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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter



12th October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the latest newsletter. We are now well and truly into Autumn, and the beautiful trees on the school grounds are changing colour and shedding their leaves. I often think it is a blessing to have such a wonderful school site, however there are times also it creates a lot of hard work! With the heavy rain last week our lower school playground soon became very messy and unfortunately we had the return of the mud! Of course mud can be a huge attraction to children at playtimes. We are trying to cover the worst areas with artificial grass but unfortunately this is very expensive. In order to help raise money for the school fund we are having a sponsored walk on the last day of the half term starting at 9:30 am. The walk will have a 'spooky' Hallowe'en theme. We are inviting all children to take part - and of course parents, carers and grandparents. Everyone can dress up in Hallowe'en fancy dress and we will decorate the route with a spooky theme (but not too scary!!). Our plan is to cover a tenth of a marathon (2.62 miles) in the school grounds. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us but just in case, I would suggest children wear wellies or old trainers. There is a sponsor form attached to this newsletter so that the children can begin to collect sponsors. Of course we will encourage them to only ask friends and family and not to go knocking on doors! If you would like to join in we can give you a sponsor form, and if you would like to help in another way please pop in to the office as we would appreciate your help! Every penny will go towards improving our school site and boosting the ICT equipment that the children use. Thank you, as always for your support. Mrs Dandy



Friends of Outwoods Disco

Wednesday 21st October
Upper School Hall

Infants 4:30 -6:00PM
Juniors 6:30 - 8:00PM

HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS

OPTIONAL
(prizes for the best)



£2:50
(includes 'tuck')
Pay at the door

Reception children's parents are welcome to stay

Children can bring extra money for the tuck shop.

£1.00 for a photo in our spooky cave!

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE PARENTS EVENING ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH AND THE DISCO ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21ST -THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS ON THOSE NIGHTS. LITTLE STARS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL.



Parents Evening

Don't forget it is Parents Evening tomorrow night (October 13th). If you haven't yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher, call at the office or send in a note.



Relief Lunchtime Supervisors

We are looking for people to join our list of relief lunchtime supervisors, to cover when one of our 'dinner ladies' is absent. If you are interested, please ask at the office for an application form.

It's Our Children's Playground!

I have been a little concerned lately at the beginning and end of the day when there have been bikes and scooters on the playground. It is a very busy playground and we certainly don't want any accidents. PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN RIDE BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE PLAYGROUNDS AT ANY TIME. This also applies to teenagers and young adults collecting children.



On another note, staff and some concerned parents have also overheard some inappropriate language that has no place on a school playground- unfortunately this has come from some adults collecting and dropping off children. Please be aware our playground is a 'Child Friendly Zone' and as such there is no place for swearing. We have tackled this with the children also, but it is very important that all adults on school premises are good role models. Please do not swear on our school playground. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Help Your School

If you use online shopping you can help raise funds for our school by registering at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including M&S, Asda, Argos, Next, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, Amazon, HMV and over 2,000 others. Just use the links on the easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple!

It's completely FREE to register and you won't pay a penny more for your shopping when you use the easyfundraising site. In fact you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers offer discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' exclusive to easyfundraising.

If you shop online anyway then why not raise valuable extra funds for Outwoods by using this fantastic scheme? All you need to do is visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/outwoodssch and register

for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. Thank you!



Macmillan Coffee Morning and Shelterbox Appeal



Thank you very much to everyone who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised over £100. Thank you also for supporting the Harvest Purse Appeal, as you can imagine it is taking rather a long time to count all the 'loose change' so I cannot yet give you a grand total! All I can say is that our donations will help some very needy people!

Road Safety



Our Crossing Patrol staff are on hand to make sure you and your children cross nearby roads safely before and after school. Please encourage your child to use these crossing patrols and if you are a driver please drive with care at these times and park with consideration for our neighbours.

