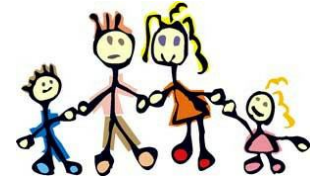


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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

May 1st 2015



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter for May. The Summer term is always a very busy time of year so on the back of this newsletter I have listed many key dates. Also towards the end of this term you will receive your child's annual report and in order to measure their progress there will be assessments over the next month. Year Six and Year Two will be doing their SATS tests and Year One will be doing the Government's 'Phonics Screening Check'. Foundation Stage Staff are busy collating the children's learning journals. I am sure all of the children will do their very best with the support of the teaching team and their parents. We are very proud of all of our children and their achievements and love to share them, therefore we were particularly disappointed with some of the judgements made by Ofsted. I would like to reassure you that we have contested some of these 'findings' and are working closely with inspectors to ensure you have a true and full picture of our school. I would like to point out that **over the last few years standards have risen in all subjects and in some areas by over 20%**. Please remember that parents and carers are welcome to make an appointment with me to discuss the report or any other matter regarding our school. Of course, we will continue to strive to be even better and work tirelessly to ensure we provide the very best for your children.

Mrs Dandy.

School Uniform



If you are planning on buying uniform for your child for the new school year, please bear in mind this is a very busy time for our suppliers. The school uniform shop (at the main office in upper school) does have some sizes in stock, however, it might be wise to order early and avoid the rush. Please remember Outwoods uniforms are not available in the shops - although you can order online through the school website. This is also a good time to remind you that the school lost property boxes are overflowing - please feel free to pop in and have a rummage (in the upper school hall by the caretaker's office and another is in the infant corridor). We still have a great deal of items with no names on them, this makes it very hard to match clothes with their rightful owners.

School Bank

Just a reminder that the school bank has now moved to a Monday morning. The bank is open from 8.30am in the main entrance to the Upper School. This is a wonderful way for children to realise the benefits of saving at a very early age. Children can save as little or as much as they like. The bank is operated in conjunction with the credit union and children who are regular savers are rewarded with certificates and gifts such as money boxes.



Super Runners!

Well done to our year 3 and 4 cross country team who represented the school on Thursday. The children all did their very best, and Miss Shindroja was very proud of them.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Whitehead who completed the London Marathon in a fantastic time! Well done everybody!



Free School Milk

If you claim certain benefits and are eligible for free school meals then your child can have a carton of fresh milk to drink in school every day. All you need to do is inform the office and they will order it from the dairy. Please note that this includes children on free school meals in junior classes.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

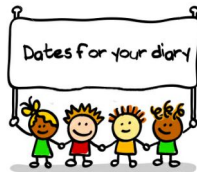
Please remember that school will be closed on Monday May 4th for the Bank Holiday. I hope you all have a lovely extended weekend!

POLLING DAY MAY 7TH

Please note that our nursery will be closed on Monday May 7th as it is being used as a polling station. All other classes will be open as usual.

Important Dates

- Monday May 4th - school closed
- Thursday May 7th - nursery closed
- Monday 11th - Friday 15th May - Y6 SATS
- Friday 22nd May -end of half term - THIS IS A NON UNIFORM DAY
- Monday June 1st - school reopens
- Monday 15th June -Friday 19th June -Year One phonics screening check
- Wednesday 17th June 7pm - nursery meeting for new intake
- Thursday 18th June 7pm - reception meeting for new intake
- Friday 26th June (pm) - Sports Day
- Thursday 2nd July -Induction day and school open evening
- Friday 17th July - school closes for Summer holiday
- Tuesday 8th September - school reopens for Autumn Term



Non -uniform days

Thank you to everyone who came out of uniform today in aid of the Nepalese earthquake fund. Our next non-uniform day will be on May 22nd in aid of the school ICT fund.

Nursery Places

If you have a child who will be three before the end of August then they are entitled to a free nursery place in our nursery. If you haven't yet applied then please do so by calling at the main office for a form. There are still some places left but they are filling up fast. The nursery staff will then get in touch with you to arrange some stay and play sessions.



After School Club

Thank you to everyone who filled in our recent questionnaire about us starting a daily after school club for childcare. It is looking very positive that it will be ready to go ahead from September.

Health and Safety

Just a few reminders about our policies and procedures designed to keep our children safe and secure.



- Please do not use the side entrance doors to gain access to the upper school - these doors are for staff and children only. All other visitors including parents should use the front door by the office.
- Please remember that school starts at 8:50am therefore we do not expect children to arrive much before 8:40am. Breakfast club doors will not open until 7:45 am so if you arrive earlier please wait in your car or outside until staff open the door.
- Please do not park on the school car park or drive in through the gates at the beginning and end of the day.
- Please let the school know if you have asked a friend or relative to collect your child - children cannot be released unless we verify collection arrangements with you.
- If the fire alarm goes whilst you are on the premises -please leave by the nearest exit. and assemble on either playground.
- It is Warwickshire County Council policy that NO DOGS are allowed in the school grounds, even those being carried.