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# Outwoods Primary School

## Newsletter

September 9th 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! How lovely it has been to have all the children back in school, looking smart and fresh and ready for the challenges ahead. Our new Foundation Stage children will be joining us this week, and we have had new children in other year groups. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families, I hope your children will be very happy at Outwoods and enjoy all of the exciting activities and projects the school year brings. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at our 'Welcome to Outwoods' open day and fun dog show on Saturday 14 September - more details overleaf.

As you already know, this will be my last half term as Head teacher at Outwoods. The Governors have started the recruitment campaign for a new head teacher which will continue throughout the weeks ahead. We will keep you informed of any developments as and when they arise.

As always, should you have any concerns about your child or school matters, please do not hesitate in contacting me.



**Mrs Dandy.**

### School Meals

We are very fortunate at Outwoods to have two kitchens that cook delicious and nutritious school meals fresh every day. The school meals service is provided by contract caterers called Educaterers who have over 60 years experience in the school meals industry. You can find out more about them on their website at <https://educaterers.co.uk/about-us> Having a nutritiously balanced cooked meal in the middle of the day really makes a huge difference to pupil well-being and can positively impact on health as well as promoting healthy eating habits. Children also get introduced to new foods and this can reduce food insecurity. You can look up the menus and try some of the recipes on the Educaterers website.



### How can I claim free school meals?

All children of infant age (years Reception to year 2) will be offered a school meal every day free of charge- you do not need to apply. Just let your child's class teacher know they will be having a school meal. However, please tell us if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed here

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> as this means we can also claim extra funding for your child at school, this can be around £1300 per pupil so it does make a huge difference to the school's budget and benefits all of the children. For all children including those in year three and above - you can also claim free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. You can claim through Warwickshire County Council, this way the school will receive additional funding to spend on your child's education. For more information call in and have a chat or look at the county website

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Your child will bring a menu home, or you can collect one from the main school office they are also available on the Educaterers website at <https://educaterers.co.uk/our-menus>. For those not eligible for free school meals, school meals are £2:25 per day which is excellent value for money. The school cook is Mrs Sweet and she is happy to discuss menus or special dietary requirements with parents and carers, just ask at the office.

## Dairy Dates

You will find a full list of the term dates and holiday dates attached to this newsletter, all dates are also uploaded onto the school website at [www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk) Please remember this list is updated regularly. Here are some key dates for the forthcoming weeks.

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Multi-skills after school club starts
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7:45 - KS1 Gymnastics starts
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Year Six swimming starts
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7:45 - KS2 Gymnastics starts
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 12 noon onwards - Welcome to Outwoods fun day and dog show
- Week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September - All other after school clubs start
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Y5 & 6 trip to Space Centre
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10 am and 2:30 pm - Macmillan Coffee morning / afternoon
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Photographer in nursery
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Photographer in school
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (9:15 and again at 2:15) KS1 and Reception Harvest
- Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parent consultations
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 9:30 at St Peter's Church Mancetter Y3&4 Harvest festival
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents Evening
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - School closes for half term



## RISE - Primary Mental Health Team



Coventry and  
Warwickshire Partnership  
NHS Trust

As a parent/carer of a young person living in Warwickshire there is a service available to help support your child with their emotional well-being. If you would like the opportunity to speak in confidence with a Primary Mental Health Practitioner about your child then we can signpost you in the right direction. **They are offering one-off 45min 1:1 consultations where you are able to discuss your child's current difficulties with a professional.** For further details, pick up a flier from the main office or ask Mrs Dandy, Mrs Swain or Mrs Taylor. We have also uploaded the details onto the school website and Facebook page.

*These consultations can be in person or over the phone and they are open to any member of the family.*

There are also regular parent information sessions/group coffee and chats based around common themes at the Ratcliffe Road Centre in Atherstone. Themes covered are anxiety, sensory needs, emotional development, self-harm, behaviour and school refusal. Feedback from parents so far have been very positive. The next one is on October 7<sup>th</sup> and booking is essential.

Please note these sessions are for parents/carers ONLY & booking is  
**ESSENTIAL**



Please do NOT bring children to these sessions  
Please email [risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)  
or call 07917 504682  
to book your place

## School Term and Holiday Dates 2019-2020

### **Autumn Term**

Term starts for children	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
School closes for half term	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School closed to children	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School Holiday	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019
School opens for children	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
School closes for Christmas	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Spring Term**

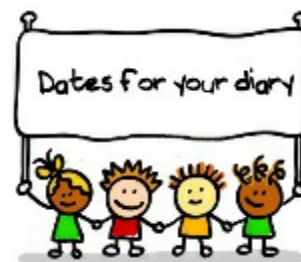
Term starts for children	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
School closes for half term	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
School Holiday	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
School closed to children	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
School opens for children	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
School closes for Easter	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### **Summer Term**

Term starts for children	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
School closed for Bank holiday	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School closes for half term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
School Holiday	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School opens for children	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
School closes for Summer	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

**There are five training days per year when school is closed to pupils. In the academic year 2019-2020 these days are:-**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020



### Holidays

Due to changes in the law we can no longer authorise holidays taken in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. "While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request".



# Outwoods Table Top / Car Boot Sale & Fun Dog Show



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 from 12pm onwards  
*Back by popular demand!*

Nuneaton Dog Training Club will be providing the following:-

Rosettes to 5<sup>th</sup> place for each class!

- Any variety puppy
- Best pure-breed
- Best cross-breed
- Golden oldies ( dogs 5 years and over)
- Prettiest bitch
- Handsomest dog
- Best rescue or re-homed dog or bitch
- Waggiest Tail
- Dog the judge would most like to take home
- Best in show (all 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners can enter)



Remember this is MUCH MORE than a dog show!

- Inflatables
- Barbecue
- Stalls and games
- Refreshments
- Icecreams

(Classes to be judged by the demonstration team handlers and cost £1 per entry.)

We welcome responsible dog ownership. Dogs must be on a lead whilst on the playground. No dogs are allowed in the building (except assistance dogs). Clean up after your dog, poo bags available on request but please bring your own. Thank you.



If you wish to have a stall or a table on the day phone - 01827 712732



or ask at school or email [friendsofoutwoods1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:friendsofoutwoods1@yahoo.co.uk)

**CARS AND TABLE-TOPS CAN SET UP FROM 10:30 am**  
**THIS IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A GOOD CLEAR OUT AND RAISE SOME CASH INTO THE BARGAIN!**  
**Everyone welcome!**