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Outwoods Primary School Newsletter

September 7th 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year! The summer holiday does seem like a long time ago now! As you may have noticed we had further refurbishment work done around school during the summer and we are hoping that this will continue to include areas not yet upgraded - such as the Year One area. I am delighted to have all the children back in school, looking smart and fresh and ready for the challenges ahead. Our new reception and nursery children will be joining us from Monday and we have had new children in other year groups and even a few new members of staff. 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.

Newsletters usually come out every two weeks and we try to send them all by email although there are always paper copies available from the offices. I have sent paper copies and emails of this first one of the year - please let us know if you don't get the email. To all new families - a form will be coming out with a request for your email, it is important that we have an up to date email that you check regularly. I also post newsletters on the Friends of Outwoods Facebook page and the website. Each class will also be sending out their own newsletter to parents.

We look forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with our families in ensuring the children reach their potential and get the most out of their time at school. As always, should you have any concerns about your child or school matters, please do not hesitate in contacting me.



Mrs Dandy.

Free School Meals - INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES

I am urging everyone who thinks they may be entitled to free school meals to apply. This greatly benefits the school and all of the children as it brings extra money into our budget. As I have previously notified you, 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! Older children of families on certain benefits may also be eligible too.



What do I need to do for my child to take up the offer of free school meals?

All children of infant age (years Reception to year 2) will be offered a school meal every day free of charge. 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 benefits) or think you may be eligible, you should still claim them through Warwickshire County Council by telephoning 01926 359189, 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 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

Outwoods Fun Dog Show and Table Top Sale Event

This month sees the return of our popular 'Fun Dog Show' and table top event. If you have things to sell, why not pop along and hire a table? Alternatively, if you are proud of your pooch you can enter him or her into one or more of the many fun categories.



Saturday 29th September 2018 from 12 noon onwards

Food ~ Stalls ~ Dog Show

Dog show categories at £1 each dog per category
Table/Stalls £5



If you wish to have a stall or a table phone 01827 712732 or ask at school

All dogs entering the school must be kept on a lead!

'Tuck Shop' and Snacks



Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two can have toast each morning, all you need to do is send in £1 per week and it will be delivered to their class. Children in these classes can also have fruit every day delivered free through a school scheme. In Key Stage Two (Year 3-6) there is a 'Tuck Trolley' on the playground where children can buy cereal bars, drinks, fruit, raisins and other small snacks. Prices start at 10p for raisins up to 50p for a cereal bar and drinks range from 20p to 35p. We limit the selection to one drink and one snack per child. Alternatively, you can send a healthy snack with your child for playtime if you wish - either cereal bar or fruit. No sweets, energy drinks or fizzy pop please!

A thought for the residents in our community

This week yet another local resident popped in to school: A parent/carer collecting from Outwoods Primary blocked her drive access by parking right across her drive on Oakfield Gardens. Please, please do not block our surrounding residents' driveways with thoughtless parking. Please be mindful and caring to all of our school neighbours. We know parking around the school can be an issue - so if you are running late, don't worry we will always look after your child until you arrive.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Celebration assembly takes place every Friday morning at 9:10. 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 October 5th, November 16th and December 7th.



Health and Safety Reminder..

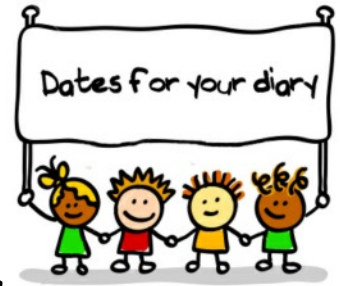
Our school grounds are 'Smoke Free' zones. This means that SMOKING, including 'vaping' and 'e-cigarettes' are NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PREMISES BY LAW. If you do smoke or 'vape' could you please not do so on school grounds? Also -please be considerate not to smoke right outside the gates. It is not healthy for children to walk through plumes of smoke to get into school. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.



IMPORTANT DATES

Here are some of the important dates for this term. We do our best to adhere to these dates and times but there are occasionally unavoidable changes and we will keep you informed. You will get further details of key events in due course.

- Thursday 20th September - 3pm - Year Six Class Share
- Thursday 20th September - School Photographs
- Thursday 27th September - 3pm - Year Five Class Share
- Friday 28th September - 10am & 2:30 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Saturday 29th September - Fun Dog Show and Table Top Sale
- Wednesday 3rd October - 3pm - Year Four Class Share
- Wednesday 10th October - Reception - Year 5 Nasal Flu Vaccination
- Wednesday 10th October - 3pm -Year Three Class Share
- Wednesday 17th October - 3pm -Year Two Class Share
- Thursday 18th October 9:15am - Key Stage One Harvest Festival
- Thursday 18th October - 5:30pm - Marle Hall Parents Meeting
- Friday 19th October 9:30 am - Year 3 and 4 Harvest Festival St Peter's Church Mancetter
- Tuesday 23rd October - Parents Evening (please note afternoon appointments will also be available this week -more news to follow)
- Thursday 25th October -3pm - Year One Class Share
- Thursday 25th October - School closes for half term
- Friday 26th October - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING DAY
- Monday 5th November - School reopens for half term
- Wednesday 7th November - 3pm- Reception Class share
- Friday 9th November - Non uniform day
- Monday 10th December - Year Six Residential to Marle Hall
- Friday 21st December - School Closes for Christmas (school reopens to pupils on January 8th 2019)



Holidays

Due to changes in the law we can no longer authorise holidays taken in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. "While family holidays are enriching experiences, the school year is designed to give families the opportunity for these breaks without having to disrupt their children's education. It is for schools to consider the specific details and relevant context behind each request". Nick Gibb MP

School Term and Holiday Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Term starts for children	Tuesday 4th September 2018
School closes for half term	Thursday 25 th October 2018
School Holiday	Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November 2018
School reopens for children	Monday 5 th November 2018
School closes for Christmas	Friday 21 st December 2018

Spring Term

Term starts for children	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
School closes for half term	Friday 15 th February 2019
School Holiday	Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February 2019
School opens for children	Tuesday 26 th February 2019
School closes for Easter	Friday 12 th April 2019

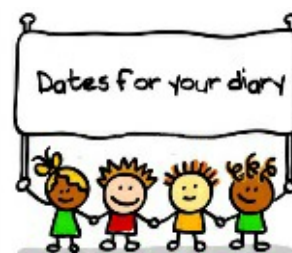
Summer Term

Term starts for children	Monday 29 th April 2019
School closed for Mayday	Monday 6 th May 2019
School closes for half term	Friday 24 th May 2019
School Holiday	Monday 27 th May 2019 to Friday 31 st May 2019
School opens for children	Monday 3 rd June 2019
School closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2019

School reopens for the academic year 2019-2020 Wednesday 4th September 2019

There are five training days per year when school is closed to pupils.
In the academic year 2018-2019 these days are:-

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Friday 26th October 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 25th February 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019



*Please note there will be a half day closure on Tuesday March 5th 2019 for the Atherstone Ball Game.