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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

15th January 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016. Happy New Year to all of you! I am pleased to report that the children have come back after the Christmas break and are really working hard. It is fantastic to see the enthusiasm with which our children are engaging and matching the hard work of our staff. For example, in Year 2 the children have been reading and modelling the 'Iron Man' much to their excitement, and in Y1 the children have been learning about the planets and soaking up all the facts and figures. Year Six have been learning about Mayan Civilisation and are looking forward to visiting Cadbury World later this month. This week Year Five joined a choir of six thousand children at the NEC for the Young Voices Experience, and the staff and parents who accompanied them or went to watch, have all said they were fantastic! We are so proud of all our children. These initiatives illustrate the rich and varied curriculum our children enjoy and it all adds to their learning. Well done everybody!

Mrs Dandy

Protective Behaviours

On Wednesday 10th February at 2.45 p.m. in the Upper School Hall, there will be a parents meeting about the Protective Behaviours scheme which was introduced two years ago. The scheme is a personal safety awareness programme which helps children and adults to recognise any situation where they feel worried or unsafe, such as feeling stressed, bullied or threatened and explores practical ways to keep safe. The Protective Behaviours scheme also looks at identifying support networks for times when we need



someone to listen and help. We think it is important that parents have as much information as possible about how we use this scheme in school. All parents/carers are invited to the information meeting where you can look at

the materials and ask any questions you may have. If you would like any information but cannot attend the meeting, please ask at the office.

Atherstone Ball Game

Please note that the school will be closing after lunch at 1.15pm on Tuesday 9th 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. A register of who will remain in school will be kept at the office.



Winter Weather

If the school has to close due to bad weather, or other unforeseen circumstances we will contact you by text message and post 'SCHOOL CLOSED' signs on all of the school gates. We will also post information on the Warwickshire website at:- www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures. There is also a live Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/wccschoolclosed. Information will also be posted on the school website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Local radio stations will also broadcast information about school closures. In the event of an early closure during the school day, no child will be allowed to leave the school until their parent or another responsible adult collects them.

Packed Lunches

Our school meals service is excellent and offers a selection of freshly cooked main meals and desserts every school day.



All meals are nutritionally balanced over the course of a week. If you would like your child to have a school meal, then you can order your meals daily, and pay either daily or weekly. All children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to free school meals. However, if you decide to send your child with a packed lunch can we please ask you to send a nutritionally balanced one? We recommend no more than five items - a sandwich or wrap, a piece of fruit, a drink, a small biscuit and a savoury snack such as low fat crisps. We ask that you do not include fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Tickets for Schools

We are pleased to announce that Outwoods is now in a position to get free tickets for children under 12 to see premier league football at Villa Park. Parents/carers must purchase a scheme ticket from the school office for £1 which they can take to Villa Park to qualify for a subsidised adult ticket and a free ticket for an under 12. More details from the school office.



Website and APP

Don't forget all the newsletters and letters to parents are on our website at

www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk or you can

download the school APP free from Google Play or the APP store. We also have a

Friends of Outwoods Facebook Page and Twitter feed @OutwoodsAth



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, we can contact the school health team on your behalf. Please ask at the office for more details.

Dates

- Friday 5th February & Friday 4th March - Show 'n' Tell Assemblies
- Tuesday 9th February - Atherstone Ball Game early closure
- Wednesday 10th February 2:45 - parents meeting about Protective Behaviours
- Thursday 11th February - Discos
- Friday 12th February - break up for half term

School 'Valentines' Disco

Thursday 11th February
Infants 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Juniors 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

£2.50 on the door (to include tuck)

Children can bring more money if they want to spend in the tuck shop.

