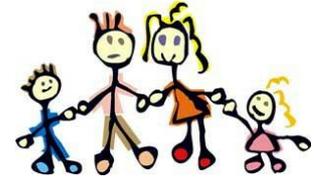




# Outwoods Primary School

## Newsletter

September 21st 2015



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first full newsletter of the school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, even though it does seem such a long time ago now. I am delighted to have all the children back in school, looking smart and fresh and ready for the challenges ahead. Our new reception children have now joined us and we have had new children in other year groups and even a few new members of staff. 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 the exciting activities and projects the school year brings. It was lovely to see many of you at our 'Welcome to Outwoods' fun day on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> it was a great day and I am sure you would like to join with me in thanking the PTA and volunteers for the effort they put in to make the day a success. There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes from the day - numbers 307 and 324. Call at the office if you think you have won.

We look forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with our families in ensuring the children reach their potential and get the most out of their time at school. As always, should you have any concerns about your child or school matters, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

**Mrs Dandy.**



### Free School Meals

As I have previously notified you, all children in reception, year one and year two can have a school meal every day free of charge under a government scheme. This offer does not depend on your household income or whether you receive any benefits - every child in these classes is eligible to have a free school meal every day. I would urge you to take up this offer as each day there is a choice of two main meals and even the picky eaters often find there is something they like!



### **What do I need to do for my child to take up the offer of 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, if you already claim free school meals for older children (because you claim certain benefits) or think you may be eligible, you should still claim them through Warwickshire County Council by telephoning 01926 742060, this way the school will receive additional funding to spend on your child's education. ***In other words, it is good for the school and your child if you claim free school meals - even if your child gets them anyway or even if they sometimes prefer a packed lunch!*** This amounts to over £1300 per child so as you can imagine this makes a great deal of difference to the school. For more information call in and have a chat or look at the county website [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### REMI NDER

Please remember that the outdoor climbing frame in the junior playground is designed for children in year 2 and above only. Children should be supervised on this equipment at all times and before and after school they should not go on it at all, unless they are being closely supervised by their parents. Thankyou.





## HELP YOUR CHILD WITH PHONICS

Family Learning for Parents at Outwoods Primary School

**Starts Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9 - 11am for three weeks**

Come along and find out:-

- How children learn to read and write using phonics
- All about the sounds letters make
- Key terminology used in school
- How you can support your child at home
- About other Family Learning programmes



*If you are interested in joining this course please call at the office to register. Everyone is welcome!*

### NEW SIGNING IN SYSTEM

You may have noticed that we have a new signing in system in school which is linked to the main office computers. Children will continue to be registered in their classroom as previously, however **if your child comes into school late (after 9 am) for any reason please make sure you take them to the upper school office to be signed in before they go to class; this even applies to children whose class is in the lower school building.** This will ensure all children are registered correctly and that the school registers are immediately updated with late arrivals. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



### TICKETS FOR SCHOOLS

We are pleased to announce that Outwoods continues 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.



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Celebration assembly takes place every Friday morning at 9:15. We give gold ribbons to children as special awards for their achievements each week and celebrate birthdays. You are very welcome to join us. Each month there will be a special 'show and tell' assembly where children can share awards they have achieved out of school or share activities they have taken part in. Lego models are also popular! This term's 'Show and Tell' assemblies are on October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>.



### TWITTER and FACEBOOK

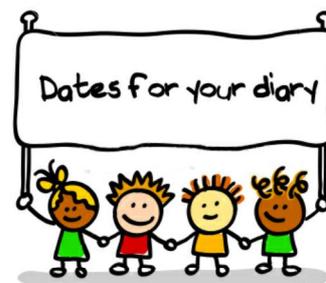
Did you know you can follow us on Twitter @OutwoodsAth ? We also have a Friends of Outwoods Facebook group. Both accounts are secure and monitored by school staff. Why not join us? Don't forget the school website can be found at [www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk)



## IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some of the important dates for this term. We do our best to adhere to these dates and times but there are occasionally unavoidable changes and we will keep you informed. You will get further details of key events in due course.

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9:10am Special Harvest Assemblies for KS1 (Key Stage 2 will be visiting the church)
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am -Adult Learning Phonics Course begins
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 - 8:00pm - Parents' Evening
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Sponsored Walk -Hallowe'en themed
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - School breaks up for half term
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - School closed for staff training day.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Children back at school.
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November -Children in Need Day - non uniform day & cake sale
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November -Non Uniform Day (donations for Christmas Fair)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Year Six residential to Marle Hall
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm - Year 2 Christmas Play
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am- Year 2 Play & 2pm- Year 1 Christmas Play
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am - Year 1 Play & 2pm - Reception Christmas Play
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am - Reception Play & 2pm & 6:30pm - Junior Christmas Play
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery plays
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime Trip
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime Trip
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for Christmas (Children return to school on Tues Jan 5<sup>th</sup>)



## REQUESTING LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please note that the school can no longer grant leave of absence from school for holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you need to take your child out of school during term time for any reason, please ask for a leave of absence form from the office and all requests will be considered on an individual basis. You may be asked for evidence to support your request. If you have any questions or concerns about this matter, do not hesitate in contacting me.