

September 2023

Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



General information:

How we communicate with you!
We know just how important it is for school and parents/carers to communicate effectively. Therefore, we use the following platforms to help with this:

ParentPay – emails – All formal letters and newsletters will be sent by email through our ParentPay system. Therefore, please inform the school office if you change your email address.

ClassDojo – This is our main messaging platform. Please make sure that you have the ClassDojo app with your notifications turned on so that you don't miss any important messages. Each week teachers share information and photographs about what your children have been learning.

Social Media – We have Twitter, Instagram & Facebook accounts. This is where we showcase our children's amazing learning. The same information will be shared across these so pick your platform and sign up!

• Twitter
@OutwoodPriSch
• Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/OutwoodPrimary>
• Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/outwoodprimary/>

School website – All key information about Outwood is available here.

What a great start!

There is so much to celebrate already! The children achieved fantastic results in their end of year tests in the summer and are already building upon this, this year.

Here's a few headlines from the summer results:

- Our Year 1 children have got off to a great start as when they were in EYFS they achieved above children nationally in 6/7 of the areas of learning
- **100% of children in Year 1 passed the phonics screening test. Therefore we are one of the highest achieving schools in the country!**
- The Year 2 children achieved above national average in reading and maths
- The Year 6 children did well in their SATS tests. They achieved the same as children nationally with our most able children achieving higher results than children locally and nationally in reading and maths.

We are so proud of all of our children and the way that they approach their learning, this year the children have already got off to a good start and we are looking forward to you seeing for yourselves when we hold our parents evening sessions in two weeks time.

Free School Meals

If you are willing to share a few details with us we can check a child's eligibility for a Free School Meal, eligibility provides additional funding for the school. Any additional funding is always welcome as school budgets become tighter year on year. School can claim this funding even if your child chooses to have packed lunches. We'd be grateful if you think that you may be eligible to fill in this link <https://forms.gle/EUCKEeLX5RQfGQkE8> School will receive additional funding for each child that is registered. If you are unsure about any of this, please contact the school office, who are more than happy to help.

Attendance

Total attendance for September was 94%
The winning class was 4 with 98% - Well done!



A few reminders!!

School uniform: Please check the school website for full details. Children should be wearing black shoes and not trainers except for P.E. **PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM!**

P.E kits: should be non branded

No jewellery: especially no earrings for P.E/Sports (if the ears are newly pierced and they cannot be removed parents/carers will need to put a plaster over the earrings for health and safety reasons)

No dogs or pets in the playground

Parking: Please be considerate of our neighbours when dropping off or at pick up times (please don't block drives or park on double yellow lines) Stockport LA are monitoring this.

Water bottles: Please only send in clear reusable water bottles filled with water and not juice due to the affects of this on the children's teeth.

Snacks: EYFS and KS1 do not need to bring a snack to school as they are provided with free fruit daily. For KS2 please only send in healthy snacks or the children can buy these from the healthy tuck shop.

Contact details: Please advise the school office if any of your details (address, phone number or email address) changes ASAP.

Goodbye Mrs Larkin!

At the end of this half term we will say goodbye to Mrs Larkin after over 20 years at the school. Mrs Larkin tried to retire a few years ago however she just couldn't leave Outwood! Miss Eyres will be returning back from maternity leave and will take over from Mrs Larkin as the lead teacher in the EYFS. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Larkin all the best in her well deserved retirement!

DATE	 Key events for rest of the autumn term
OCTOBER	
Week beginning 9.10.23	Y6 parents evenings
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day
10.10.23	Nasal Flu Vaccines
Week beginning 16.10.23	Parents evenings for all classes
18.10.23	Year 4 trip to MOSI
20.10.23	School closes for half term break
30.10.23	School closed – INSET day
31.10.23	School reopens
31.10.23	PTA event Halloween Disco
NOVEMBER	
2.11.23	Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
8.11.23	Trip to Stockport Plaza to meet author Adam Kay
12.11.23	Outwood to lay wreath at Heald Green Remembrance Service
Week beginning 13.11.23	Anti-bullying week
13.11.23	Photographer in school to take individual photographs
17.11.23	Children in Need
24.11.23	EYFS visit St Catherine's Church for the Christmas Tree Festival
25.11.23	Christmas Tree Festival – Choir and Steel Pan Band
Week beginning 27.11.23	Assessment week
30.11.23	Thumbs Up Thursday (8.30-9.30am)
DECEMBER	
12.12.23	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (1:45pm)
13.12.23	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (6:00pm)
13.12.23	EYFS singalong
15.12.23	KS2 Christmas carol concert at St Catherine's Church (10am start)
Week beginning 18.12.23	End of term parties
19.12.23	EYFS/KS1 Christmas party – Amazing Stephen
20.12.23	KS2 trip to Pantomime
21.12.23	PTA Children's Christmas Extravaganza
22.12.23	Christmas celebration assembly
22.12.23	School closes for Christmas Break