

28th July 2021

Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

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General information:

Wrap around care bookings
Please book by Thursday 26th
August to secure a place for
the first week back. You can
make block bookings too.

Summer Holiday Club

Over the summer break our
sports provider Sports Cool will
be holding a holiday club at
school for the first 4 weeks of
the holidays. There are free
places available too. Details
are on our website.

COVID Local Support Grant
Vouchers over summer
Stockport Council are able to
continue to support families in
receipt of Free School Meals
with vouchers to help cover
the cost of food and other
essentials this summer
holiday. This offer is extended
to other families in receipt of
Universal Credit. Families of
school-age children who are
eligible for income-based Free
School Meals or those who
receive Universal Credit, and
those in early years with
equivalent eligibility, are being
provided with vouchers to help
with the costs of food this
summer holiday. Where the
council does not hold an email
address for a family, paper
Aldi vouchers will be issued.

Stockport Foodbank

The school holds foodbank
vouchers so if you are facing
tough times over summer
please send me a Clasdojo
message and I will issue these
to you.



We care, we learn, we grow

Well done & thank you!

We are very proud of our children who have been amazing and have worked so hard throughout a very difficult year. They have earned a well deserved summer break! To celebrate all of their hard work this year the children have been enjoying some fun activities this week such as a teddy bear's picnic in EYFS, a royal tea party in Y2 and a water fight in Year 6.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for all you have done to support our children and the school this year. Thank you to all of the staff at Outwood who have shown great compassion and commitment to providing high quality teaching throughout the year. What a year!

Meet Mercury!



Heald Green now has it's own frog called Mercury! We are really proud to have our children's art work included on it. Have a look and see if you can see our Outwood design on the front of the frog.

Transition Week

It was lovely to see all of our children in their new classes and spending time with their new teachers last week. Hopefully this will ensure that the children are fully prepared for what to expect in September. During this week the Year 6 children finalised their end of year production which was outstanding!

Outwood's Twitter Page

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our website to see what more exciting events that have taken place over the year. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/Outwoodprisch> or @OutwoodPriSch

Outwood meets the Mayor!



Since my last newsletter some of our Fairtrade Councillors got to meet Stockport's Mayor in Heald Green. They really enjoyed sampling Fairtrade chocolate and sharing their knowledge and passion for Fairtrade with the Mayor. He was very impressed with the work that the school has done to support this amazing cause.

Goodbye Year 6

We are really going to miss our Year 6 children when they move on to high school. They have continued to amaze us with their resilience and hard work during the whole of the pandemic. Last week we were able to welcome our first audience safely into school in over 18 months to watch the Year 6 end of year production. It was a fantastic performance and the children really wowed the crowd. Today we said an emotional goodbye to them in a special assembly which we shared with parents and carers in school. It is such an important time in our children's lives and we are so happy that we got to mark this together.

Some more goodbyes...

On Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Harding after 13 years at Outwood and today we said goodbye to Mrs Davies and Miss Severs. Mrs Davies has been our SENDCO for 3 years and has supported many children and their families over this time and Miss Severs has been a teacher here for 8 years. Two of our children are moving to Abu Dhabi too. We will miss them all!

September 2021

As we will be in Step 4 of the Government's roadmap when we return in September, the guidance for schools has changed as follows. 'As Covid-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education—particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low.' School will no longer conduct contact tracing for positive cases from the end of this term, this will now be done by NHS Track and Trace. This should greatly limit the amount of people having to self-isolate due to being a close contact. So as a result of this, coupled with Local Authority guidance, we will no longer be organising in bubbles and children in different year groups will be able to mix.

These will be the arrangements for September:

We will continue to use the main playground entrance and we will also be reopening the pedestrian entrance from Matlock Road again at drop off and pick up times. The EYFS children will now enter and exit the EYFS area through the main playground.

Drop off time

The gates will open at 8.40am and classroom doors will be open between 8.45am—9am. Children of any year group can come into their classrooms during this time. The children should enter through the entrances used before the Covid-19 restrictions. All entrances will be signposted.

Pick up times

At the end of the day, the pick up times will be 3.10pm for nursery and reception (once they are full time) 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. The children will need to be collected from the same places as for drop off.

PE Days

We will continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kit on PE days. All children should be in full school uniform on the first day back in September, not PE kit.

Face coverings

Adults attending school are no longer required to wear face coverings but can do so if they wish.

Control measures

We will retain the control measures from this year, continuing to encourage good hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning regimes and keeping rooms well ventilated.

Stepping measures up and down

If there is an outbreak in school or our local area, we may be advised to step these measures up. This will be done under the guidance from the Local authority public health team. We will have a new risk assessment for Covid-19 in September and will continue to monitor this and adapt as necessary.

We wish you a very happy summer break and look forward to seeing you back in September.

Children start back at school on Thursday 2nd September 2021.