



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! Welcome to our new children who have joined us across the school and in Reception and Nursery. I hope that you all had a good summer.

School Site

I hope that you have noticed that we have enhanced our site behind the KS2 playground wall. Our thanks to Young's Gardening Services, it looks great.

Our site is a non-smoking site (including e-cigarettes).

Please do not smoke near our school gate (or leave butts on the floor) as we aim to promote a healthy lifestyle to the children. No dogs may be brought onto site or left tied up at the school gate. Please supervise your children at all times when dropping off and collecting on the school site. The children must not use our adventure playground or play equipment in the KS1 playground at these times.

We have a good relationship with our neighbours. Please be mindful where you park your car; Do not block driveways or park on the kerb as this makes it difficult for children to walk safely.

Bikes / Scooters

Please ensure your child does not ride their scooter or bike on the school site. They need to dismount when entering our grounds for the safety of all.

School Uniform

The children look very smart this year in their school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing a burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan (not red or grey - we have a stock of sweatshirts in school). Please ensure that your child is wearing black shoes, **not** black trainers or boots.

Dinner money

Please note school dinners now cost £2.40 each day for KS2. Please pay in advance if you would like your child to have a school dinner.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please ensure you look at the school calendar for key dates across 2017 / 18 on our web-site.

Dates:

21st Sept: Y6 visit to library

22nd Sept: Jeans for Genes Day
- wear jeans to school for £1 donation

27th Sept: Y1 trip to Windsor

2nd Oct: Individual photos

3rd Oct: Go Green day - wear green to school - stay safe

9th Oct: Y4 trip to library

10th Oct: Y2 trip to Tring Natural History Museum

11th to 13th Oct: Y6 Kingswood residential

Friday 20th October is an Inset Day - no children in school on this day.

Half term 23rd to 27th Oct

30th Oct: Poet visit

1st / 2nd Nov - Open Evening for Parents

7th Nov: Y6 Let's Celebrate Assembly 2:45pm

14th Nov: Power of One production (Reception to Y6)

14th Nov: Y5 Let's Celebrate Assembly 2:45pm

22nd Nov: Y6 trip to RAF Museum

28th Nov: Y4 Let's Celebrate Assembly 2:45pm

5th Dec: Christmas Fayre

13th Dec: KS1 Performance 9.30am

14th Dec: EYFS Nativity 9.30am

14th Dec: KS1 Performance 2pm

15th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Tree Festival.

18th Dec: KS2 Carol Concert 2.30pm

19th Dec: Last day 2pm finish

Breakfast Club

I am pleased to announce that our Breakfast Club has a new name - the Early Start Club. We provide morning care from 7:45am to the start of school for Reception to Year 6 children. Mrs Watkins organises our Early Start Club alongside Mrs Nunn. This provision costs £2.00 per child, per day, entitling children to a breakfast and activities. Please can we remind all parents that children need to be booked in for Breakfast Club and payment received in advance. The number of children attending is increasing, so we need to know in advance to allow us to order the food.

Children who are not booked in or have not been paid for in advance, will not be able to attend that day.

Bookings can be made in person at Breakfast Club, at the School Office, by telephone or by email admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Our staff have received updated Safeguarding training and follow our policy on Child Protection. Mrs Clayton, Mrs Phillipson and Mrs Colver are the Designated Senior Persons for Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child, please come and talk to them. If we have concerns about your child, we will either talk to you or in some cases, we will liaise with Social Care and follow their advice. We take safeguarding seriously as the safety of all children is vital.

Attendance - Please Note

A child's attendance impacts greatly on their learning and in turn, their future. It is important that all children attend school regularly. We aim for all children to attend towards or above the national average of 96%. If your child is not in school, please ensure you phone the main office to explain their absence to Mrs Jordan by 9:15am. You can also email us:

attendance@oughton.herts.sch.uk. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you, or other people on your contact list or visit your home. **If we do not know the location of a child, this becomes a safeguarding issue.**

It is a legal requirement for children to attend school and you must keep in contact with us on a daily basis and follow up on their return with a letter. If a child's attendance falls below 90%, we require medical evidence, such as doctor's note / medication in order to authorise attendance. Holidays, hair cuts, shopping, birthdays or trips out will not be authorised. It is the Headteacher's decision regarding authorisation and we follow Government and Herts County Council guidelines. We work closely with our LA Attendance Improvement Officer and Oughton Primary will issue penalty fines. If a child is late to school, the session will not be authorised and will count towards a penalty fine. Fines can be issued when a child has 15 unauthorised sessions (There are two sessions each school day) Please also ensure your child is on time for school.

Governor Update

Our Governors have been very busy over the holidays, reading and discussing our school policies. We welcome Kevin Brierley and Val Chamberlain who have joined our Governing Body.

