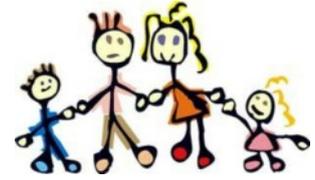




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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter



22nd March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the latest newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already making preparations for Easter and heading rapidly towards the end of Spring Term.

This is a very busy time of year, we are working hard on our school priorities as you will see at parents' evenings next week. Please take time to walk around and look at the learning environment, which is bright and colourful and full of wonderful work.

Thank you for your support for Comic Relief Red Nose Day last week - we raised over £400 which will be sent to the charity. We have also recently raised funds for a reading charity (some wonderful year three children baked and sold cakes) and the school council are collecting pennies for Birmingham Children's Hospital throughout Lent. What kind and generous children we have!

Please note that the list of events attached to this newsletter is an update version -so if you have an older copy please 'refresh' it!

Mrs. Dandy

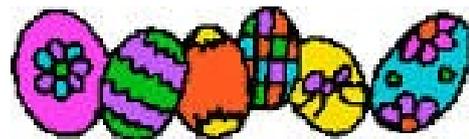
Times Tables Rock Stars

As you know, we have recently subscribed to Times Tables Rockstars for all children in Year One and above. Children have been really excited about the new resource and already we have seen a huge impact on the speed and accuracy with times tables. The idea is that the children practice whenever they can, whilst having fun and earning rewards at the same time. As there is a 'league table' and 'battles' between classes and groups, it helps if it is the children who are playing the game and not the adults!! No matter how tempting it might be to help your child by playing on their behalf, this does 'skew' the score and make it hard for us to assess their progress. If you would like some help and advice supporting your child with learning their tables, just ask. We have a wealth of resources in school.



EASTER RAFFLE AND NON UNIFORM DAY

The time of year has come when our lovely PTA, the Friends of Outwoods organise the 'Grand Easter Egg Hunt' and Easter Raffle. This year, there will also be Easter Bingo on April 10th. We would like to ask for donations of Easter Eggs - perhaps you might have a kind boss or neighbourhood shop that might like to donate, or maybe you could pop an extra egg in with your shopping? Children who bring in a donation will have their name's put in a draw for a prize. We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 29th March** and in return for coming out of uniform, we would like children to donate something chocolatey to add to the prize collection. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Year Six SATS

Just a quick reminder of dates for parents of children in Year 6. The children will be working on their SATS during the week commencing **Monday May 13th 2019**. The timetable for SATS is set by the Department for Education, therefore there is no flexibility for the timing of the assessments. Children need to be in school to make sure they have every chance of achieving their very best. Revision books are on sale at the school office.

Dates For Your Diary - please note dates are often added to these lists so please look out for updates
Details for key events will follow



- Friday 22nd March - Year One trip to Space Centre
- Friday 22nd March - Year Five trip to Stratford Upon Avon
- Tuesday 26th March - Choir concert at Bedworth Civic Hall (evening)
- Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening (afternoon appointments also available)
- Thursday 28th March 2:30pm - 1A (Ants) class assembly
- Thursday 28th March 2:30pm - Choir performance upper school hall
- Thursday 28th March 3pm - Reception class share time
- Friday 29th March - Non Uniform Day - Please donate chocolate for Easter Raffle and Bingo
- Monday 1st April - 5pm - Mrs Dandy's office - PTA meeting
- Thursday 4th April 2:30pm - 3C (Caterpillars) class assembly
- Friday 5th April - Show and Tell assembly
- Wednesday 10th April - Year 1 and 2 Easter Service at Mancetter Church - 1:30pm -parents welcome
- Wednesday 10th April 6pm - Easter Bingo
- Thursday 11th April 2:30pm - Year 4 Viola concert parents invited (letter will follow)
- PLEASE NOTE 5B assembly has been moved from 11th April due to viola concert - date to follow
- Friday 12th April - School closes for Easter - Attendance assembly 9am
- Monday 29th April - Back to school
- Thursday 2nd May - NURSERY CLOSED FOR ELECTIONS
- Monday 6th May - School closed for Mayday
- Week Beginning Monday 13th May - Year Six SATS week
- Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th May - Year Four Sherwood Forest Residential
- Thursday 16th May - Year One trip to Foxton Locks
- Friday 17th May - Show and Tell Assembly
- Wednesday 22nd May - "Hawaiian Night" - Disco and fancy dress
- Friday 24th May - Break up for Spring half term
- Monday 3rd June - Children back to school



Term Dates 2019 -2020

Here's some advance warning of next year's term dates.

