



# NEWSLETTER



## JULY 2018



**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.**

### LATE ARRIVALS

Nursery starts at 8.30 am and 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.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL ON TIME AND READY FOR THE SCHOOL DAY**

### ATTENDANCE

We have listed below the current percentages for each class for the summer term. Each class should be aiming for a minimum of 97% attendance and parents' support in getting each class to reach or exceed this target is greatly appreciated.

Buttercups	94.1%	Daffodils	95.9%
Daisies	92.2%	Sunflowers	95.5%
Tulips	95.9%	Oaks	96.6%
Poppies	95.8%	Willows	96.9%

Well done to **Willows** who have the highest attendance for the summer term.

We have also listed the attendance percentages for the whole school year:

Buttercups	92.2%	Daffodils	94.6%
Daisies	93.1%	Sunflowers	94.2%
Tulips	94.9%	Oaks	96.7%
Poppies	95.8%	Willows	96.1%

Congratulations to Oaks who achieved the highest attendance for the year.

Congratulations also goes to the children who achieved 100% attendance this year. Any child with 100% attendance will be awarded a prize in recognition of their achievement. We would love to be able to award more of these prizes so please encourage your child to win next year.

The level at which a child is classed as being a persistent absentee is 90% and below. If your child's attendance falls to this level we will need to work, with your support, to improve this.

### Message from the Governors

We are at the end of another very successful year and The Governors would like to say thank you to staff for their tremendous hard work and to all parents/and carers for their continued support. Governors would also like to thank all the children of Ocker Hill Infant School for the wonderful work they do and to wish them well in their new classes and new schools.

### School Fair

We had a wonderful time at the school fair on Saturday 7th July. We would like to thank everyone who came on the day and everyone who donated prizes and their time to make it such a wonderful event.

We raised an amazing £2000 which we hope to use enhance ICT for our pupils.

All prize winners for the entrance raffle have now been contacted - congratulations to them all.

We would also like to say a big thank you for the support shown for our non-uniform days. Your donations made helped to make the day so successful.

Thanks also to Warburtons and Portraits by Hart for their kind donations.

A special mention to all the children who performed in the choir - you were superstars.

### The Amazing Sparkle Jars



Thank you to everyone who made a sparkle jar – they looked fabulous. Just one of the many ways in which your contributions helped make our summer fair such a success.

### Goodbye and Good Luck

**Year 2 will be leaving us at the end of the term to join their new junior school so we would like to wish them all lots of luck for the future.**

**We would also like to say goodbye and good luck to the children leaving our nursery to join new schools in September.**

**Last but not least Mrs. Allsopp and Miss Ward will be leaving us so we would like to thank them for all they've done and wish them well for the future.**

**We will miss you all.**





Congratulations to Miss Alexander who is getting married during the summer holidays. We hope you have an amazing day, wish you lots of happiness.

Miss Alexander's married name will be Mrs. Perrow.

### New Classes

The classes from September will be:

Daises/Buttercups:	Mrs R. Strange/ Mrs. S. Griffiths
Poppies:	Miss M. Bailey
Tulips:	Mrs. T. Newell
Daffodils:	Miss N. Spriggs
Sunflowers:	Miss R. Laird
Willows:	Mrs. L. Perrow
Oaks:	Miss L. Gowans/ Mrs. M. Henderson.

### School Dinners

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free hot meal at school. Our school catering team cook delicious meals every day for the children.

Most parents/carers have taken up the offer of meals for their children but a few still choose to send their child in with a packed lunch.

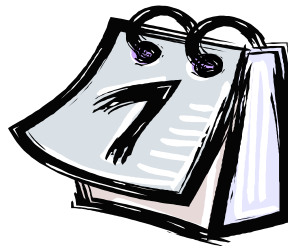
We would like to aim for every child in school to have a school dinner for the first 3 days of term (Sept 5th, 6th and 7th). This will give them all an opportunity to try the meals.

If you do not want your child to have a school meal please let the school office as soon as possible.

### Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 19th July	School breaks up for the summer holidays at 3.20 pm
Wednesday 5th September	School re-opens for after the summer holidays at 8.45 am for Year 1 and Year 2 only.
Monday 10th September	Reception pupils start (Group 1)
Tuesday 11th September	Reception pupils start (Group 2)
Wednesday 12th September	Reception pupils start (Group 3)
Wednesday 12th September	Nursery pupils staying for second year return to school

**Please find attached to this newsletter a list of term dates for 2018/2019 – Please keep this somewhere safe as you will need it for next year**



We would like to wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school in September.

School's Out  
For Summer!!!

### Uniform Orders

Thank you to all those who have sent in orders for uniform. All orders should be ready for collection in September.

### School Website

Just a quick reminder to keep checking the school website at [www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk) You fill lots of useful information including policies, term dates and letters.

### School Trips

During the last few weeks the children in Reception have visited Dudley Zoo, Year 1 went to the Black Country Museum, Year 2 to Tamworth Castle and Nursery enjoyed a visit from the Animal Man.

This year all coaches and the animal man were paid for by money raised at the various fund-raising events throughout the year. Thank you again for your generosity.



### Events in School

During the summer term we have arranged lots of exciting events for the children including:

Theatre performance of Treasure Island	RE Day
Skipping Workshop	Punch and Judy puppet show for Year 2
Booktastic Library visited Reception.	Theatre performance 'Bear Hunt' for Reception
Theatre performance 'Nursery Rhymes' for Nursery	Country dancing for all
Lajkonik festival colourful parade	Bookstart Library for Nursery
Theatre performance 'Great Fire of London' for Year 2	Victorian Day for Year 1
Seaside Day for Reception and Nursery	Scot Fit scooter workshops

We also held Reading Picnics for all years which we really enjoyed and hope you did too. Feedback we have received suggests this was a popular event and we hope to run it again next year.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LITTLE STARS

Congratulations to all our pupils who have achieved awards in their out of school activities.

Well done – we're proud of you all.

