

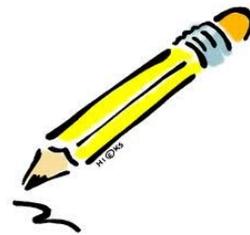
Newsletter 2

Monday 12th September
2016



Oldbrook News

Great start!



Already the term is well underway with the children settling into their new classes and continuing their learning journeys. There is a fantastic atmosphere in school and the children are doing themselves proud by showing their new teacher's all the brilliant things that they can do. If at any point you would like to talk to your child's class teacher, feel free to make an appointment with them. The end of the day is always better for this and teachers will always try to see you as soon as possible. If you would like to talk to myself, please feel free to make an appointment with Mrs Merrington.

Thank you to all parents who have enabled their child to arrive at school on time at 8:45. The children have phonics lessons at the start of each day which is an important part of their learning.

Nursery opening



We are really excited to say that our nursery opened yesterday. We are so pleased with the new building and fabulous spacious learning environment both inside and outside. The children and their parents enjoyed the first session and we look forward to them settling into routines and developing their learning.

If you have a child or know of a child that is 3 or will be 3 in the next year please contact Mrs Merrington for an application form

School Uniform

Supervision

Thank you to all parents that have collected school uniform that was ordered. If you still require school uniform then please collect an order form from Mrs Merrington in the school office. Please ensure all uniform is clearly named so that it can be returned if lost.

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 Thank you in advance.



Admissions

Last week children in Year 2 received in their book bags information about transfer to Year 3 in September 2017. **Applications need to be completed online by 15th January 2017.** If you require any further information or support in the on-line process then please speak to Mrs Merrington in the school office who will be able to advise you.

Miss Sara Jarman
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance

100%

As we begin a new school year it's important that the children come to school every day, having time off school has an impact on learning. As you may be aware the Secretary of State for Education has removed the discretion of head teachers to grant leave during term time. All holidays will be marked as unauthorised and could be subject to a fine of up to £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Parents are only allowed to take their children out of school for 'exceptional circumstances' at the discretion of the head teacher.

Please ensure that all holidays are taken within the designated school holiday periods. Term dates for the academic year were included in last weeks newsletter.

Car Parking



Another great start to the term. It's lovely to see so many children and families walking to school. Could I please ask that if you drive your child to school that you do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or across local residents drive ways and park in the designated spaces outside the front of school to ensure that we all work together to keep our children and families safe.

Thank you in advance for your understanding

School Meals



The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into the routine of having a school dinner at lunchtimes and I am really pleased that the majority of children are continuing to eat as much of their dinner as possible. The children in Foundation are now staying for lunch and with support are beginning to follow lunchtime routines and rules.

The children are praised for following our four lunchtime rules:

- We use our knife and fork to eat.
- We sit sensibly and talk quietly.
- We try to eat all of our hot meal.
- We put our hands up to ask to be excused from the table.

Some children are finding it difficult to use their knives and forks so if you could practice at home then this would be really helpful.