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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

3rd May 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome once again, to the latest edition of our school newsletter. As we enter the final term of this academic year, things are picking up pace, with the impending end of key stage assessments, staff and the children are all working very hard towards their individual targets. There are also a fair amount of exciting events to look forward to, some of which are detailed later in this newsletter.

As in previous years, Year 2 and Year 6 will shortly be taking part in the SATS. The Year 6 SATS start on week beginning 13th May, whilst Year 2 assessments take place throughout the month of May. Year 1 phonics screening will take place in the week beginning 10th June. All of the children involved are working very hard to do their very best, and we are very proud of them for their effort shown. The teachers are making sure they are well supported and feel confident enough to approach any task positively. We look forward to reporting to you how much progress the children have made this academic year when we send out reports later this term. In the meantime, should you have any concerns about your child or the school, do not hesitate in contacting me.



Mrs. Dandy

Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of arriving at school on time every day. Children who arrive late, take much longer to settle down to learning, and disrupt other pupils too, which is not fair. Classroom doors open every day at 8:30 am and school starts at 8.50 a.m. promptly! Can I just remind parents/carers that children should not be in school until 8:30 a.m. at the earliest. Please do not take your children into class until staff are present.



Thank you.

Pierced Ears

If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced can we ask you to consider having this done at the beginning of the 6 week school holiday please? This is because it is essential that children remove earrings and studs for activities such as P.E. and swimming.

Friends of Outwoods PTA Hawaiian Fun Night & Disco

Upper school hall on Wednesday 22nd May.

For this event we have a top DJ/entertainer for music and party games.

Wear fancy dress/flowery shirts/garlands etc.

4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. for Reception through to year 2

6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. for year 3 through to year 6

£3 per child which includes Pizza and Ice Cream!

Tickets available in advance from 7th May.

Additional tuck can be purchased for 50p (on the night).



Head Lice



Some parents have reported to us that head lice have been found in their child's hair. This is a perpetual problem and extremely hard to eradicate, but if we all take extra care we can all work together to get rid of the pests. The school is no longer able to check for head lice. As such, we urge parents to check their children regularly at least once a week. Remember, **ONCE A WEEK, TAKE A PEEK.**



If you find live head lice on your children, they will need to be treated; your pharmacist can give you advice about the best treatments. Even after treatment, it is important to keep repeating the checking process every few days to make sure they have gone. For more help and advice you can visit www.onceaweektakeapeek.com or ask at the school office for a leaflet. If you are struggling with your child's head lice, or any other health problem, you can contact the school health and wellbeing service on 03300245204 or text 07520619376. Please ask at the office for more details.

Nursery Places Available

If your child is 3 before September 2019 and you would like a nursery place, then you will be pleased to know that we have some places available. To secure a place please call (01827) 712372 or pop into the school reception to pick up an application form.

Dogs



We would like to remind everyone that Dogs are not allowed onto the school grounds. The only dogs allowed on site are working dogs who have been formally risk assessed by the school.

Buddhist Visitor



Our Years 3 & 4 were so lucky to be visited during their RE lesson by a Buddhist Monk on Tuesday 30th April. He was extremely interesting and the children were fascinated by him and what he had to say. Can I thank all of the parents, carers and children who gave donations to the hamper which he took back with him to the hermitage? He was very touched by your generosity.

Litter

In order to keep our school grounds neat and tidy, we would be grateful if all parents and carers can encourage their children to use the litter bins provided around the school. Recently, there has been an increase in the amount of litter being dropped around the school and inside the school gates. We want our school area to be the tidiest in the town, and everyone can help achieve this.



Oral Health



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 children 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 or confidentially text ChatHealth Parentline on 07520 619 376.

Rockstars Timetables

Our children are making fantastic progress with their times tables as we continue with the Rockstars platform. This challenging and engaging platform is really capturing the children's imagination and they love it. We're sure we will continue to be amazed by their progress! Well done everybody.



Attendance

We are pleased to report that overall the attendance levels have improved this year. We would like to thank those who have worked hard to improve their child's attendance so that they can benefit from school life. Let's keep it up and even improve further from this point onwards - remember - "Every School Day Counts!"

