# Newsletter Welcome back!



## **Message from the Head Teacher**

Welcome back! We have had a positive start to the new school year and the children have quickly settled back into school life. We have welcomed our new staff members and they have all made a positive start to their Oulton careers. We are hoping that our settled start continues and that all pupils have a productive year.

We are continuing to work towards fully embedding our post Ofsted action plan and have used the start of the school year to implement many new and improved school systems and processes. We are intending to achieve our action plan by Christmas and then review our progress, strengths and next steps before developing a new school development plan. Once approved by our Governing Body, we will share our updated objectives with you. Your continued support is much appreciated.

**Mr Horton** 

## **Roofing Works**

Unfortunately, our roofing project has been delayed over the break. Most of the roof has now been finished but it was hoped that this would have been fully completed before we returned. Next week, work will commence on the last section of roof. However, this will mean that the Main School Office will need to be relocated for 1-week. Between the 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September, the school office will be in the Extended Services room. Hopefully, this should not cause too much disruption but please bear with us during this period.

#### Calendar

Please find attached an overview of the year's upcoming events. More details for some of the events will be provided closer to the time. We hope that you can join us and support our events. We are in the process of uploading our events onto the school website calendar and this should be completed soon!

#### Smoking and Vaping

A polite reminder that our school is a no smoking site. The vaping and the use of e-cigarettes is also not permitted on school grounds. Thank you for respecting this policy.

#### **Teatime Club**

Just a reminder that the school has now got an after-school care provision for children in Reception to Year 6. The cost of a session includes a snack, light tea (after 4.15pm), drinks, crafts and activities.

3.15-4.15pm: £4.50 per child, per session.

3.15-5.45pm: £7.00 per child, per session.

If your child comes to both Breakfast and Teatime Club, for the full period each day (7.30-8.45am and then 3.15-5.45pm), the daily rate is £9.

Mrs Hollings, our school cook, is preparing a warm meal each evening and the children who have attended this week have been impressed with the quality of the food provided.

We still have plenty of spaces available. For more details, please contact the school office.

### **Online Payments**

I am pleased that we have got our online payment system up and running as this is something we have wanted to implement for a few years. We are encouraging parents to start paying money for lunch, breakfast club, teatime club and other school costs online. If you have not received your log-in details, please contact the school office. If you require any support, the office staff will be happy to advise and assist.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Please note, the new Breakfast Club fees are: **7.30-8.50am**: £3.00 per child, per session; **8.00-8.50am**: £2.00 per child, per session.

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## **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 Mr Horton 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.

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 as staff use this time to explain what they will be doing. If they regularly miss 10 minutes at the start of the day, they will miss a substantial amount of learning time each year.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We are planning to hold a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am in the Extended Services room. All welcome.

We are also planning to run a bun sale after school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Donations of buns/cakes are requested to support this worthy cause. The Learning Mentors will also be selling raffle tickets from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September with some great prizes available. Please see posters around school for more details.

#### **School Lunches**

A reminder about our school lunches. We have three options available for your child to choose from:

- 1. A full week of school meals
- 2. A full week of packed lunches
- 3. Or the choice to have packed lunches with a school meal on a Thursday only.

Due to catering reasons, we are unable to offer flexibility on days other than Thursday.

## **Upcoming Events**

27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.00am. Bun sale after school
1 <sup>st</sup> October	YR6 Ingleborough Parents Meeting: 3.30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	POPS Autumn Disco
4 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS – Parents Phonic Workshop: 9am to 10am
11-13 <sup>th</sup> October	YR6 Ingleborough Hall Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Learn with us (PM)- Letter to follow
18 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS – Parents Maths Workshop: 9am to 10am
24 <sup>th</sup> October	POPS Shopping Event (evening event)
25 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival (PM)- Letter to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> October-3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Autumn Half Term- School Closed
4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens
5 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS – Bonfire Crafts: 2pm to 3pm
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening

