

Welcome



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Oldbrook News

Welcome back to a new school year at Oldbrook First School and a particular warm welcome to all of the new children and families who are joining us this term in Nursery and Reception. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is looking forward to the new term ahead. Miss Jarman will be acting Headteacher for the next 14 weeks. Miss Jarman will be in the playground in the mornings this week so please come and say hello to her. If you would like to speak in more detail about something then please make an appointment to come and see her in the school office. As you can see the new Nursery is nearly finished and will be open on Monday 12th September. Please come to the school office to enquire about places.

Over the past week staff have been working hard, creating exciting learning environments ready for the term. Thank you to Mrs Merrington and Mrs Birdseye for ensuring the school is ready for the beginning of term and to our cleaners Mrs Sedlacek, Mrs Qazi and Miss Russell.

Over the coming term a range of workshops and learning experiences will be taking place in school so watch out for future dates and times in the newsletters and on the school website www.oldbrookschool.co.uk

Please also check your child's book bags regularly as there will be lots of information for the new school year including contact information forms and partnership forms. We look forward to working in partnership over the coming year.

Mr Hopkins and Miss Jarman

Staffing Update



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Adams who will be joining us as Robins class teacher, Miss Allan who will be supporting children in Reception, Mrs Maldonado who will be supporting children in Nursery and also to Miss Russell and Mrs Qazi who have joined our cleaning team. We hope that they will be very happy working at Oldbrook First School.

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Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club opens at 8.15am Monday to Friday at the cost of £1 per day, if you are entitled to income support the cost is 80p per day.



Children have the option of cereals, toast and juice and some time to play with a range of toys and games. Places are limited and a waiting list is kept. If you would like any further information or to register your child then please contact the school office.



Photographs



The school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs on Monday 10th October. There will be an opportunity for siblings in school to have a joint photograph too. Further information will follow later in the term.

P.E.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. We recommend that you bring the kit to school on a Monday and take it home on Friday in case their PE lesson days change for any reason. PE kit consists of tee shirt, shorts and plimsolls or trainers. Can I remind you that children with pierced ears must be able to remove their earrings before all PE lessons. No other jewellery should be worn. Earring can only be studs.



School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased through Mrs Merrington in the school office.

There is a range of uniform on offer which we keep a regular supply of in school. However from time to time we need to

order specific sizes and these orders can be placed at any time.

All children in school are **expected to wear a school logo jumper or cardigan** as well as a book bag and PE bag.

All other items can be non-logoed and purchased from other shops or suppliers. Please see Mrs Merrington for more details.



Packed Lunches and School Dinners

All children in school are entitled to a free school meal each day as part of the governments Universal Free School Meal offer. This is an exciting opportunity for all children at Oldbrook School to receive a free hot dinner for their lunchtime meal as well as reduce the costs to parents providing a packed lunch. Having a hot meal could save you up to £400 per year. Most children in Years 1 and 2 are already having hot dinners which is great to see. If you have not already done so please

Speak to Mrs Merrington in the office. If forms have not been returned for children in Foundation Stage we will book a vegetarian meal for next week.



Children can still bring a packed lunch, however I would encourage all children to try the hot school meals first. Packed lunches provided from home must only contain cold foods and be balanced with only one

treat. (No cold fish fingers, chicken nuggets, burgers etc).

As a school we promote healthy eating and kindly ask that crisps, chocolate and other confectionary are limited and form part of a balanced packed lunch. As we have some children with allergies we ask that foods containing nuts are not used in packed lunches e.g. peanut butter, Nutella or pots of nuts etc. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Children can bring a water bottle to school each day and is kept in their homebases. **(No juice please)**

Playtime Snacks

In line with our healthy school policy children in Year One and Two may bring in a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable for morning playtime. Please do not send in biscuits, crisps or sweets. Children in Foundation Stage will be provided with a piece

of fruit or vegetable daily. All children are given a piece of fruit or vegetable in the afternoon as part of the Governments fruit and vegetable scheme.



Fruity Friday

Please remember that every Friday is Fruity Friday in Year 1 and Year 2 when children may bring in **30p** for a fruit salad snack at morning playtime (starts 9th September). We also encourage children to drink water throughout the day. You may provide your child with a sports top bottle of water each day or purchase from the school office for 30p.

Attendance

At Oldbrook First School, we recognise the importance of regular school attendance and believe that children can only learn effectively if they attend school regularly. It is also vitally important that children arrive (8:45 and leave school on time. All

parents are asked to contact school if their child is absent, giving a reason for the absence.

This term the children will be working towards achieving the Excellent Attendance badge for Term1 (98+%)

Due to Government Policy, holidays and leave of absence will NOT be authorised in term time. Holidays taken may result in a fixed penalty fine or even prosecution.



Supervision

Could I please ask that children are supervised at all times before and after school whilst on the school premises and that cycles and scooters are not used on the playground before and after school to ensure everybody's safety. Children may dismount and walk with scooters etc. into the playground

Dates For Your Diary



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Acting Headteacher

Monday 5th September	Start of Term 1
Monday 12th September	Nursery Opens
Friday 23rd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 10th October	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 11th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 17th October	Black History Week
Monday 17th October	Parent Consultations
Monday 17th October	Year 1 Learning Celebration
Tuesday 18th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 19th October	Foundation Learning Celebration
Thursday 20th October	Year 2 Learning Celebration
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Term 1
W/C Monday 24th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	School Closed—Training Day
Tuesday 1st November	Start of Term 2

