

Newsletter

March 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

It was fantastic to see such a good turn out for our KS2 singing event today. The children sang beautifully and the readers read very confidently. As I said after the event, it was lovely to see the faces of so many proud parents. Some of the residents from Oulton Manor Retirement Home came to watch the rehearsal yesterday; they were very complementary about the children and I know that this visit really lifted the spirits of the residents who attended.

This week, Miss Cooper and I had the pleasure (and very hard task!) of judging the design an egg competition. We could have easily chosen several winners in each age group. The imagination and hard work that was put into every design was amazing; you are all winners in our eyes!

As the second term draws to a close, I am able to reflect on the many highlights of the last term. These include the way the children have positively responded to our new relationships and behaviour policy (hot chocolate Fridays are my favourite time of the week!); the fantastic Y4 residential; the many positive comments about KS1's recent assembly; and the progress that I can see in the work that the children are doing across the whole school. As always, we are extremely proud of the children. I hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter break and I look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 17th April. **Mr Horton.**

Goodbye

We have said a sad farewell to both Mrs Hudson and Mrs Foster who leave Oulton today. In today's assembly, the children really enjoyed dressing Mrs Hudson up as a new Disney character as her love of Disney is well known by all! We presented both members of staff with a selection of goodies and presents from the school community. We wish Mrs Hudson the best of luck with her relocation and Mrs Foster a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Harrison's Parents' evening

We are pleased to offer two rearranged dates for Mrs Harrison's parents' evening. These will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th April 2023. The office will reconfirm your previously booked appointments with you, after the Easter break.

World Autism Acceptance Week

On the first Monday back, we will be holding an autism awareness assembly as it is World Autism Acceptance Week. At Oulton, we meet the needs of a range of children and celebrate our differences; our children are supportive and accepting of each other which is fantastic. For further resources for parents of children with autism, you may wish to visit the following website: <https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/>. You may also want to talk about this assembly with your child in advance.

Morrison's Café- Easter Holidays

From Monday 3rd April, for three weeks, customers can go into Morrisons Rothwell café any day before 11am and get a free bowl of cereal. They just need to mention the Kellogg's Breakfast Club. There's no age limit, and customers can go back on multiple days while stocks last. Morrisons have set aside 50,000 breakfasts across the country.

Comic Relief Fundraising

We raised a super £310.14 for Comic Relief. We raised £192 from non-uniform donations and £118 from the bake sale. Thank you for your support and generosity.



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School Opening and Bank Holidays

School reopens on Monday 17th April. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day Bank Holiday AND Monday 8th May for the Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III.

Term Dates & INSETS for 2023/24

Please see attached, at the end of this letter, the confirmed term dates and school INSETs for the 2023/24 academic year.

Upcoming Events

17 th April	School Opens
19 th April	Y1 trip to Railway Museum
21 st April	Y2 trip to Railway Museum
1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
9 th -11 th May	Y6 SATS (Statutory)
29 th -4 th June	Summer Half Term- School Closed
5 th June	School Opens
12 th - 16 th June	KS1 Phonic Checks (Statutory)
5 th - 23 rd June	Y4 Times Tables Checks (Statutory)
16 th June	School Closed – Training Day #5
26 th June	KS1 - Sports Day: PM (Exact time TBC)
27 th June	Lower KS2 - Sports Day: PM (Exact time TBC)
28 th June	Upper KS2 - Sports Day: PM (Exact time TBC)
29 th June	Nursery and Reception (EYFS)- Sports Day: PM (Exact time TBC)



School calendar year 2023-2024

Holiday	Schools close			Schools open		
Summer break				Monday	4 September	2023
Autumn mid-term	Friday	27 October	2023	Monday	6 November	2023
Christmas break	Friday	22 December	2023	Tuesday	8 January	2024
Spring mid-term	Friday	9 February	2024	Monday	19 February	2024
Easter break	Thursday	28 March	2024	Monday	15 April	2024
May Bank Holiday	Friday	3 May	2024	Tuesday	7 May	2024
Summer mid-term	Friday	24 May	2024	Monday	3 June	2024
Summer break	Tuesday	23 July	2024			

Term length

Autumn	75 days
Spring	54 days
Summer	66 days
Total	195 days

Bank Holidays include

Christmas	25 & 26	December	2023
New Year's Day	1	January	2024
Good Friday	29	March	2024
Easter Monday	1	April	2024
May Day	6	May	2024
Spring Bank	27	May	2024
August	28	August	2024

Oulton Primary School INSET Days

INSET 1	Monday 4 th September 2023
INSET 2	Monday 2 nd October 2023
INSET 3	Friday 1 st December 2023
INSET 4	Monday 19 th February 2024
INSET 5	Friday 21 st June 2024