

News from Oldfield

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Friday 22nd September 2023

Message from the Headteacher

This morning was a real highlight of the past fortnight as we welcomed parents and carers into our Friday morning Celebration Assemblies for the first time. During these assemblies, one child per class is awarded the honour of 'Star of the Week' (a very difficult choice for our class teachers, I assure you), Value Card winners are selected, house point totals are updated and Numbots & TTRS certificates are given out. It is a joy to shine a light on the achievements of our pupils in front of the whole school community. Please do attend if and when you are able to as these assemblies take place every Friday at 9.10 am.

Over the past fortnight, it has also been wonderful to get our extra-curricular clubs up and running. We are very lucky to have some many external partners who offer a range of clubs and it is great to see them so well-attended. As part of our commitment to supporting all of our pupils in achieving their potential, we cover the cost of one club per term for all of our pupils entitled to the Pupil Premium (from the Summer Term for Reception children). Please do contact the school office if you would like to take us up on this offer or think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium.

I wanted to end my message with a big thank you to all the parents and carers, staff members and governors who attended our OSA AGM on Monday evening. The OSA have a wonderful calendar of events planned for all of us over the coming year. However, we need as much parent and carer support as possible in order to run all the events we want to. If you can give up a bit of time to support an event, it would be very much appreciated. If you are interested in supporting our school community, please do speak to your Class Rep or an OSA committee member.

In the fortnight ahead, we will be hosting our first tour for prospective parents and carers. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining one of the tours (with a child due to start Reception in September 2024) please do encourage them to contact the office to book on to a tour.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another wonderful week next week.

See you on Monday,

Mrs Page

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Key Dates

Friday 29th September at 9.10 am—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 3rd October—Y2 Victorian Dress Up Day

Thursday 5th October at 9.15 am—Prospective parent and carer tour—BOOKING THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE ESSENTIAL

Friday 6th October at 9.10 am—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 10th October—Flu Immunisations (more information to follow)

Friday 13th October at 9.10 am—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

Tuesday 17th October—Y6 Residential trip departs

Tuesday 17th October—Individual photos for Reception to Year 5

Friday 20th October—Year 6 Residential trip returns

Friday 20th October—Final day of Autumn Term 1

Friday 20th October at 9.10 am—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

Monday 30th October—First day of Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October—Black History Celebration Day

Monday 13th November—Odd Sock Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 16th November at 9.15 am—Prospective parent and carer tour—BOOKING THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE ESSENTIAL

Safeguarding



Keeping your children safe in school is our number one priority. If you have any concerns about any child, including your own, please do speak with a member of our pastoral team for help and support:

Mrs Catherine Page—Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Louise Greene—Deputy DSL and ELSA lead

Miss Claire Howard—Deputy DSL and Co-KS2 lead

School Values

We are very proud that so many of our children display our school values of Kindness, Respect and Resilience each day at school. Congratulations to the following children for being our School Value card winners over the last fortnight here in school:

Neyan

Samuel

Siddharth

Jack

Rheya

Yuvaan

Jack

Theo

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Attendance and Illness

As a school, we are always keen to work with parents and carers to ensure each child attends school each day. However, we appreciate there are times when a child is too unwell for school and is better off recovering at home.

In a bid to support schools in improving attendance, the NHS has published a guide for parents and carers indicating when a child should not attend school and when they should. More information can be found [here](#).



Please be assured that if a child attends school and they become unwell or their symptoms worsen, we will always contact parents and carers.

On a connected topic, you may have seen in the news, Covid cases seem to be on the rise once again. As a school, we follow the guidance we receive from the Department for Education and from the NHS. The current advice we are receiving is that if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid, they should remain away from school whilst they are unwell with the symptoms or have a high temperature. After that point they can return to school. More information can be found [here](#).

Pupil Achievements

As was previously mentioned in the newsletter, if your child achieves something special



outside of school, we will be sharing these achievements as part of our Friday assemblies.

Over the last fortnight, we have celebrated pupil successes in running through Park Run participation, in cricket and in football. Thank you to the parents and carers who shared this with us.

If you would like your child to be featured in a Friday assembly, please send through a photo and brief description of their accomplishment to the school office by Thursday lunchtime each week so we have enough time to compile all of the successes before assembly on Friday morning.

YEAR 2— Victorian Dress up day

Tuesday 3rd October, Year 2 will experience a day as Victorian school children, please send your child dressed as a Victorian on this day.

School Policies

As we continue in the new academic year, please remember that school policies, including those related to safeguarding, behaviour and attendance, as determined by our governors, can be found in the [Policies](#) section of the website (within the tab marked Our School).

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