



# Welcome Back



Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term last week. We are all looking forward to another exciting and busy term ahead where the children will continue their learning journeys as we lead up to Christmas. This term there will be a range of parent workshops looking at strategies used in school to teach your children and ideas which can be used at home to support your child's learning. Letters for Reception are in book bags today. Dates for Year 1 and Year 2 are at the end of this letter. Letters will follow nearer the time for these.

## Cake Sale

Many thanks to everybody who contributed to our cake sale by donating or buying cakes. Together we made £114. Thank you again to Mrs Brookes and Mrs Tilbury for organising this fundraising event.



## Reading competition

A reminder to send in photographs of your child reading with a member of the family for this terms competition. Please email photographs to [reading@oldbrookschool.co.uk](mailto:reading@oldbrookschool.co.uk)



REMEMBRANCE

## Poppies

This week poppies will be on sale at the school office for any children who would like to participate in supporting the poppy appeal.

## Attendance

Well done to all pupils who managed to attend school as regularly as possible last term and to their parents who enabled this to happen. The schools overall attendance percentage for Term 1 was 96.1% which we are very pleased with. As a school we need to ensure that the attendance figure is in line with the government guideline of 96%+ to enable all pupils to continue to make the most progress that they can. As in previous letters term time holidays will not be authorised in line with Government changes. Any unauthorised absence will result in a fixed penalty fine from Milton Keynes Council.

Our attendance teddy Rex, has been awarded to classes last term. The classes have won various weeks throughout the term with Dragonflies having the highest attendance to date.

Attendance badges will be awarded to all the full time children who have had at least 98% attendance at school during Term 1. This was an amazing 56.1% of the school. There are still 5 different coloured badges that can be collected throughout the rest of the year. The children can wear their new badges for the rest of this term on their school jumpers in recognition of their achievement. I would like to offer my congratulations to the following children who had at least 98% attendance and the 84 children who came to school every day in Term 1

# Attendance Continued

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CHICKS	DUCKLINGS	LADYBIRDS	ROBINS	FROGS	DRAGONFLIES
Umair	Ilyas	Elizabeth	Fatima	Sasikanth	Owen
Isaac	Imani	Hera	Vanessa	Abirman	Jasmine
Jacob	Riley	Alicia Leigh	Ariel	Toby	Alexandra
Matthew	Mahir	Archie	Freddie	Himanish	Shanie
Joshua	Vashishta	Arhan	Logan	Zuzanna	Leighton
Maria	Isla-Rose	Aarya	Jasmine	Nikita	Elliot
Keerthika	Daisy	Yaazhisai	Ryan	Lohan	Alanah
Jeanie	Heidi	Logan	Wiktor	Nikon	Madison
Alessio	Jerome	Ayan	Haiqa	Harishna	Praniti
Geetha	Aharan	Wiktor	Edwin	Wiktor	Samara
Rajishan	Bilal	Kayleigh	Bradlis	Nearuya	Medeea
Kacper	Denicia	Gabriella	Alexandra	Shreya	Dishanth
Naomi	Leon	Areeba	Abira		Kamil
Marika	Adiva	Poppy			Harishan
	Henry	Diyar			Nikodem
		Pritika			Alfie
		Matthew			Deepiga

# Well Done!

## Children in Need

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On Wednesday 16th November from 3 - 4.30pm we will be holding a Pudsey Pizza Disco event after school to support this worth while cause. Included in this price is a slice of pizza and a drink. Children can wear party clothes to school on this day. If you would like your child to participate then please complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter and return to the school office with £2.

On Friday 18th November we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money with the theme

**'Wear something spotty or stripy'**

To raise as much money as possible we will be organising the following activity:

**Fill Pudsey Bear:** Please bring in your spare pennies or coins to see if we can fill up our Pudsey Bear Shape.

# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Start of Term 2—Diwali day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November @ 9.00 a.m.	Foundation Stage - Supporting Learning Parent Workshop
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am	Foundation Stage - Enhancing Relationships and behaviour Parent Workshop
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November @ 3.00 - 4.30	Children in Need – Pizza and Disco
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Pudsey - Non–Uniform Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccinations for Year 1 and Year 2 children
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Key Stage 1 see theatre group at the Willows school
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November at 2 o'clock	Year 1—Parent Reading and Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November @ 2.00 p.m.	Year 2 - Spelling and Grammar Parent Workshop
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November @ 9.00 am	Restorative Practice Parent Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 3 o'clock	Christmas Bazaar after school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30 and 2:00	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30 and 2:00	KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2

## Wrapping Up Warm

As the weather is now changing please ensure that your child has a warm coat as well as a hat, scarf and gloves so that they can enjoy break time and lunchtime play outside. Please label all items so that they can be returned if lost.

### Pudsey Pizza & Disco

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Pudsey and Pizza Disco on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 3 o'clock to 4.30pm and enclose £2.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**