

# Newsletter

## September 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Welcome back to the new school year. We have had a very positive start to the year and it has been lovely to see the children settling into their new classes. It does feel like they have never been away and they have got straight back into the swing of things!

A very warm welcome to the children joining us in Reception and the many new families who have joined our school community.

I enjoyed welcoming some children to enjoy hot chocolate with me this afternoon (although not the most ideal drink on such a hot day!) and I was quickly reminded how much I enjoy this part of my week. This is part of our reward system which the children still very much enjoy alongside collecting marbles. Hopefully, we'll get to gunge another teacher soon!

It has been great to have some nice weather over the last few days and we have made the most of the sunshine. Although it is not due to be as warm next week, hopefully we can continue to enjoy some nice weather before autumn starts to take hold. On warmer days, please remember to send you child/ren with a hat, drink and sun protection (ideally applied before they arrive). **Mr Horton.**

### Phonics Workshop

On Tuesday 19th September, Miss Brown will be leading a Phonics workshop at 3:30pm in the hall. This workshop will be particularly useful for parents and carers who have children in Early Years or children in KS1/ KS2 who are accessing Read, Write Inc. lessons.

### Calendar

I am currently in the process of drawing up the events calendar for the coming year. In the meantime, please see these upcoming events (more details will be provided in due course):

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Book Fair in School (see the letter sent next week)
- 19<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm: RWI Phonics Workshop
- 26<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm: RWI Spelling Workshop
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3.30pm: KS2 Maths Workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm: EYFS/KS1 Maths Workshop
- 11<sup>th</sup> October: School Photo Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2.45pm (TBC): EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival

### Smoking and Vaping

The school is a non-smoking site, and this also includes vaping. Please support us to keep our school grounds smoke and vape free.

### Electric Scooters

There has been an increase in the number of children riding e-scooters to school and then asking school to store these in the office area. **The school will not look after these scooters as we do not condone their use on the public highway by pupils.** As a reminder, except in areas running official government e-scooter trials, electric scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. It is effectively illegal to use them on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas.

### Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunch Time Assistant. The post is term time only, 12pm-1.30pm (Mon-Wed) and 11.30am-1.30pm each weekday. You will be part of a team of experienced staff who take care of our children aged 3-11 both in the dining hall and outside at play. As



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Oulton Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children, this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and two satisfactory references. Applicants need some experience of working with children, but training will be given. For further details or to apply please contact [Recruitment@oultton.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:Recruitment@oultton.leeds.sch.uk) for an application pack.

### **RAAC**

As a reminder, school is not affected by the concerns regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). A survey of the school was conducted by Leeds City Council in April specifically to check for the presence of RAAC and confirmed all clear.



