



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

ATTENDANCE

We have listed below the attendance percentages for each class up to now. Each class should be aiming for a minimum of 96% attendance and parents' support in getting each class to reach or exceed this target is greatly appreciated.

Buttercups	96.5%	Daisies	95.9%
Tulips	97.3%	Poppies	97.8%
Daffodils	96.9%	Sunflowers	96.9%
Oaks	97.8%	Willows	97.6%

Well done to Oaks and Poppies who have the joint highest attendance.

Rise and Shine - School Starts at Quarter to Nine

LATE ARRIVALS

School starts at 8.45 prompt. Please make sure your child is in school by this time. It can be unsettling for your child if they join the class late, it can disrupt the rest of the class and can affect your child's attendance.

Welcome

We would like to wish a warm welcome to the new children who have started with us this term and welcome back to all who have returned after the summer holiday. The children have settled well into their new classes.

The Governors and Staff would like to thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS – SAFETY WARNING

The 2 small car parks that serve school are for the use of staff and visitors only. Unfortunately, we do not have enough space for parents to use these car parks.

For the safety of your children please **do not** use the car park as a pedestrian route into school. Keep to the designated pathway into school which is there for your safety.

We have also received reports of parents, carers and their children congregating on the car park before and after school. This is potentially very dangerous both to staff and visitors who constantly access the car park and to you and your children.

Uniform

Just a reminder to make sure all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes coats, shoes and PE kits.

Thank you.

Roof Work

Work is due to commence on Thursday, 20th October on essential repairs to the school roof. Please take extra care on the school site as there will be scaffolding and some areas will be closed off. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder - School Milk

You should have received your order form for school milk. Please ensure you return the slip if you would like your child to have milk after the half term holiday

Harvest Festival – Friday, 21st October

We would be grateful for any donations of unperishable food such as tins, packets and jars for our Harvest Festival. Please send items in between Tuesday, 18th October and Thursday, 20th October. Any food donated will be passed on to the Breaking Bread Food Bank in Wednesbury.



Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to school. It will be with us from 17th to the 21st October. We hope you come and take a look at the lovely books on sale. The company donate free books and resources to school based on the sales made at the book fair. Every penny you spend means more free books for school.



Fund Raising

We have used the money raised at our very successful Summer Fair and other fund raising events during the year to pay for Year 2's visit from Florence Nightingale, The Planetarium to visit Year 1 and dressing up outfits in Key Stage 1. Reception and Nursery have had new picnic benches, a wigwam, a mud kitchen and we have developed the trim trail field.

Thank you once again for your generosity – we really do appreciate every penny and use it all to enhance your child's learning.

National School Meals Week Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November

Week commencing 31st October is National School Meals Week. You will find a list of the meals on offer throughout the week attached to this newsletter.

The nutritious meals provided by our cook and kitchen staff are excellent and we hope your child enjoys them.

Parents' Evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Thursday, 20th October

We hope parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can join us for parents' evening. If you are unable to attend please arrange a convenient appointment time with your child's class teacher.

School Nurse Information Meeting Tuesday, 1st November at 9.00 am

We hope you will be able to join us for this very useful information meeting about how to spot, treat and prevent head lice. Please come and help us try to deal with this annoying problem

Curriculum Events

We have had some wonderful curriculum events so far this half term including:

Florence Nightingale visiting Year 2

A 2 day visit from the Life Caravan

A celebration of National Poetry Day with a performance by a visiting poet.

A visit from a theatre company for Year 1 with a performance called 'Exploratorium – Healthy Eating'

We have many more exciting things planned for the children in the coming half term

Flu Vaccines

This year the school nurses are offering the flu vaccine to all children in Year 1 and 2. Year 1 vaccinations will take place on Thursday, 24th November and Year 2 on Wednesday, 30th November. The School Nurse service will send out information and consent forms shortly.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 20th October	Parents' evening 3.30 pm – 7.30 pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Book fair will be open during parents' evening
Friday 21st October	Harvest Festival School breaks up for half-term at 3.20 pm
Monday 31st October	School re-opens after half-term at the normal time. Fire fighters to visit Reception classes.
Tuesday, 1st November	School nurse information meeting about head lice. 9.00 am in the school hall. Decca assembly for Key Stage 1
Wednesday 2nd November	Hinduism Workshop.
Friday 4th November	Year 1 Inspire Day
Wednesday 9th November	Planetarium to visit Year 1
Week commencing Monday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good
Friday 18th November	Children In Need Pyjama Day
Wednesday 23rd November	6.00 pm Reading Evening – meet the staff
Thursday 24th November	Year 1 flu vaccinations
Friday 25th November	Willows Class assembly at 9.00 am
Wednesday 30th November	Assembly – Hal and Lyn Year 2 flu vaccinations
Thursday 1st December	Santa's sports day sponsored event to raise money for school resources
Friday 2nd December	Visit from Blunderbus Theatre - Dotty's Snowy Adventure Non-uniform day – donations of chocolate gratefully received
Wednesday 7th December	Nursery Parents' Evening – 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm Nursery to close at 2.45 pm
Thursday 8th December	School Christmas dinner
Friday 9th December	Nursery Sing Alongs – raffle and refreshments on sale Morning nursery 10.45 am Afternoon nursery 2.30 pm 2 tickets per family
Monday 12th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Sing Alongs – raffle and refreshments on sale Year 2 – 9.15 am Year 1 – 2.00 pm 2 tickets per family
Tuesday 13th December	Reception concert at 2.00 pm – raffle and refreshments on sale 2 tickets per family
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas fun day
Thursday 15th December	4.30 – 6.00 pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16th December	Christmas jumper day School breaks up for Christmas holiday at 3.20 pm

**Congratulations to all our pupils who have achieved awards out of school.
We are very proud of you all.**



Text Messaging Service



As you are aware we send urgent messages from school out by text message. Our text messages will be sent from no: 01212851036. Please save this number onto your mobile phone so you will be able to see immediately when you receive a message from Ocker Hill Infant School.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INFORM US IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MOBILE PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE.

Winter Scarves

With the winter fast approaching we have some beautiful, knitted scarves for sale. They have our school logo embroidered on and reflective stripes for safety on the dark nights. The scarves will cost £5.00 each. Please ask at the school office if you are interested.



School Photographs

We hope you like your child's school photograph. All orders need to be back in school by Wednesday, 2nd November.

The photographs are supplied by a company called Regis Photography and your order is sent directly to them. We do not open and check the envelopes and are unable to give any change for photograph orders.

Parking Near to School

As you know, after receiving complaints, we have been monitoring parking near school very closely. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us with this and for the consideration shown by most people when parking. We have seen an improvement in parking but will continue to monitor the situation closely. Please continue to help us to keep our children and families safe.



After School Clubs

We still have a few places left in the Games, Science and Exploring Countries.

Clubs are currently available to children in Years 1 and 2 only.

Please ask at the school office if you are interested.