

30th September 2022

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 to you by email through our ParentPay system. 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 now 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 and dates about Outwood are available here.



What a great start to the year!

The children have really settled well into their new classes and it has been lovely to welcome new families to Outwood too. Thank you to all who attended our 'meet the teacher' transition meetings. It was great to hold them in person this year. If you were unable to attend, teachers are putting the slides from the sessions on their class pages of our website.

The term has got off to an exciting start with KS1 exploring the local community as part of their learning to find out how our local area has changed over time and all of our children have got to meet inspirational authors.

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed? Do you think you maybe eligible for Free School Meals? Many families are throwing away up to £410 per year for each child because they are paying for school meals when they don't have to! This is about so much more than getting free dinners— you can still apply even if you want your child to remain on packed lunches. 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.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

Home School Agreement

We have updated our home school agreement. These are being sent home as a paper copy. Please can you and your child sign and return to class teachers. Thank you!

Attendance

Total attendance for September was 93.6%
The winning class was 3 with 97% - Well done!



We love to read!



On Wednesday some children from KS2 had the opportunity to meet and greet the wonderful author Cressida Cowell MBE (author of "How to train your dragon"). Cressida gave the children some tips on how to become a writer. They also got a signed copy of her new book "Which way to anywhere". The children had a wonderful time and already some children in Year 6 are well on the way with reading the book!


Uniform Reminder

The children have started the school year looking really smart. As the weather is changing please make sure that children wear appropriate black school shoes and not trainers. Also, on PE days please ensure that children wear the school PE kit which includes plain navy jogging bottoms a plain navy hoodie as lessons maybe outside. The PTA will be holding a pre loved school uniform sale after school this term at a much discounted cost. We will announce the date soon.

Water Bottles

We recommend that our children bring water bottles into school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day. However, please check if the lids could be a choking hazard such as the model shown



DATE	 Key events for the autumn term
SEPTEMBER	
12.9.22	Meet the teacher session (9:15-9:45am)
14.9.22	Meet the teacher session (5:30-6:00pm)
21.9.22	Year 1 go on a local walk
23.9.22	School closed to children - INSET
27.9.22	Year 2 go on a local walk
28.9.22	EYFS/KS1 Author visit event
28.9.22	KS2 Cressida Cowell author trip to Stockport Plaza
28.9.22	FS2 Reading and Phonics parents/carers meeting - 6pm
OCTOBER	
4.10.22	Y6 Break time Cake Sale
6.10.22	Taster menu for UFSM (FS2 & KS1) children
Week beginning 10.10.22	Eco Harvest food collection for Wellspring charity
14.10.22	KS2 Harvest Festival at St Catherine's Church (9.45-10.30am)
17/18.10.22	Year 3 AND Year 4 Bikeability sessions on the playground
18.10.22	FS1 & FS2 Dental nurse visit
20.10.22 (8:30-9:00)	Thumbs up Thursday
21.10.22	PTA event - Break the rules day
NOVEMBER	
1.11.22	PTA event Halloween Disco EYFS/KS1 3:30-4:40 KS2 4:45-5:45
3.11.22	Outdoor Classroom Day
Week beginning 7.11.22	Assessment week
8.11.22	Year 5 & Year 6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshop
9.11.22	Photographer in school to take individual photographs
13.11.22	Outwood to lay wreath at Heald Green Remembrance Service
Week beginning 14.11.22	Anti-bullying week
Week beginning 21.11.22	Parent & teacher meetings
15.11.22	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew in Stockport
18.11.22	Children in Need
25.11.22	EYFS St Catherine's Church - Christmas Tree Festival
DECEMBER	
7.12.22	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (1:45pm)
8.12.22	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (6:00pm)
12.12.22	Choir to sing at John Lewis
13.12.22	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
13.12.22	EYFS singalong – families invited 1:45-3pm
14.12.22	EYFS Santa visit 10:30-11:30am
16.12.22	KS2 Christmas carol concert at St Catherine's Church (9.45 start)
TBC	FS2 visit to St Catherine's Church
21.12.22	EYFS Christmas party 9:30-11am
21.12.22	PTA Christmas Extravaganza 1pm-3pm
Week beginning 19.12.22	End of term parties
22.12.22	Christmas celebration assembly
22.12.22	School closes for Christmas Break