# March 2023 Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

#### General information:

We still need to improve attendance and punctuality. We really do not want our children to miss any valuable learning especially at a time where their education is being impacted by strike action. Please see the attached letter regarding attendance and punctuality procedures.

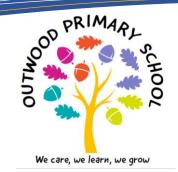
Attendance so far this year still stands at 92.8% which is much lower than pre Covid times. Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason that you MUST inform the school office by 9am. I cannot emphasise this enough as any unauthorised absences can result in a fine.

Holidays taken in term time can result in families receiving a fine too as we do not authorise holidays taken during term time.

The class attendance figures this year so far is: FS2: 92.1 Year 1: 94.1 Year 2: 92.5 Year 3: 95.5 Year 4: 91.6 Year 5: 93.7 Year 6: 91.3

#### Holiday Club

Sports Cool will be holding a holiday club at the school during the Easter break. Please see the attached flyer below for details.



# What a month!

March has been a jam packed month! Starting with World Book Day and ending with our parent and teacher meetings this week. In this newsletter I have shared some of our highlights however there are lots more on our social media feeds, the links are on our website.

We are so proud of our children and their positive attitude towards their learning. This has resulted in some impressive work which impressed our Ofsted visitor also.

#### Ofsted

Last week we had our Ofsted inspection. As soon as the inspection report is published I will share this with you. I would like to thank those of you who completed the Parent View questionnaire as part of the process and as you would expect the children did us proud.

### World Book Day

It seems like such a long time ago however World Book Day as always was well celebrated as the children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. There was some impressive outfits as the children enjoyed sharing their love of reading.

### **PTA Mother's Day Tea**

I would like to thank all of you who helped to make our Mother's Day Tea a huge success. We had our largest event yet, I hope those that came enjoyed themselves whilst listening to the school choir and eating some yummy treats.

### Thumbs Up Thursday

Thank you to all who attended. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you. We will hold this event again in the summer term.

#### **Attendance**

Total attendance for March is 94.8% The winning class was 3 with 96.9% - Well done!



# **Fairtrade Fortnight**



The children really embraced all things Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight. The Fairtrade Council planned an exciting week of activities which included an assembly with the Co-op's Fairtrade Ambassador Tim Hughes, a visit to Heald Green's Co-op where they learned how Fairtrade impacts on them and the vast range of products that you can buy such as Fairtrade charcoal. We had over 25 amazing entries for our Fairtrade Bake Off where Stockport's Mayor was amongst the judges.

# **British Science Week**

This year British Science Week fell during the week of strike action therefore we plan to add another Science Week in the summer term. However the children did enjoy some exciting science experiments such as exploring smells in Year 1.

#### Ramadan

For families and colleagues observing Ramadan, we wish you well. We have been supporting our older children who have chosen to fast and we will only encourage these children to break their fast if it is a risk to their health and wellbeing as agreed with parents. I must remind you that children are only able to fast with their parent's consent. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families and colleagues that are celebrating and on behalf of the school may I wish you and your family a peaceful and blessed month.

<u>Date</u>	Summer Term 1 2023 key events		
April			
17.04.23	School Reopens		
21.04.23	St Georges Day celebrations in school		
24.04.23	Eid al-Fitr celebrations in school		
27.04.23	Years 3/4 Tennis competition		
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01.05.23	May Bank Holiday		
03.05.23	School Class Photographs		
04.05.23	School closed – Polling Day (Year 6 in school 9-12pm)		
05.05.23	Coronation celebrations in school		
08.05.23	Bank Holiday - King Charles III Coronation (School closed)		
09.05.23 – 12.05.23	Year 6 SATS Week		
15.05.23 – 19.05.23	Walk to School Week		
19.05.23	Years 5/6 Rounders competition		
23.05.23	Y5/6 Maths Tournament		
25.05.23	KS2 Trip to Stockport Plaza		
26.05.23	School closes for Whitsun break		

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that you have a lovely Easter break!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

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