

July 2023

# Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



## General information:

Please see our school noticeboard 'School Story' for lots of information about activities and support available over the summer break such as swimming courses and food bank details. Also below is some information about the holiday club at the school which offers some free places.

## Dates for your diaries

### September 5th

**School reopens**

### September 11th

**Year 5's first swimming lesson**

### Attendance Update

**Attendance for the full year ended on 92.9% which is still 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 final class attendance figures this year are:**

**FS2: 92.1%**

**Year 1: 94.2%**

**Year 2: 92.3%**

**Year 3: 95.1%**

**Year 4: 92.4%**

**Year 5: 93.4%**

**Year 6: 91.6%**



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

Coming to the end of another school year as the Headteacher of Outwood, yet again I am full of pride at what all of the children and staff have achieved. Outwood is such a special place and it was fantastic that Ofsted recognised this, this year.

Again we have a lot to celebrate and it has been a pleasure to watch every child flourish 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.

## Goodbye & Welcome

Today we say goodbye to Miss O'Carroll, Miss Hindhaugh, Miss Salisbury and Coach Jack as they set off for new adventures, I hope that you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to the children of Outwood and wish them well as they embark on their new adventures. Mrs Clermont will officially be leaving the teaching team however we will still be seeing her around school in her role as our play therapist.

In September we will welcome Mrs Kaushal back to Outwood in her new role as our Year 3 teacher and Ms Gold as our new Year 6 teacher. Miss Dwan will also make a return and we welcome Mrs Al Yassin both as teaching assistants.

## Outwood's achievements

Please look at our social media feeds and class story pages of Class Dojo to see photographs of exciting events that are taking place at Outwood.

## Outwood's 60th Birthday Celebrations



I wanted to thank everyone who made Outwood's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations such a great event! We couldn't have done it without the support of our fabulous PTA. It was lovely to see so many of our families brave the weather, and to welcome past pupils and members of our local community to school. The Mayor and Mayoress of Stockport were really impressed with our school community and the talent of our past and present pupils.

## Goodbye to our Year 6

Year 6 wowed us with their performance of 'I'm a 11 year Old Get Me Out Of Here!' last week. They really demonstrated their talent on the stage, we really have some budding future stars. Yesterday they enjoyed their leavers disco and today we said a final goodbye in our leavers assembly. We wish all of our Year 6 children all the very best as they move onto their next chapter of education. We are so proud of them all.



## Class Celebration Assemblies

The children really enjoyed sharing what they have learned with you in our end of year class assemblies this month. I hope that you enjoyed them too. We really wanted you to share in our children's successes from this year as there are so many!



## We have retained the Gold Award!



I am really happy to share that we have been awarded the Schools Games Mark, Gold Award for a second year. This is another recognition of the massive push to develop the sporting opportunities for our children. I would like to thank Miss Hindhaugh for all her hard work in leading P.E this year and ensuring that we retained the award. We will make sure we maintain more sporting chances again next year.

## Transition Week

The children got to spend a whole week in their new classes last week. This is such a valuable time as the children get to plan for the new school year, overcome any anxieties about the changes and are ready to hit the ground running in September. Also we got to welcome our new nursery and reception children.

## Proud to be me day!

Yesterday was a true celebration as we invited all of our children to come to school dressed in something that celebrates them. This reflected our children's culture, religion, passions, ambitions and characteristics. It was lovely to be part of the collective of Heald Green's primary school's celebration of our unique and diverse communities.



*We hope that you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 this cannot be avoided we will require a copy of the appointment card or letter. 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 £2.55 per day (£12.75 per week). Children in FS2 (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

## Breakfast & After School Club Price Increase

Our Breakfast and Afterschool club are a fantastic provision that we are able to offer at Outwood Primary. They provide excellent value for money when taking into consideration, early and late hours staffing, the food that is provided, and last but certainly not least, the childcare for all parents/carers with early morning and late afternoon commitments.

It is an unfortunate fact that with increased pressures on school budgets and after providing the club for as long as we can at the prices charged, we now find it necessary to implement a rise in our prices.

Therefore, from Tuesday 5th September 2023 the new cost for breakfast club will be £4.00 per child per day which includes childcare and two breakfast items. The new cost for after school club will be £7.50, which includes a snack. I am sure that you will agree it is still really good value for money.





# SUMMER Holiday Clubs!

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

\*sports are random per day

## FREE PLACES AVAILABLE

\*eligibility criteria applies

**SNACK & LUNCH IS INCLUDED WITH FUNDED PLACES.**



**SEND ACCESSIBLE**  
(CONTACT US TO DISCUSS)

**OUTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
HEALD GREEN, SK8 3ND**

**DATES:**

**PAID: 31ST JULY -  
25TH AUGUST (MON-FRI)**

**FUNDED: 1ST- 25TH AUGUST  
(TUES-FRI)**

**ST SIMONS PRIMARY  
SCHOOL, HAZEL GROVE,  
SK7 4LH**

**DATES:**

**PAID/FUNDED 1ST - 25TH AUGUST  
(TUES-FRI)**

**FUNDED: 9.00AM - 1PM  
(EXTENSION AVAILABLE)**

**PAID PLACES: £20 PER DAY**

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