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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

13th January 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to welcome you to the first newsletter of 2017 and wish you all a happy new year. Although we are only in the second week of the new term, it seems as though Christmas was quite some time ago. I am pleased to report that the children are relishing being back at school. They have already 'got down to business', working very hard and trying their best.

On a cold, wet, windy day yesterday our girls football team played in the county finals after winning our district shield. They played four matches against tough opposition and we were so proud of them. They didn't come away with the trophy this time, but they all did their best and represented our school brilliantly. So well done girls and I'm sure we'll get rid of the mud eventually!

Mrs. Dandy

School Crossing Provision

I am sure everyone is aware that our school crossing patrol has been withdrawn by Warwickshire County Council Traffic and Road Safety Department, due to them feeling it is not necessary. We are extremely disappointed by this decision and are doing all we can to have the service re-introduced as the safety of our children is paramount. Our local Town Council will be hearing our concerns and some councillors have agreed to see what they can do to support us in rectifying this situation. As Headteacher, I am doing all I can and I can assure you that I will be continuing to liaise with the relevant people at county level to see what we can achieve. Of course I will keep you informed of any developments and how you might be able to help.



Listening to Readers

We would like to encourage all parents and carers to listen to their children read and share books with them. This can make a huge difference to your child in helping them develop as readers and it can also help with confidence in speaking. Children are never too old to read to someone else, so please help. Also remember all children have an Atherstone library ticket and can choose books regularly from our school library!



No Smoking Policy

Please remember that the school has a no smoking policy on the school grounds and this includes 'vaping'. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Internet Safety

With children nowadays getting more and more electronic devices that can access the internet, it is vital that our children are kept safe when online. We urge all parents and carers to do all they can protect their children from unsuitable content, and from unscrupulous people who prey online. With this in mind we would like to recommend some websites that can help you in this aim.

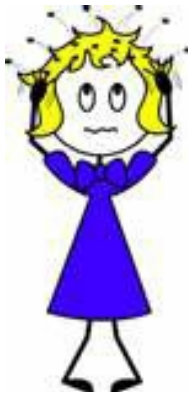
www.internetmatters.org and the Warwickshire Facebook page: Staying Safe Online

Important Dates - here are a few dates for your diary

Tues 17 Jan -	Marle Hall Awards Assembly - Year 6 Parents Welcome 2.30 p.m.
Tues 24 Jan -	Year 5 Young Voices Concert at the NEC Genting Arena
Wed 25 Jan -	SATS Information Meeting for Year 6 Parents (repeat of last meeting) 2.30 p.m.
Fri 3 Feb-	Year 6 Cadbury World Trip
Fri 10 Feb -	Year 5 Cadbury World Trip
Tues 7 Feb -	Safer Internet Day
Fri 17 Feb -	School breaks up for half term
Mon 27 Feb -	Back to School
Tues 28 Feb -	Atherstone Ball Game (school closes at 1.15 p.m.)
Thur 2 Mar -	World Book Day (children can dress up as a book character)
Mon 13 Mar -	Parents Evening (3.30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.)
Tues 14 Mar -	Year 2 London Trip
Fri 24 Mar -	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
Fri 7 Apr -	School breaks up for Easter



Head Lice



One or two parents have informed us that they have found head lice in their children's hair recently. This is a problem that is hard to eradicate. Please check your child's hair and if you find live lice, please treat them as soon as possible. You should also treat the whole family. A pharmacist can give you advice about the best treatments. For more help and advice you can visit the website: www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

Parent Pay

We have recently started using an online payment system in school. If you have not yet been able to access it, please pop to the office and check that all your contact details are correct.

Atherstone Ball Game

Please note that the school will be closing after lunch at 1.15pm on Tuesday 28th February due to the Atherstone Ball Game. Nursery will close at 12.45. If you cannot collect your child or make arrangements for them to be collected, don't worry. They can remain in school with staff. Just let us know so we can make sure we account for everybody. A register of who will remain in school will be kept at the office.



Winter Weather

If the school has to close due to bad weather, or other unforeseen circumstances we will contact you by text message and post 'SCHOOL CLOSED' signs on all of the school gates. We will also post information on the Warwickshire website at:- www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures . There is also a live Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/wccschoolclosed . Information will also be posted on the school website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Local radio stations will also broadcast information about school closures. In the event of an early closure during the school day, no child will be allowed to leave the school until their parent or another responsible adult collects them. Remember the school also has an APP which can be downloaded from the APP store.

