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Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter

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General information:

Please see our school noticeboard 'School Story' for lots of information about activities and support available over the summer break. This includes the holiday club at the school which offers some free places, swimming courses, and food bank and food voucher details.

Dates for your diaries

September 5th

School reopens

Nursery & reception begin phased start

September 8th

Year 5's first swimming lesson

September 17th

Outwood's 60th birthday fun day

September 23rd

School closed – INSET day

Attendance Update

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

The class attendance figures this year so far is:

FS2: 94%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 90%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 90%

Year 6: 94%



We care, we learn, we grow

As we come to the end of the year....

Coming to the end of the school year as the Headteacher of Outwood, I am full of pride at what all of the children and staff have achieved. I feel truly privileged to be a part of the Outwood family.

We have had a lot to celebrate this year, and it has been a pleasure to watch every child grow in character and with their learning. Like small acorns, the children join Outwood and with the nurture and care of all of the adults, they develop into blossoming Year 6's.

I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for all the support that you give to the school and for all of the support you provide.

So, as I reflect back on the year that we have had, it has been a turbulent yet successful year. In the autumn term we were still very much affected by Covid and despite this we have been able to build a strong curriculum and give our children the opportunities that they deserve. There have been times when we have all been tested, yet we have all pulled together to keep Outwood moving in the right direction.

Outwood's Day at the Beach!

Thank you to the PTA and all of the staff especially Mrs Clayton for arranging Outwood's day at the beach. The children had a fantastic time! What a great way to end the school year.

Outwood's achievements

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our school website to see photographs of exciting events that are taking place at Outwood. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/Outwoodprisich> or @OutwoodPriSch

Goodbye...

As always, at the end of every school year, it is also a very sad time where we say goodbye to members of our school family. To all of our Year 6's, as they head off to their new high schools, thank you for everything that you have given to Outwood; we hope only the best for you and your futures. We also say goodbye to Mrs Jones who is moving to Dubai, Mrs Kaushal who will be beginning her teacher training, Miss Kelly who is going to be a full time mum, Miss Dwan who has moved to a private nursery, Mrs Tomlinson who is moving into a healthcare role and Mrs Morgan who is retiring after over 20 years at the school, we thank you for all of the years of service, dedication and hard work that you have given us. We hope that Mrs Morgan enjoys a happy and well-deserved retirement and wish lots of luck to all of our leavers in the future.

Welcome...

We are also really excited to be welcoming new members to our family: Miss O'Connell will be teaching Year 2 and Mrs Gough who will be returning in October firstly as a tutor and then teaching Year 1 when Miss Eyres takes her maternity leave.

Outwood celebrates being 60!

On 17th September we will be celebrating our 60th birthday. We are holding a fun day from 2-6pm on the school field and playground. It will be a community event with children's activities such as a bouncy castle and inflatable bumper cars, music, food and stalls. Our children will also perform and we want to bury a time capsule and plant a new Oak tree to mark the event. Please save the date!

Class Celebration Assemblies

I hope that you enjoyed our class assemblies this term. We really wanted you to share in our children's successes of this year. The children really enjoyed sharing their work with you. Next year we plan to invite our families into school more there the children's learning are will did in pre Covid times.



Year 6 say goodbye my friend!



Year 6 wowed us with their performance of 'Goodbye My Friend's last week. It was great to welcome all of the children's friends and families into school to see the children shine. Today we said a final farewell to our Year 6 children in their leaver's assembly. We wish them the best of luck as they move onto their high schools. We are so proud of them and the delightful young people that they have matured into. We will miss you all!

Parent & Teacher Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who have completed our parent and carer questionnaire. We are keen to receive feedback from our school community to find out what you think about what we do in school. It is important that we know what you think we do well and also the areas that, in your opinion, need developing. Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete an online. Please complete our questionnaire. The link is for this is: <https://forms.gle/ywj2ptQXbXLLSgYR8>

Outwood launches its first edition of the Outwood Observer

We are really excited to launch our new children's newspaper. Our newspaper club have published their first addition of their newspaper the 'Outwood Observer'. The children have chosen the topics to share, conducted interviews with staff and written the content with the help Mrs Clayton. I have attached a copy for you to read.

**We hope that you all have a lovely summer break
and we look forward to welcoming the children
back on Monday 5th September!**

Notices – Please Read

Uniform

Details of our uniform policy are on the website at <https://www.outwood.stockport.sch.uk/page/uniform/54545>. Correct uniform must be worn at all times - no trainers or brightly coloured socks/tights. Hoodies are not acceptable.

Absence from school

If your child is not in school, please phone us on the first day of absence to explain the reason on: 0161 4371715 and try to avoid appointments during the school day. If we do not know why your child is in school this will be classed as an unauthorised absence which may lead to prosecution.

Naming of property and personal Items

Please name all clothing and personal items brought into school. We always have so much lost property that is unnamed which makes it very difficult to return to its owner. Together we need to encourage our children to take responsibility for their belongings.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of benefits, please apply on-line via SMBC's website for Free School Meals, even if your child is receiving a Universal Free School Meal (free meals provided for children in FS2, Year 1 & Year 2). School will then receive additional funding to help your child/children. Please ask at the school office for help and advice in this process.

Asthma inhalers and prescription medicine

Please let us know immediately if your child is prescribed an inhaler. Please remember that school can only administer prescription medicines. These must be handed directly to the school office with a completed medical form.

Online secondary school application deadline

A reminder to parents that the deadline for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October.

School meals

The cost for school meals is £2.30 per day (£11.50per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. The autumn term menu is on the school website.