

October 2022

# Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



## General information:

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. 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: 95%  
Year 1: 92%  
Year 2: 93%  
Year 3: 95%  
Year 4: 93%  
Year 5: 96%  
Year 6: 91%

## Parents & Teacher Meetings

We will be offering either face to face or online parents & teacher meetings in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November. There will be a chance to look at your children's books if you are able to attend in person. You will be able to book a session through our School Spider booking system in the first week after the half term break. We will notify you when this is live.



## Outwood Update!

Here is a snapshot of some of the exciting events that have been taking place during the last month at Outwood. Please sign up to one of our social media accounts as we constantly share learning and key events on these platforms. Most of you are signed up to ClassDojo which is great as you will get weekly updates on your child's Class Story page.

The children have now voted for our new school and eco councillors. Both councils have got big plans for the year ahead so please watch this space for upcoming events.

## Thumbs up Thursday

It was lovely to welcome many of you into school yesterday to celebrate your children's learning. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you and I hope that you are as impressed as I am with the high standards of work that they produce. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher to arrange another time that's convenient to you. We will hold the next Thumbs Up Thursday session in the spring term.

## Goodbye Miss Eyres & Ms Javed

Today we say goodbye to Miss Eyres who is leaving to begin her maternity leave and Ms Javed who is leaving to take up a new post in another school. We wish both of them all the best, and we can't wait to meet Miss Eyre's new addition!

## Attendance

Total attendance for October is 93%  
The winning class was Year 5 with 96% - Well done!



## Harvest Festival



Last week we held our Harvest Festival in St Catherine's Church led by the KS2 children. The children sang beautifully and read confidently as they shared facts about Harvest around the world and what Harvest means to them. It was lovely to share the event with many of our families and friends in the community. We would like to thank Reverend Jacob for making us feel so welcome.

## Mental Health Day

Last week the children and staff have been thinking of ways to look after their mental health as part of World Mental Health Day. To support families outside of school Stockport Council is now offering completely free online courses around pregnancy, parenting and understanding the children in your life.

The link to access these is:

[https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/service.page?id=b2lO17ziu\\_o](https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/service.page?id=b2lO17ziu_o)

**Have a lovely half term break  
and we look forward to  
welcoming the children back  
on 31<sup>st</sup> October!**



## Our PTA needs you!

This week I want to focus on an important part of our school community, our PTA. I don't think we celebrate their achievements loudly enough as they do a great amount of fundraising for the school and your children. The PTA raises thousands of pounds for school. It is a charity run by parents and carers with support of teachers and school staff. However, at the moment we have a very small, very hardworking, group of parents, carers and staff who organise most of our events. We need to expand the PTA across our whole community so that we can continue to raise much needed funds for our children.

## Where does the money go?

Every penny is spent on your children. It is used to buy lots of different, big and small additional items. For example, buying new books for the school library and supporting the costs of valuable school trips. All of these are extras and they have a huge impact. In previous years PTA have paid for playground equipment and our defibrillator.

## How do we fundraise?

There are lots of events throughout the year. Some have a social element such as the Christmas Fair, Summer Fair and Discos. Others such as non-uniform days or 'break the rules day' are run in school.

## What you can do?

Come along to the AGM and find out how you can help. We are looking for people who could help with marketing skills. Are you an organizer or can you give a little time and help school while socialising with other parents and carers?

If you are interested in joining the PTA please let us know by emailing the school at [admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@outwood.stockport.sch.uk) or contacting Mrs Clayton on ClassDojo. You are welcome to join our next meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75331538681?pwd=ObFPhcpWKaxpvfZFuPPqcSiq1xvNe5.1>

If you can offer any time or ideas we would love to hear from you!

## Donations to the school 2021-22

New books for the school library £1000

School Trips £450

Year 6 hoodies £300

Items for Outwood's Day at the Beach e.g candy floss machine £500

**DATE**



**Reminder of key events for the autumn term**

<b>DATE</b>	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
4.10.22	Y6 Break time Cake Sale
6.10.22	Taster menu for all 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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
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	Year5 & 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
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
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	EYFS singalong – families invited 1:45-3pm
14.12.22	EYFS Santa visit 10:30-11:30am
	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
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 Fair 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