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Outwoods Primary School

Newsletter

16th September 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. The children are all settling well into their new classes, and I am pleased to say that all of our new starters who are coming to Outwoods for the first time seem to be enjoying their first weeks at school. School life is all about learning and growing as young people, and at Outwoods our children are provided with a wonderful opportunity to reach their full potential.

The weather this week has been mostly fantastic, and we are just hoping that this continues into the weekend when we are due to hold the Outwoods annual fun day this Saturday 17th September at 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Free School Meals

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! 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



Are you entitled?

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

Celebration Assemblies

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 the 1st Friday of each month: October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.



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, please contact Mrs. Dandy.

No Smoking



We would like to remind parents and carers that there is a strict no smoking policy for all school sites and this includes 'vaping'. We appreciate you co-operation in this matter. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Event

Once again we are holding a Macmillan Coffee event to raise money for this wonderful charity. The date for your diary is Friday 30th Sept. At 2 pm in the upper school. All donations of cakes will be hugely welcome and help raise lots of money for Macmillan.



Family Fun Day - Saturday 17th September 2016 at 1 p.m until 5 p.m.

We have great pleasure in inviting you to our annual Family Fun Day. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special day hosted by the Friends of Outwoods Primary School. There will be TONS to do and something for all the family! Entrance only £2:00 per adult and 50p per child. Why not join us for a day of fun and games?



 Bouncy castles and inflatable assault course! 

 Treasure Hunt!   Chocolate fountain and crepes! 

 Dog Display and fun dog show!   Table top sale 

 Yummy hot and cold food!   Craft stalls and games! 

 5-A-Side football   Cakes and treats 

 And so much more! 



Important Dates

Saturday 17th September at 1pm - Welcome to Outwoods Open Day

Friday 30th September - Non Uniform Day (£1 donation to school fund)

Friday 30th September 2pm -Macmillan coffee and cakes

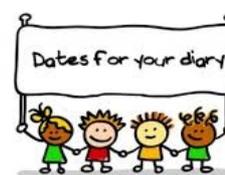
Monday 10th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 20th October - Halloween Disco

Friday 21st October - Halloween Sponsored Walk

Friday 21st October - Children break up for half term

Monday 31st October -School closed to children for staff training day



Messy Church - St Mary's Church Atherstone

Children of all ages are welcome to St Mary's to have fun together with their families.

Games, Crafts, Celebration and Meal

Every 1st Sunday of the month 3:45pm until 5:45pm

Next session October 2nd.



Litter Problem

It has become evident that there is an increasing amount of litter being dropped in and around the school. Please ensure that all litter and rubbish is placed in the bins provided on school grounds, and help make our school clean and tidy at all times.



Lost Property

Please put your child's name on all uniform and P.E. Kit as we have 'tons' of unclaimed items already this year!