

January 2023

Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



General information:

Attendance so far this year still stands at 92% 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 in term time.

The class attendance figures this year so far is:

FS2: 91.6%

Year 1: 93.3%

Year 2: 91.4%

Year 3: 94.6%

Year 4: 90.3%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 90.4%

Strike action

With more strike action planned for 28th February, 14th and 15th March 2023 I cannot emphasise enough how important good attendance is right now. We all agree that our children have missed so much already and it is not an easy decision for teachers to strike as we all want the best for our children. However please remember that this is not action against the school but is about concerns over teachers' pay and working conditions and the funding levels for schools.



Happy 2023!

2023 has got off to a great start as the children all launched their new exciting topics using our DEAL approach. Hopefully you have heard your children talk about this. DEAL stands for Drama, Engagement and Active Learning and is an approach to teaching that immerses the children in a narrative in order to further develop their understanding and ignite their curiosity. By working collaboratively, the children not only secure their understanding but also develop communication and interaction skills as well as improve their confidence whilst having lots of fun!

The Outwood Choir



This week Outwood's choir sang their hearts out at as they took part in the Young Voices Concert at the AO Arena in Manchester. They performed with singer Heather Small and The Beatbox Collective as part of the largest school choir in the world. It was lovely to see so many friends and family in the audience too!

After School Sports Clubs

Just a reminder that we offer a range of after school sports clubs from Year 1 to Year 6, we will hold additional clubs for our FS2 children in the summer term. To sign up for these please book through <https://www.sportscoolcheshire.org/> Sports Cool will also be holding a holiday club at the school over the February half term break, please see below for details.

Attendance

Total attendance for January is 93.6%
The winning class was Year 1 with 96% - Well done!



Kung Hei Fat Choy!



All at Outwood would like to wish all of our families who have been celebrating the new Lunar New Year a happy and prosperous new year. I hope that you liked the blessings that were sent home with the children to be placed in windows as part of the celebrations. In school the children were celebrating and thank you to all who kindly donated funds in our red pockets.

School Crossing Patrol

Sadly we no longer have a school crossing person to help our children cross Outwood Road when arriving and leaving school. This is a post that is provided by Stockport Council's School Crossing Patrol department and as of yet they do not have anyone to fill this position. As yet, this position has not been advertised, therefore if you or anyone you know are interested in this role please let me know by emailing me at headteacher@outwood.stockport.sch.uk and I will pass your details on to the relevant department. In the meantime please be extra vigilant while crossing this very busy road.

Healthy Tuck Shop relaunch!

The school Council will be relaunching our healthy tuck shop after the half term break. Initially this will be for Years 3 to 6 as the younger children are provided with free fruit daily from the government. However if it is successful they plan to extend this to other year groups. The school council will announce full details soon.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Spring Term 2023 Key Events</u>
January	
16.01.23	KS2 Basketball Trip
17.01.23	World Religion Day
18.01.23	Y5 & Y6 Manchester Science Museum
24.01.23	Year 6 SATS information meeting for parents and carers
30.01.23	Young Voices Concert (Y4 -Y6 choir)
31.01.23 – 10.02.23	Readathon
February	
02.02.23	Year 2 SATS information meeting for parents and carers
06.02.23 – 10.02.23	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day
13.02.23	Sports Cool Cheshire – Parent Showcase
16.02.23	Tanya Cross PSHE Parents Workshop
17.02.23	Dance Festival (sports trip)
17.02.23	School closes for half term break
27.02.23	School re opens for 2 nd half of spring term
27.02.23 – 12.03.23	Fairtrade Fortnight
March	
02.03.23	World Book Day
09.03.23	Thumbs Up Thursday
06.03.23 – 10.03.23	Assessment Week
10.03.23	Fairtrade Bake Off
13.03.23 – 17-03.23	British Science Week
15.03.23	Young Carers Action Day
17.03.23	Mother's Day Tea
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
22.03.23	KS2 Young Carers Workshops
27.03.23 – 29.03.23	Parent / Teachers Progress Meetings
31.03.23	School closes for Easter break

Information for over the half term break

Sports Cool will be hosting a holiday club whilst school is closed. Please see below for details.



FEBRUARY Holiday Clubs!

Over 30 sports and activities. Including fencing, formula one racing cars, Mini Me Yoga and performing arts, plus more.

*sports are random per day



SEND ACCESSIBLE
(CONTACT US TO DISCUSS)



DATES: 20-24TH FEBRUARY
9.00AM-3.30PM.
£20 PER DAY
5-12 YEARS

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