

April 2023

Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



General information:

With all of the time out of school due to strike action and bank holidays I can't emphasise how much our children need to be in school where ever possible. Hopefully you read my letter that I sent out last month regarding our attendance and punctuality procedures.

Attendance so far this year still stands at 93% 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 as if we do not know why your child is absent this will be an unauthorised absence which 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: 91.9%

Year 1: 94.2%

Year 2: 92.6%

Year 3: 95.5%

Year 4: 91.9%

Year 5: 93.7%

Year 6: 91.2%



Outwood Update

April has seemed like a short month as we only returned to school after the Easter break on the 17th, however as always there's lots happening at Outwood. All classes launched their new summer topics and have enjoyed lots of celebrations in school. Please look at your child's ClassDojo class story page for some of our exciting learning.

St George's Day

All of the classes presented what they had learned in about St George's Day last week. Year 3 did some fantastic art work and all of the classes were able to tell the story of St George with great detail.

Eid Celebrations

We hope that all of our families who celebrated Eid al-Fitr had a fantastic celebration. The children enjoyed our Eid celebrations in school too. Thank you to all of our families who sent in lots of yummy food. The children and the staff really loved the tasty treats.

Outwood loves to be outdoors!

Hopefully you have seen the posts from Miss Exley regarding our Natural photography competition. Here at Outwood we love being outdoors and we are looking forward to seeing any photos of nature that you have taken whilst out and about outside of school. We have relaunched fresh air Friday where the children are outdoors growing their own fruit and vegetables. We are looking for volunteers to help so if you are green fingered and would like to get involved or know anyone who does please let me know.

Attendance

Total attendance for April is 92.7%
The winning class was 1 with 95% - Well done!



Coronation fun!



The children have been celebrating the coronation of King Charles III in school with dedicated learning in classes this week and a dance workshop today. They learned iconic styles from each of the decades. Each class learned a dance from a different decade. The Reception children learned 1960's styles, KS1 (Y1/2) children learned dances from the 1950's, LKS2 (Y3/4) learned 1970's dancing styles, Year 5 learned moves from the 1980's and Year 6 the 1990's. The whole school performed a fantastic grand performance and teachers have shared videos and photographs of the event on ClassDojo.

Year 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 children will sit their SATs tests. They have worked so hard to prepare for this and we couldn't be prouder of their attitude towards their learning. I'm sure you will join me in wishing our children the best of luck, we are offering free breakfast for all of our Year 6 children next week and have a lovely treat planned to say well done for their hard work after the tests.

Outwood's 60th birthday

Plans are underway for Outwood's 60th birthday celebrations. Sadly these had to be cancelled earlier in the year however we cannot let such an important milestone pass us by so we hope to reschedule our big birthday party in July. Please save the date of 1st July, it will be a brilliant family event! Full details will be announced soon.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Summer term 1 2023 key events still to come</u>
May	
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 – 13.05.23	Year 6 SATS Week
11.05.23	Years 3/4 Tennis Event
15.05.23 – 19.05.23	Walk to School Week
19.05.23	Years 5/6 Rounder's competition
19.05.23	Natural photography competition closing date
23.05.23	Y5/6 Maths Tournament
24.05.23	Nick Dux resilience workshop for EYFS parents and carers
25.05.23	Trip to Stockport Plaza to meet Jacqueline Wilson
26.05.23	School closes for Whitsun break