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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

20th May 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the latest Outwoods newsletter. There has been some wonderful activities happening in and around our school this week, we even had a visit from some exotic animals and a couple of cheeky meerkats! As many of you will know our Year 6 and Year 2 children have been taking part in this year's SATs Assessments. This can be a stressful time for some but I am pleased to report that all of those involved did their very best. I am very proud of them all, as always.

Mrs. Dandy



Sports Day for Reception through to Year 6 will be on Thursday 23rd June starting at 1.15 p.m. Our Nursery Sports Day will be on Friday 24th June at 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there to cheer the children on.

Non Uniform Day

On Thursday 26th May 2016 we are having a non uniform day to raise money for the school ICT fund and for the children's charity ChildReach. So, if your child would like to come along in non uniform on that day a donation of £1 would be gratefully received and put to good use. Please remember they have to play outside in whatever they choose to wear, so sensible shoes please!

University of Cambridge Survey

If you are interested in taking part in a survey for research being carried out by the University of Cambridge, there is a chance for you to win an Amazon voucher for £100. The survey is totally anonymous and should only take 15 minutes of your time. In taking part you are able to make a contribution to understanding the important question of the support that children and families need during their time at primary school. You can visit https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8dC58knCfhz19eB to find out more.



Important note

Can I remind parents and carers that they should not use any of the side doors from the playground to gain access to the school? For security reasons, if you need to gain access please use the front entrance to clear things with the school office.

Training Day

Don't forget that Friday 27th May is a school training day. Because of this we break for half term on Thursday 26th May. Have a lovely half-term break and we will see you all bright and bushy tailed on Monday 6th June.

School Gates Opening

The school gates will not be opened until at least 2.50 p.m. at the end of the school day. This is important for two reasons. Firstly, the school's security is improved by this measure and secondly, it allows any outdoor lessons to be completed without interruption. The school caretaker will make her way to the gates as quickly as she can, so please be patient, as you will still have plenty of time to be in position for school finishing times of 3.00 p.m. and 3.05 p.m. respectively.



The 2016 Aviva Women's Tour will take place from Wednesday 15 to Sunday 19 June forming a part of the new UCI Women's World Tour, which will be the leading worldwide series of races for professional women's cyclists. Stage 2 will start in Atherstone on Thursday 16th June 2016, with an expected start time of 9.45 a.m. in what is termed a 'neutralised start'. This gentle pace should allow everyone to get a good view as the cyclists pass by. The route is scheduled to start in the Market Square and travel along North Street before turning right along Long Street, turning left along Station Street before leaving the town via Coleshill Road.



Our children will be taking part in celebrating the event by making flags and banners to show support for these elite women cyclists. Indeed, all of the colourful bunting lining the route is as a result of the hard work of local school children. In addition, some of our older children will be chosen to ride their bikes ahead of the race.

For more information about the event you can visit www.womenstour.co.uk which has all of the details you will need.



A big thank you to TNT for sponsoring an extensive road safety programme involving children from Nursery through to Year 6. As part of the package we have the Warwickshire Senior Road Safety Officer coming in to school to do workshops, assemblies and special projects. With lighter nights and children playing out more the focus will be on using road crossings, choosing safe places to play, safe cycling, and walking to school which includes the transition to high school. As part of this initiative we have our own junior road safety officers; Neo and Sarah, who organise competitions and presentations as well as passing on basic road safety messages to their peers. Look out for the accompanying booklets during June.

Important Dates

- Thursday 26th May - Children break up for Whitsun
- Friday 27th May - SCHOOL CLOSED (training)
- Monday 30th - Friday 3rd May - half term holiday
- Monday 6th June - Children back at school
- Friday 10th June - Show 'N' Tell assembly
- Monday 13th June - Year 1 phonics check
- Thursday 23rd June - SPORTS DAY (1:15pm)
- Thursday 23rd June - Nursery closed EU Referendum
- Friday 24th June - Nursery Sports (10:30 am)
- Thursday 7th July - INDUCTION DAY and open evening
- Friday 8th July - Show 'N' Tell assembly
- Friday 22nd July - School closes for Summer Holiday
- Monday September 5th - school reopens new term

Warmer Weather

With warmer weather on the way, can you please ensure that your children have sun cream applied on the sunnier days, to protect them during their time outside? To help with protection, school hats can be purchased from the school office for £4.50



Nursery Places

There are still some places available in our nursery for next year. So if your child is 3 years old before the 1st September 2016, you can apply for a place to start at the beginning of the Autumn term in September.

