

Newsletter

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Message from the Head Teacher

It was lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break. Although, the timing of Easter has resulted in many shorter than usual weeks since our return. The summer term is always one of the busiest and we have lots of exciting activities and events planned.

Both KS1 and KS2 are due to complete their SATs assessments over the coming month and I wish them the best of luck. We are extremely proud of how hard they and the staff have worked this year.

Mr Horton

Roofing Works

Work is hopefully nearly ready to commence on renovating our flat roof. If all goes to plan, the older part of the building will have scaffolding erected around it over the next half term break. I have a meeting with the council and contractor next week. Following this meeting, I will be able to give a more detailed breakdown of the work and the disruption that it will cause. Unfortunately, some classes will need to temporarily move classrooms for a short period whilst the contractors work above their usual room. I will write to the affected classes with a more detailed timetable and further information once I have met with the construction team. I apologise in advance for the disruption that the work will cause but it needs to be started during term time as the entire project is predicted to run until October. Whilst the work takes place, my main priority is to ensure that it is completed safely. Hopefully, we can at least look forward to a leak free winter!

Mr Horton

Polling Station

On Thursday 2nd May and 23rd May, the school will be used as a polling station. This will not have an impact on the school day and school will be open as usual to all pupils. As in previous years, this will take place in the Extended Services room. This room is located by the main office and does not require members of public to access the secure areas of the school site. As in previous years, the Local Authority has arranged for security personnel to be posted on the main gate to monitor the flow of voters in and out of the site. Last year, local police officers also provided random visits during the school day. The short distance from the gates to the main office is also covered by CCTV.

Mr Elliott, Chair of Governors

Red Nose Day

Thank you for helping us to support Red Nose Day. We raised £269 on our non-uniform day.

Online Payments

The school is currently in the process of purchasing an online payment system which can be used to pay for lunches, breakfast/teatime club, trips, water bottles, etc. We are hoping that this will make payments to school easier and help to reduce the need to send money with your child. Once we have further details about the system, we will contact parents individually to give them access to their online accounts.

Samba Jam!

Parents are warmly invited to join us for our next whole school music event, "Samba Jam!"

We are planning an outside (school field) event on Thursday 16th May, at 2:15pm. Please bring a simple percussion instrument that you have made from things such as clean yoghurt cartons, plastic bottles, newspapers etc. If you have any spare containers/pots/bottles, please send them into school so that pupils can also make their own instruments.



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As we plan for this event to be outside, so that the whole school can play together, we are hoping that it stays dry. If not, we will go into the hall and so will split the afternoon into 2 sessions – one for EYFS and KS1, the other for KS2. In case of rain, we will text out revised timings on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Thorpe

KS1 Silent Auction

As part of their topic, KS1 pupils have been working hard over the last few weeks to create beautiful Tudor houses. Parents were invited to join the children for a silent auction to try and buy their favourite house. We are pleased to say that all the houses sold and KS1 raised a total of £197. This money will be reinvested into the KS1 phase and spent on something that will benefit all KS1 pupils. Further details will follow. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lunch Money

A reminder that Nursery meals are £2.10 and KS2 meals are £2.40. Please send money in on Monday for each week in advance. Please ensure that lunch money is paid promptly as if you fall into arrears, we will request that you child brings a packed lunch until the balance is cleared. If you are struggling to pay for school lunches, please contact the office who will be able to give you more information about claiming for free school meals, if eligible.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure that you are informing us of the reasons why your child is absent. If school does not receive any contact regarding an absence, we will conduct a home visit to establish the reason and offer further support as needed. If your child has been away from school for a few days, we may also visit to check on them in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Holidays in term time are not advised. If you are planning a holiday or need a leave of absence, you need to complete a 'leave of absence' form which can be found on the school website or are available from the office. Please note, the circumstances in which school can authorise a holiday during term time are extremely limited. We closely follow the policy agreed at a cluster level with other local schools. In most cases, holiday leave will be unauthorised and a fine from the City Council may be issued depending on the length of absence. Our attendance policy is available on our website.

Unfortunately, we still have children who regularly arrive late. Please ensure that your child/ren are ready to join their class at the start of the day as the first 10-minutes of the day are important to settle them into their day. If they regularly miss 10 minutes at the start of the day, they will miss a substantial amount of learning time each year.

Science Fair

Mrs Brooks is planning a Science Fair for the children on Friday 28th June. She is looking for any parents who have jobs linked to Science or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) or backgrounds in these areas, that would be willing to come and do some activities with the children. This could be creating a small interactive investigation for them or just a discussion about the job you do or showing them the equipment that you use etc. Please email hello@oultton.leeds.sch.uk or contact the office if you can help.

Lost Property

A reminder that lost property is kept in the main entrance to school. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Sometimes, property can be mixed up and the wrong items taken home. If



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your child comes home with the wrong jumper, t-shirt, trousers etc. please return them so that we can reunite them with their rightful owner. Many thanks in advance.

After School Clubs

Please ensure that your child regularly attends any after school clubs that they have signed up for. For most clubs, we have a waiting list and if your child no longer wishes to attend, their place can be offered to somebody else. If your child does not attend a club for 3-weeks, their place will automatically be given to another pupil. For information, clubs do not run during the first week of each half term.

Upcoming events

6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATS Week
16 th May (2:15pm)	Samba Jam!
24 th May	School Closes for Half Term Break
3 rd June	School Opens
12 th June	POPS Meeting: 7.00pm
13 th June	EYFS – Dads Den Afternoon: 1.30pm – 3pm
14 th June	School Closed – Training Day
25 th June	KS1 – Sports Day
26 th June	Reception & Nursery – Sports Day (AM)
27 th June	KS2 – Sports Day
29 th June	POPS Summer Fair

