

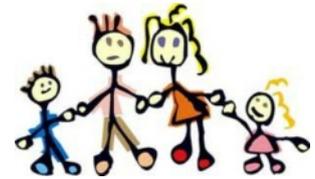


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Outwoods Primary School

Newsletter

15th September 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. How lovely it has been to have all the children back in school, looking smart and fresh and ready

for the challenges ahead. Our new nursery and reception children have joined us this week, as well as new children in other year groups. 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 so many of you at the reading meetings we held in the the classrooms. If you missed it, don't worry, we can arrange for you to see your child's teacher another time and the reception classes will be having theirs as soon as the children are settled.

This will be the last newsletter we are sending out in paper form. All future newsletters will be sent to you by email, and published on the school website, app and Facebook page. Of course, if you would like a paper copy, you can call at the office and ask and we will happily print one for you. I have attached a form to this newsletter so that we can collect all email addresses we don't have, so if you think we don't have your email address already, please fill in the form and send it back. All newsletters can be found on the school website at www.ops.warwickshire.sch.uk and also on the 'Friends of Outwoods' Facebook Page if you would like to join the group. You can download the Outwoods App from the App store or Google Play Store. We hope this ensures that everyone is kept up to date with the school news and information. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child or the school, do not hesitate in contacting me.

Mrs Dandy



Welcome to Outwoods Fun Day - Postponed



We are sorry that we have to inform you that the Welcome to Outwoods Fun Day scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed. We are expecting wet and windy conditions which mean the inflatables cannot be used safely in those circumstances, and the field is likely to be waterlogged. In addition to this, contractors working on site have not completed their works.

The PTA have other events planned later this term and are planning to run the dog show and open day at a time later on in the academic year. We are sorry to disappoint but would rather take this decision earlier rather than wait until the last minute and disappoint people. Look out for details of the disco (Hallowe'en) and the Christmas Fayre coming out soon.

Macmillan Coffee Event

Once again we are holding a Macmillan Coffee event to raise money for this wonderful charity. It will be held on Friday 29th September straight after celebration assembly at 10 am and again at 2.30 p.m. in the upper school. All donations of cakes will be hugely welcome and help raise lots of money for Macmillan.



Free School Meals - Please register

All children in reception, year one and year two can have a school meal every day free of charge under a government scheme. 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

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 we 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 and certificates 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 6th, November 3rd and December 8th.



TUCK SHOP

juice and biscuits. Prices range from 10p to 40p.

In KS1 children can have toast delivered to their classroom for £1 per week. They also get free fruit with the under fives getting free milk too! In KS2 we now have a tuck shop where children can buy apples, cereal bars, raisins,



Messy Church

For children of all ages and their families. Come and have fun together on Sunday 1st October 2017, 3-45pm until 5-45pm. St Mary's Church, Atherstone. And every 1st Sunday of the Month.

Parking Issue

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about parents and carers parking in inappropriate places. If you must come by car please park with consideration for others, and ensure your car is parked in a safe, legal and convenient place. The police have been made aware of this problem by residents and are due to carry out random spot checks and the issuing of fines.



School Uniform - Two Suppliers



Just a reminder to say that school uniform is still available from the School Wear Centre in Nuneaton at 36 Newdigate Street. They currently have fleeces and jackets in stock in readiness for winter. Of course you still have the option of buying from School Trends via the school website or at www.schooltrends.co.uk

School Photos

On Thursday 21st September it is school photo time!

Single photos and photos of siblings will be taken, but only of children currently at Outwoods.



Feed the Hungry

Week beginning 25th September, we are collecting new or nearly new clothes and 'dignity products' for a fantastic charity called 'Feed the Hungry'. Dignity products are new toiletries, nappies, baby wipes, sanitary products, etc. All donations can be brought into school during that week and will be gratefully received by the charity. Children will be hearing all about it in an assembly.