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Outwoods Primary School

Newsletter

20th November 2015



Dear Parents/Carers

Now we are nearing the end of November our thoughts have started to turn to Christmas and we are beginning to prepare for a very exciting time of year. The children will be starting to learn the lines and the songs for the variety of Christmas productions we will be staging and the PTA are busy preparing for the Christmas Fair. Next week we will be sending out letters so you can book tickets for the productions, which I am sure you will agree, are bound to be fantastic! Christmas productions are very important here at Outwoods, because our children love to perform for parents and carers, and it gives them a real sense of pride. In addition, these performances are wonderful for building confidence. We look forward to seeing you there!

We have been very proud of our children lately, and the way they have tried hard to help others less fortunate than themselves. Last week we all had fun raising money for Children in Need, and we have also supported other charities recently such as Macmillan and Breast Cancer Now. On Monday we thought about the people who were involved in the terrible incidents in Paris, we all bowed our heads in silence for a minute. It is really important to the ethos of Outwoods that we spare time to think about and help others and everyone is always willing to 'do their bit'!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school. Mrs Dandy.

Clubs



The last after school clubs before the Christmas break will be **next week** - the week beginning 23rd November. **WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MRS DANDY'S ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB which will continue until December 2nd.** This is to make way for Christmas Fair and Christmas Play preparations. The after school care club run by Little Stars 'SuperStars' will continue every day as usual until the end of term.

Clubs will resume again in the New Year - week beginning January 11th - with some great new additions.

Non-Uniform Days

There will be two Non-uniform days in the run up to the Christmas Fair; the first on November 27th and the second on December 4th. Many apologies that one of the dates on the Last newsletter was incorrect (December 13th). The PTA are asking for donations of items for the fair.



- November 27th - Items suitable for the tombola stalls such as groceries, toiletries, chocolates, sweets, gifts or bottles.
- December 4th - Each Key stage will be asked to bring either cakes and biscuits or sweets/chocolates.

The PTA are also collecting donations for raffle prizes, they have been well supported by local Atherstone shops and businesses so we would like to extend our thanks to them. Children will be bringing raffle tickets home to sell next week. Every penny we raise through our fundraising events with the PTA is spent on the children in school, so your support is really appreciated and valued.



Please note that on Tuesday December 15th the children can come to school in Christmas Jumpers or Christmas colours for events the children of the school council are organising. Further details will follow.

School Website

The school website has been offline for two weeks as it is being updated and redesigned. It will be back online soon at www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk

Christmas Productions

Nursery - Friday 11th December 10am

Reception - Wednesday 9th December 2:00pm and Thursday 10th December 9:30am

Year One - Tuesday 8th December 2:00pm and Wednesday 9th December 9:30am

Year Two - Monday 7th December 2:00pm and Tuesday 8th December 9:30am

Year Three, Four and Five - Thursday 10th December 2:00pm and 6:30pm

Children will be bringing home further details and ticket booking forms next week.



Uniform and Jewellery

I would like to remind parents and carers of the school uniform and jewellery policy. Outwoods Primary School is extremely proud of its school uniform. The school colours of Green and Gold encourage a sense of belonging. We ask for your co-operation in dressing your children in school uniform every day. The uniform can be purchased from the school. Uniform is available from the school office or online via the 'Schooltrends' website. We expect the children to wear:-

Grey or black trousers/ skirt or pinafore (jogging bottoms are acceptable for nursery children only)

Gold polo shirt with or without school logo

Forest green sweatshirt or cardigan with logo

Green or yellow gingham dress (summer)/ grey shorts

Black plain low-heeled shoes or black leather trainers (no logos)

There are also fleeces, reversible jackets, hats, bags and caps available from the school office.

PE Kit

Black shorts

White t shirt with or without the school logo

Black pumps or Trainers as appropriate

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

ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME

Jewellery

To avoid the distress of loss or damage, only plain studs and watches should be worn in school. Earrings cannot be worn for P.E. There has been some confusion about this recently, as in the past it was acceptable to cover earrings with tape or plaster. This is no longer allowed, the Health and Safety Management directive is that **"the wearing of earrings, ear studs or other jewellery (metal or plastics) must not be permitted during sporting activities, PE or swimming."** If your child cannot remove their own earrings, then please take them out before school on PE days. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4TH

3:30pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Santa's grotto
Crafts and gifts
Tombola
Grand raffle
Toys and games
Refreshments
Carol Singers
Chocolate fountain
Loads more!!!!

This is our main fund-raiser of the year, so let's make this a bumper year!

Donations of items for the fair or raffle prizes always gratefully received!

