

April 2017



For the Safety of your children please keep to the path when you come into school - avoid crossing the car parks or coming in through the car park gates.

ATTENDANCE

We have listed below the attendance percentages for the spring term 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	91.7%	Daisies	93.9%
Tulips	92.7%	Poppies	93.4%
Daffodils	94.6%	Sunflowers	96.6%
Oaks	95.9%	Willows	96.4%

Well done to Sunflowers who have the highest attendance.

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.

Easter Events

We hope you were able to join us for the lovely Easter events. I'm sure you will agree that the children were wonderful in their sing-alongs and Easter performances.

The children will all be taking part in an Easter Fun Day on Thursday, 6th April. They will take part in Easter Games and special circus events.

Leading Parent Partnership Award

We would like to thank everyone who has attended events we have arranged in school such as our coffee mornings, class assemblies, inspire days and our fund raising events.
We look forward to seeing you at future family events and working with you to support your child's learning.

Fund Raising

We would like to say a very big thank you for the generosity shown for our recent fund raising events:

Due to your kindness we have raised:

£131.97 for Comic Relief

£373.33 so far for our Smarties Appeal

£630 so far for 'Hopping to Easter'

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their Smarties and Hopping to Easter sponsor money. It's not too late to send in any money you have collected.

The fund raising committee have decided to use this money to pay for the coaches for this year's school trips for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and a special event in school for Nursery.

We continue to receive reports of parking issues on the roads surrounding school. We take this issue very seriously and, as you are aware, frequently remind parents and carers about parking responsibly. Complaints can be forwarded to Sandwell Council via the following link:

contact@sandwell.gov.uk

We are also aware of an ongoing problems with dog mess near to school. The number to report this to Sandwell Council is 0121 569 2200 or google search 'report a problem to Sandwell Council' and you will see a link for reporting dog mess.

School Website

Please remember to check our website regularly.
www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk
You can access lots of really useful information such as holiday dates and school meal menus.

Staff News

We would like say congratulations to Mrs. Newell who had her baby just before Christmas.

We said farewell to Mrs. Beasley who retired after working for over 25 years in the school office. We wish her lots of luck and happiness for the future.

We like to say a very big welcome to Mrs. Morris who has joined us as our new School Administrator.

Spare Clothes Appeal – Can You Help?

We like to keep a supply of spare uniform in school but we are very short of the following items:

Trousers

Skirts

Socks

Pants

If you have any spare of the above items that you are willing to donate to school we will be very grateful.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for information about the After School Clubs for the summer term which will be sent out after Easter.

Dates for Your Diary

Please find a list of events for the Summer Term attached to this Newsletter.

Induction Evenings

We have arranged the following Induction Evenings to provide information you need to support your child as they move into their new class in September:

Wed 21st June at 6.00 pm

New Nursery Classes

Thurs 22nd June at 6.00 pm

New Reception Classes

Thurs 6th July at 5.30 pm

New Year 1 Classes

Thurs 6th July at 6.30 pm

New Year 2 Classes

Letters will be sent out nearer the dates with more information.

Ocker Hill Academy provide information and meetings for the children who will be joining them in September.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Once again we are taking part in the Sainsburys Active Kids promotion – we need to collect as many vouchers as we can to exchange for cooking and sports equipment to use in school.

If you shop at Sainsburys stores, petrol stations or online for groceries please look out for their Active Kids vouchers. The vouchers are available until 30th June, 2017

Congratulations to Our Little Stars

Congratulations to all our children who have achieved awards out of school.

We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Monday, 24th April.