Children on Bicycles



Please ensure that children who come to school on bikes wear an appropriate safety helmet, and that the bikes are left at the school entrance bike rack and locked up securely to discourage thieves. In addition, please note that bikes should not be ridden on schools grounds. Thank you.



Sun Cream

As we move towards summer can you please make sure that you apply a high factor sun cream to the children each morning? This protects them from harmful exposure to the sun. If this is not possible, the school will have a limited supply of sun cream to apply when necessary. If you do not wish the school to apply sun cream to your child, for whatever reason, then you must contact the school to let us know your wishes.



School Uniform

It is getting close to the time of year when parents'/carers' thoughts turn to new uniform. Our uniform can be purchased at the SchoolWear Centre in Nuneaton, online through School Trends at <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/> and also at Clothing4Schools in Tamworth (and online at <https://clothing4schools.com> - You will find Outwoods listed under Tamworth Schools). **ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME**

We expect the children to wear:-

- Grey or black trousers/ skirt or pinafore (jogging bottoms/leggings for nursery children only)
- Gold polo shirt with or without school logo
- Forest green sweatshirt or cardigan with or without logo
- Green or yellow gingham dress / grey shorts for the summer
- Black plain low-heeled shoes or black leather trainers (no logos) - could parents please endeavour to send children in velcro fastening shoes until they can tie their laces?

PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White t shirt with or without the school logo
- Black pumps or Trainers as appropriate

Children can wear tracksuits for PE outside in the winter -school tracksuits are available with the Outwoods logo but any tracksuit is acceptable.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



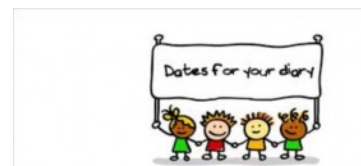
Change of date for Induction day

Induction Day will now be on Thursday 27th June. The change has been brought about due to the local authority wishing all schools to have the same day. This is an exciting day where our children get to spend the day in their new class for the forthcoming academic year. Similarly our Year 6 pupils are able to spend the day at their prospective high school.

Due to this change of date, Sports Day will now be held on Wednesday 3rd July (weather permitting). On this day we also plan to hold a family picnic in the lunch hour - further details will follow.

Important Dates - There are some changes:

This list is valid from 3rd May and updates any others



- Monday 6th May - School closed for Mayday
- Thursday 9th May - Meerkats Class Assembly 2:30pm
- 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
- Thursday 23rd May - Raccoons Class Assembly 2:30pm
- Thursday 23rd May - Nursery closed for European Elections
- Friday 24th May - Break up for Spring half term - Non uniform 'Sportswear' day £1 donation
- Monday 3rd June - Children back to school
- Tuesday 4th June - 6:30pm Nursery New Intake Meeting
- Wednesday 5th June - 6:30pm Reception New Intake Meeting
- Thursday 6th June - Dinosaurs Class Assembly 2:30pm
- Week beginning 10th June - Year 1 phonics screening check
- Tuesday 11th June - Nursery and Reception Trip to Conkers - details to follow
- Thursday 13th June - Rabbits Class Assembly 2:30pm
- Monday 17th June - Rainforest Visitor in Year 3 and 4
- Thursday 20th June - CARNIVAL! & Summer Fete
- Tuesday June 25th - Class and Team Photographs (Big photo for hall)
- Thursday 27th June - Induction Day & Open Evening
- Wednesday 3rd July - Family Day - EYFS & KS1 Sports morning - Picnic Lunch- KS2 Sports afternoon
- Thursday 4th July - Year 5 Cricket tournament
- Wednesday 10th July - Area Athletics
- Thursday 11th July 6:30pm - Year 6 play
- Friday July 12th - Year 3 Trip to Leicester Botanical Gardens
- Tuesday 16th July - Disco
- Wednesday 17th July Music concert
- Thursday 18th July - 9am Y6 Leavers Presentation Assembly
- Thursday 18th July Y6 Party (Prom) 6pm
- Friday 19th July - 9am End of term assembly - school closes for Summer