Oughton Primary & Nursery School
July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has certainly flown by! I cannot believe we are now in the last week. Children have met their new Teachers ready for September, new Reception and Nursery children have visited the school and spent time in their new classes and our Year 6 have visited their Secondary schools. A Transition Booklet will be sent out for you to share with your child over the holidays in preparation for their new class in September.

I would like to wish our Year 6 well on their next educational journey. They have worked hard across the year. Best of luck Year 6.

Our Year 6 Leaver's Assembly is on Tuesday at 10am and Parents of Year 6 are invited to join us for this special Assembly.

Staff News

We have some changes in school for September.

Miss Daniels, after many years teaching at Oughton, having joined in 2012, is leaving this week. Miss Daniels has worked across the school over the years and has led PE and RE. I would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Hibbs, Teaching Assistant, is leaving after 2 years at Oughton to pursue her career. She has been working in Year 6 this year and we wish her every success for the future.

Mr Massey, who has been teaching Year 6 since January, has been on secondment for the past 2 terms and is returning to his previous school. We wish him well.

We have three new Teachers joining us in September, all experienced Teachers. Miss Sparks will be teaching in Year 2, Miss Short will be teaching in Year 4 and Mrs Rodriguez will be teaching in Year 6. They have all been into school, liaised with staff and have met their new classes.

Summer home learning

Your child, unless they are in Year 6, will be sent some home learning tasks for the Summer. Remember TT Rock Stars for Times Table facts if your child is in Key Stage 2. Our continued focus next year is reading, which is a vital skill. Please encourage your child to read over the holidays or share books and read together.

Food in School

Due to an allergy, we ask that any child with a packed lunch in September does not bring in egg sandwiches, boiled eggs or scotch eggs to eat. As normal, please ensure that your child does not bring any nuts or nut products including Nutella spread in sandwiches.

Wraparound Care at Oughton

Remember we have wraparound care at Oughton for Reception to Year 6 children. Premier Education provide our Breakfast Club and this starts at 7:45am. Please book your child's place through our website. We provide our own After School Club and this service runs until 6pm every day. If you require this for your child, please book their place through Arbor.

Events at Oughton

Thank you to everyone who donated for our Summer Fair this year. It was a great event. Thank you to all of the staff and Parent volunteers who helped on the day, setting up, running a stall and clearing away. We are finalising the total raised and will let you know in September.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for 'Proms on the Field' this month. The Hitchin Youth Brass Band performed with members of our school as well as our Choir who performed alongside the Guitar Club. It was lovely to see so many Parents join us and it was great to sing along to the band.

I wish you all a lovely and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Lisa Clayton Headteacher

Dates will be published on our school website: www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates for upcoming term

2024/25 term dates are on our website.

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd Sept - INSET days for staff.
Wednesday 4th Sept - Children in Year 1 to Year 6 back to school.

Children in Reception in September will be coming in for the morning on Wednesday 4th Sept, morning and lunch on Thursday 5th and then all day on Friday 6th September.

Our Nursery children start school on Wednesday 11th September.

Key Stage 2 Dinners

Please ensure that your dinner bill is now all paid up ready for the new year. Have a look at your balance on Arbor.

Please pay for dinners in advance.

Governor Update

I would like to thank Mrs Hayzen and Mrs Simpson who are both leaving our Governing Body. They have both worked hard and have played a significant role as Governors for many years.

I would like to thank all of the members of the Governing Body. Our Governors have conducted visits, met and discussed the school's development across the year and have been an integral part of the school leadership.

Thank you to Mrs Faye Nearney (Chair), Mrs Vicky Brown, Rev Jane Robson (Vice Chair), Rev Maxine Howarth and Mrs Smith (staff Governor).

Next term, we will be looking for some new Parent Governors. If you are interested in making a difference to our Governing Body and would like to join the team, please contact Mrs Clayton for further information.