



December 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.

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	94.8%	Daisies	91.8%
Tulips	96.5%	Poppies	96.4%
Daffodils	96.6%	Sunflowers	95.8%
Oaks	95.4%	Willows	94.5%

Well done to Daffodils who have the highest attendance for the Autumn Term

LATE ARRIVALS:

School starts at 8.45 prompt (8.30 am for Nursery). 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.

Reading Picnics

We will be hosting 'Winter Warmer' reading picnics on the following dates:

Poppies and Tulips:	Tuesday, 29th January at 2.00 pm
Oaks and Willows:	Wednesday, 30th January at 2.00 pm
Daffodils and Sunflowers:	Thursday, 31st January at 2.00 pm
Buttercups (Nursery am):	Friday, 1st February at 10.30 am
Daisies (Nursery pm):	Friday, 1st February at 2.00 pm

The picnics will be held in the school hall and you will be able to share books with your child. All you need to do is bring books, a blanket to sit on and a cuddly toy. We will provide refreshments including hot chocolate and biscuits. We will write out with more details nearer the time but we hope you can add the date(s) to your diary.

Cricket Tournament

A group of year 2 pupils recently took part in a cricket tournament with other Sandwell schools and we are delighted to say they came second. A very big well done to everyone who took part.

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Friday 21st December, we would like everyone, staff and children, to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive. Please do not go to the trouble of buying something new for them to wear for the day - anything Christmassy will be fine.

You do not need to send any money or donation in for Christmas Jumper Day, it's not for fund raising but is a nice, festive way to end the term.



Fund Raising

Thanks to your generosity this term we have:
Donated 130 kg of food to the Breaking Bread Foodbank from our Harvest Festival
Collected £180.12 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal
Raised £191.88 for Children in Need from our pyjama day.



Important Reminder Applications for Reception/Year 3 Places for September 2018

This year all applications for Year 3 and Reception places have to be done on-line. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 15th January, 2019**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as 'late applications' which may result in your child not getting a place in your preferred school. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

School Website

The school website can be found at:

www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk

Please keep checking as we update the information on the website regularly.

Bad Weather Procedures

Hopefully we will be lucky this year and not have bad weather but, just in case:

School closures in Sandwell are listed on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/sandwell
Follow @sandwellcouncil on Twitter
and the Sandwell Council Website:
www.sandwell.gov.uk/schoolclosures. Local radio also broadcast lists of school closures.

! IMPORTANT !

Please remember to let us know if you change your mobile phone number to make sure you receive a text alert in the event of closure.

Christmas Fun Activities Day

We hope the children have enjoyed all the fun Christmas activities they have been taking part in. They have enjoyed Christmas cooking, games, art and films. Father Christmas also took time out of his very busy schedule to visit the children in our grotto.



Additions to Spring Term Events

Please note the following additions to the spring term events:
Friday 11th January: Smarties Day – wear bright colours
Friday 11th January: Year 2 – Space Adventure (event in school).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for letters about Spring Term After School Clubs which will be sent out in the New Year.

PARKING NEAR TO SCHOOL

When you park near to school please ensure you do not block the driveways of local residents. They need to be able to access their properties at all time and cars blocking driveways cause great inconvenience.

Congratulations to Our Little Stars

Congratulations to all our children who have gained certificates for their achievements out of school. We are very proud of you all.

Christmas Sing Alongs and Concerts

We hope you all enjoyed your child's performance and the refreshments on offer. We would also like to say thank you to everyone who bought raffle ticket. Your support means a lot to us.

Be Prepared for the Cold Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate, warm clothes for the wintry weather and take extra care when coming into school on icy days – surfaces may be very icy. Please keep to the cleared pathways.

Message from the School Governors

The Governors would like to wish all the children, families and staff of Ocker Hill Infant School a very Happy Christmas and look forward to supporting our Outstanding school in 2019.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during 2018. Look forward to seeing you all on 8th January, 2019



Spring Term Events

Tues 8 th Jan	School Opens. Technology Week
Thurs 10 th Jan	Year 2 Inspire Day SATS Meeting
Fri 11 th Jan	Smarties Day - wear bright colours Year 2 - Space Adventure
Week Beginning 14 th Jan	New Nursery children start Year 1 - Hansel & Gretel Puppet Show
Wed 16 th Jan	Litter Watch Assembly
Fri 25 th Jan	9.00am Tulips Class Assembly
Mon 28 th Jan	National Story Week
Tues 29 th Jan	2.00pm Reading Picnic 'Winter Warmer' - Year Rec
Wed 30 th Jan	Year 2 Theatre Group 'Continents and Oceans' 2.00pm Reading Picnic 'Winter Warmer' - Year2
Thurs 31 st Jan	2.00pm Reading Picnic 'Winter Warmer' - Year 1
Friday 1 st Feb	Reading Picnic - 10.30am Buttercups 'Nursery AM' Reading Picnic - 2.00pm Daisies
Tues 5 th Feb	Chinese New Year - Year of the Pig
Wed 13 th Feb	3.00pm Valentine Cake Sale
Thurs 14 th Feb	4.30pm - 6.00pm Valentine Disco
Fri 15 th Feb	Break Up
Mon 25 th Feb	School Open
Thurs 28 th Feb	3.30pm - 7.30pm Parents Evening
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day - Story Characters Handa's Surprise Africa Drumming Y2 African Mask Making Fruit Tasting