



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new children this term; Nursery, some Reception children and a few children across the school. Welcome to our new staff: Miss Hurley who has joined us and is teaching in Pear CH; Miss Markiewicz who has joined us and is teaching in Alder ML; Mr Reynolds who is our new Sports Apprentice; Miss Dixon, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Jones have joined our Midday Supervisor Team.

If you have any problems or issues, please pop in or ring the office and make an appointment to see either the class teachers, the Phase Leaders, Mrs Colver (Deputy Head) or myself. Class teachers are often available straight after school once they have dismissed their classes. Please do not contact any staff through Facebook or any other social network site.

The Phase Leaders are:

Mrs Colver (Early Years - Nursery and Reception)

Mrs Stephenson (Year 1 and 2)

Mrs Carroll (Year 3 and 4)

Mrs Smith (Year 5 and 6)

We would rather discuss any concerns that you have. If we are unaware, we can not help.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their uniform and black shoes this year, thank you. If there is a problem with your child's uniform, please let us know. Jewellery: only stud earrings and watches may be worn and these must be removed for PE.

Dinners

All school dinners in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Nursery must be paid **in advance**. School dinners are **£2.30** each day or **£11.50** a week (£2.20 for Nursery children). Please send the dinner money in a named envelope with your child (who will give it to their teacher) or pay in the front office. Reception, Year 1 and 2 dinners are paid for by the Government.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please ensure you look at the school calendar for full dates across the year on our website.

12th Sept Friends of Oughton PTA 2.30pm

23rd Sept Jeans for Genes day £1 donation

30th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning

3rd Oct Children's photos

5th Oct Open Evening 4-6pm

6th Oct Open Evening 6-8pm

11th Oct Scarecrow Festival 3.15pm

18th Oct Willow Class Let's Celebrate 2.45pm

19th - 21st Oct Year 6 Kingswood Trip

24th - 28th Oct Half Term

31st Oct Children return to school

PE Kit

Please make sure your child brings their PE kit into school: plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls for younger children. PE kits should remain in school for a half term, when they will be returned for washing. All children must participate in PE as it is a curriculum subject.



Parent / Pupil Questionnaires

Thank you for your returned questionnaires. I value your views and comments. The questionnaires were very positive and I have passed on your comments to all of the staff.

School Improvement 2016/17

We are pleased with our results across the school including Early Years, Phonics results, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The progress made by the children was good.

This year, our focus will be reading. We want every child to be able to read fluently and enjoy reading. We will be focusing on language and reading skills. Please help your child by reading to them and discussing the meaning of words, ensuring your child reads to you each day and promote reading in everyday life. Remember, rewards are given when children read at home.

We are also working on developing our middle leaders (subject leaders i.e. History, Geography, Music, PE, Art, Technology) further.

Fair in the Square

Thank you to everyone who made cakes to sell or run the stall in Hitchin town centre in the Summer Term. All proceeds from all of the stalls are combined and then divided up between the schools. I am pleased to announce we have received £189.30. Thank you.



Building Work

Wow, we have made many changes over the summer holidays! We now have a new Breakfast / Music / Early Years dining room! If your child attends Breakfast Club, entrance is through the red, then green gate near Early Days Playgroup in Moss Way. The toilets outside the hall have been refurbished and there is now an adult toilet there as well. Our security system has been updated. There were a few changes in our new Year 2 classroom. Mrs Banton and Miss Dolan worked very hard over the summer to ensure the building was clean and ready for the start of the school year, thank you.

Thank you also to the teachers and staff who came in to help prepare and organise the school ready for the children.

Governor Update

Governors have been involved in the School Improvement Plan so far this term. They will be analysing our results and visiting the school. They will also be meeting staff to discuss their subject leadership.



Computing Corner

We teach the children how to keep themselves safe with regard to computers and websites, however, you need to also ensure that you are monitoring their use of technology, especially on tablets and iPads. Please ensure that your child is not accessing social media sites and read the E-Safety Newsletter that has been sent out.

Our website is:
www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