Autumn 1 - Tuesday 3rd September 2019 - Thursday 24th October 2019

Autumn 2 - Monday 4th November 2019 - Friday 20th December 2019

Spring 1 - Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Friday 14th February 2020

Spring 2 - Wednesday 26th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer 1 - Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 22nd May 2020

Summer 2 - Monday 1st June 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

Support your child's learning -Discovery Espresso

The school has subscribed to a great resource called Espresso - there are hundreds of great activities for all ages. Go to the website www.discoveryeducation.co.uk click on 'login' and select "Espresso" enter the username student29608 and password espre550 . You can choose from Foundation (Early Years) or KS1 or KS2 and look at all the videos, activities and games on offer. This year as a school we are having a huge 'push' on spelling and on Espresso there is a good selection of spelling and phonics activities. The children use the resource in school and it is great for supporting learning across the curriculum. If you need any support to access it, just ask!



Attendance

As you know, we are always promoting good attendance at school. Regular attendance is important to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all children. When children are absent for fewer days, their overall progress and reading skills often improve—even among those children who are struggling in school. Children who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to succeed at high school, setting them up for a strong future. Odd days off also add up and can have an impact. When children are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused- it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect children as early as nursery.



Punctuality

Can I please remind parents that school lessons start at 8:50 am therefore we expect children to be in class ready by that time? We have noticed an increasing number of children being dropped off slightly late for school and this is impacting on the accuracy of the registers and also the start of the day. The other extreme is that some children are being dropped off too early for school!! Classroom doors do not open until 8:30 am. If you arrive at school before that - please wait until 8:30 am before your child goes into class.

REMINDER

Drop off time in the morning is between 8:30 am and 8:50 am. Please make sure your child arrives between these times - Thank you!

A Message from the School Nursing Team

Oral Health & Chathealth

According to Public Health England almost a quarter of 5 year olds have tooth decay with an average 3 or 4 teeth being affected. Prevention is always better than cure, therefore please encourage and supervise your child/ren to clean their teeth twice a day and ensure they visit the dentist for a check-up every 6 months even if there are no problems with their teeth. **NHS dental care for children under 18 is free.** Children should also limit sugary food intake as we know that sugar harms teeth. You can speak to your Dentist if you have any concerns about your child's oral health.



The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available and the School Health and Wellbeing Service can be contacted on 03300 245 204.

Chat Health

Parents/carers can now text a school nurse from their mobile phone. ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and well-being. **Text number:- 07520 619376**



Outwoods Primary School Nursery

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

If you have a child who will be three before 1st September 2019 did you know they are eligible for a fifteen hours per week free nursery place? We have spaces for this September in our nursery. You can apply for a place by calling at the main office and filling in a form. Our nursery serves the Atherstone and Mancetter areas, so if you know of anyone who needs a place, please give them our details. We are always happy to arrange a visit if you would like to know more about the nursery provision we have on offer.



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Boiled Egg Decorating



Competition



Prizes for all age groups

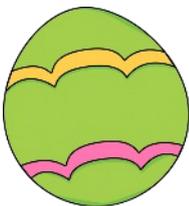
(Including adults!)



Entries must be in by 9am on 11th April (Thursday)

Please make sure all entries are named clearly!

Entrance Fee 50p per egg.



Please bring your entry to
the main school office
before the deadline

TWITTER and FACEBOOK

Did you know you can follow us on Twitter @OutwoodsAth? Our little cat Cilla even has her own Twitter feed @OutwoodsCat. We also have a Friends of Outwoods Facebook group. All accounts are secure and monitored by school staff. Why not join us? Don't forget the new school website can be found at www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk

