photographs in school and, where appropriate, on the class pages on the website, why not take a look? [www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk)

Mrs. Dandy

## SATS Revision Books



Children in year 6 and year 2 will be taking part in their end of key stage assessments during next term. We are committed to doing all we can to prepare them for the tests, both in terms of their school work but also in terms of them being to deal with what will be asked of them and how they can be confident and relaxed. To help children with their work, you are able to purchase books from the school office. There are reading, grammar and maths books priced at £5 each.

## Atherstone Ball Game

Just a reminder that the school will be closing after lunch at 1.15pm next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February due to the Atherstone Ball Game. Nursery will close at 12.45. If you cannot collect your child or make arrangements for them to be collected, don't worry. They can remain in school with staff. Just let us know so we can make sure we account for everybody.



Dates For Your Diary UPDATED 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 - Some class assemblies have had to change please note dates are often added to these lists so please look out for updates.

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - (morning) Y5 'Lion Dance' workshop
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - SCHOOL CLOSSES EARLY Atherstone Ball Game
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3pm - Year 2 class share time
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 Evacuee Dress Up Day
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 'Lion Dance' workshop
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 3pm - Year 1 class share time
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm - 1M (moles) class assembly
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 4:30 & 6:30 Valentine's Disco
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - break up for half term**
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School closed to pupils for teacher training day**
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school after half term
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3pm - Reception class share time
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day - Book at Bedtime theme (PJ's & Onesies)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 3pm - Year 6 class share time
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3pm - Year 4 class share time
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm - Caterpillars 6C class assembly
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3pm - Year 5 class share time
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Show and Tell assembly
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3pm - Year 3 class share time
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3pm - Year 2 Class share time
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm - 3G (Goldfinches) Class assembly
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 Visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon (letter to follow)
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March - PARENTS EVENING 1 (this is split over 2 nights)
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March - PARENTS EVENING 2
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 3pm - Year 1 and Reception Class share time
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Sport Relief - DAY OF SPORT - wear sportswear & activities **'Whatever Moves You!'**
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm - 5N (Newts) class assembly
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - school closes for Easter - Attendance assembly
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Break up for half term
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Children back to school (no school on 4<sup>th</sup> June - training day)



## Valentine's Disco

*All children are invited to the Valentine's Disco in the Upper School Hall on:-*

We are looking for parents to help at the disco - please leave your name at the office and we will contact you.

**Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Infants - 4:30 - 6:00 pm**

**Juniors 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Entrance fee is £2:50 (includes tuck and a drink)



There will be a 'photo booth' and extra tuck on sale on the night

All children must be collected promptly by a responsible adult - there is also a strict 'no mobile phones policy'



## WORLD BOOK DAY



Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018  
"A Book At Bedtime"

Children are invited to come to school 'dressed for bedtime' in dressing gowns, onesies or pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime teddy or blanket. (Comfy joggers will also do if pj's are too flimsy!) There will be a range of special activities in classes and a book shop with a huge range of brand new and good quality used books for sale.



Special Bedtime Story Event  
6:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> March



Children can come back to school in the evening (with their teddy) and listen to a bed time story. The stories will be read by a variety of people - staff, governors and friends of the school, in different classrooms and places around the school. There will be a choice (beforehand) of stories to appeal to different ages and each story will last about 30 minutes. Hot chocolate will be served! Parents are welcome to stay in the hall, browse the bookshop and look at the reading material and displays. There will also be a short talk on listening to your child read, with some great ideas. We hope you will all save the date in your diary and come along on the night. Choice of stories and locations will be given out on 26<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to volunteer to read a story, please let Mrs Dandy know.

### RELIEF STAFF

We are always on the look-out for reliable people who might wish to add their name to our list of relief cleaning staff or midday supervisors.

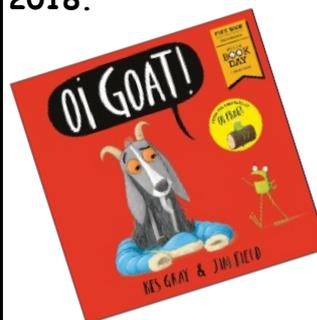
If you are interested in either of these job opportunities, please call at the school office or send an email to [admin2083@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2083@welearn365.com)



### World Book Day

#### Book Tokens

All children will be given a free £1 book token which they can use towards the price of a new book. There are even **ten** special World Book Day books on sale for £1 each at most major book shops. Please note the Book Tokens must be used between **Monday 26 February-Sunday 25 March 2018**.



## Safer Internet Day 2018



Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018. This year the theme was

**“Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better Internet starts with you.”**

At Outwoods we made sure that we got involved in classes and around the school and many of the activities will be continuing over the next few weeks. We take the important role of safeguarding our children very seriously and share the mission to make the Internet a better place for children and young people with leading charities and organisations such as the UK Safer Internet Centre.

We know that many of our children have devices where they can connect to popular and ever changing apps. Unfortunately, we have heard of cases of parents discovering that their children have been talking to adults online, who are posing as children and trying to befriend or 'groom' our young people and of children's private photographs and profiles being shared with strangers online. Here is a brief overview of some of the most popular apps our children tell us they have been using:-

- Roblox - This is a very popular multi player game that connects people world wide and allows them to create their own games, There have been warnings recently about inappropriate content and parents are advised to monitor their child's account (as with all online games).
- Musical.ly - This is a fun lip-sync app where people can upload videos of themselves singing and dancing and share them with friends. If left unmonitored, this is a major concern as there have been cases of explicit content and the wider world can watch the videos, comment on them and share them further. There are also some extremely inappropriate 'pop-ups' and videos. Please monitor your child's usage and privacy settings.
- OoVoo - This a video and messaging app, it allows video chats of up to 12 people at one time. **You are required to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account. Again privacy settings are not as secure as you think and children have been contacted by strangers for chats online.**
- Skype - a video and messaging app. **You are required to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.**
- Instagram - an online mobile photo sharing, video sharing and social networking service which enables its users to take pictures and videos and share them on a variety of social networking platforms. **You are required to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.**
- Facebook - a social networking site. **You are required to be at least 13 years old before you can create an account.**
- Whats App - An instant messaging app for smartphones. **The user agreement requires users to be age 16 or older.**
- Snapchat - Snapchat is very popular, easy to use and is a good way of keeping in touch with friends. There is a feature that reveals location and parents are warned this could potentially pose a risk to young people. Parents should monitor the usage and settings need to made private. **Again the minimum age is 13.**
- **Children are often creating 'groups' to which others are joining. This means that all information is shared with anyone who is in the group so privacy is lost and in some cases strangers have been added to the group.**

Our children are living in a society that has become dependent on powerful computers, including smart phones, iPads, interactive online games and virtual communities, and most children now have access to the 'world wide web.'



Websites such as Facebook, Roblox, Instagram, Skype, Whats App, Viber and OoVoo, to name but a few, offer fantastic opportunities for communication and social connections, however they are created with their audience in mind and many of these sites and apps are specifically for those over 13 years old. When monitoring your son/daughter's internet use, please remind yourself of the concerns of social media:

- Many sites use 'targeted' advertising and therefore your child could be exposed to adverts of a sexual or other appropriate nature, depending on the age they stated when they registered.
- They may have lied about their age to get an account, making them appear older than they are, increasing this risk.
- Young people may accept friend requests from people they don't know in real life which could increase the risk of inappropriate contact or behaviour. The general rule is, if they aren't friends in real life, they shouldn't be 'friends' online.
- Language, games, groups and content posted or shared on social media is **NOT** moderated, and therefore can be offensive, illegal or unsuitable for young people.
- Photographs shared by users are **NOT** moderated and therefore young people could be exposed to inappropriate images or even post their own.
- Underage users might be less likely to keep their identities private and lying about their age can expose them to further risks regarding privacy settings and options.
- Social media sites can be exploited by bullies and for inappropriate contact.
- Social media sites cannot and do not verify its members, therefore, it is important to remember that if your son/daughter can lie about who they are online, so can anyone else.

### **Should you decide to allow your child to have an online profile we strongly advise you:**

- Check their profile is set to private and that only their friends can see information they post.
- Monitor your child's use and talk to them about safe and appropriate online behaviour such as not sharing personal information and not posting or messaging offensive /inappropriate messages or photo's.
- Monitor your child's use of language and how they communicate to other people, ensuring swearing and abusive language is discouraged.
- Have a look at advice for parents on the social media sites.
- Set up your own profiles so you understand how the site works and ask them to have you as their friend on their profile so you know what they are posting online.

### **Make sure your son/daughter understand the following rules:**

1. Always keep your profile private.
2. Never accept friend you do not know in real life.
3. Never post anything which could reveal your identity including photographs wearing school uniform where possible.
4. **Never post anything you wouldn't want your parents or teachers to see.**
5. Never agree to meet somebody you only know online without telling a trusted adult.
6. Always tell someone if you feel threatened or someone upsets you.



We recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) [www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org) [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) Once again, I will point you in the direction of [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk) as it provides some of the clearest guidance, images and instructions I've seen. **The official site of Safer Internet Day has an extremely useful parents pack which gives a wealth of activities to do with your child concerning Internet safety.**

**[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)**

<http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/> and [www.commonssensemedia.org/game-reviews](http://www.commonssensemedia.org/game-reviews) both give valuable advice for parents on online activity and gaming.

Through lessons provided at school, assemblies, safer internet day, and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately. However, it is only through a collaborative effort between parents and teachers that we will succeed in creating responsible and safe cyber citizens.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or your child's class teacher or our ICT subject leader, Miss Harris.



# Adult and Community Learning

Family Learning at  
Outwoods Primary School

## Family Fun with Maths: for year 1 and 2 children and their parents

**Wednesday mornings 9:00-11:00a.m.  
from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for 5 weeks**

9:00pm-10:00am: Parents explore different topics covered in maths lessons in year 1 and 2.

10:00pm-11:00am: Children join parents for the rest of the session. Do fun activities together that will help your child to learn and build confidence.

To book your place please complete the slip below a hand it in to the school office:

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*I would like to attend the free Family Fun with Maths programme at Outwoods*

Adult's name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_