

Newsletter

Monday 20th February
2017



LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

Oldbrook News

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to you all at the start of another new term. I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break and that the children are ready for the term ahead. The year seems to be going so quickly and it is hard to believe that the children are now half way through this academic year.

Celebration Feedback



Thank you to all parents and family members who attended the Reception and Year 1 learning celebrations and the Year 2 class assembly last term. It was great to see so many of you and most importantly it was a positive experience for the children to share their learning and skills.

Thank you to all who completed an evaluation of the sessions. Your views are important to us! Here are just a few:

"Children are confident and enjoyed performing"

"Enjoyed learning through play and encouraging them to think for themselves"

"Spending time with my child and being part of their learning"

"I enjoyed being able to see what my child has been learning"

This terms Year 1 celebration will be a year group assembly which will be on Tuesday 21st March at 9 o'clock. Foundation Learning Celebration will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 2 o'clock and Year 2 Learning Celebration will be on Thursday 23rd March at 2.00 in the teaching area.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents who enabled their child to come to school as much as possible last term. The schools overall attendance percentage for the Spring Term was 95.9% and is working towards our goal of 96%. Thank you to all families who have not taken their children out of school during term time for holidays and for ensuring that your child attends school.

Please be aware that children who arrive at school after the close of morning and afternoon registration will be recorded as unauthorised which will reduce their overall attendance percentage. Additionally if your child has a medical appointment during school time it will be recorded as a medical absence which will also affects their overall percentage as it is still classed as an absence from school. Children can be collected and returned to school during the school day to attend a medical appointment to ensure they receive their attendance marks as well as only missing a minimal amount of their learning.

Attendance badges were awarded for Term 3 in assembly today. There are still 3 different coloured badges that can be collected throughout the rest of the year. 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 Term 3 (PTO).



School success starts
with attendance

Attendance Continued.



Cygnets (Nursery)	Chicks	Ducklings	Ladybirds	Robins	Frogs	Dragonflies
Taylor	Deimante	Mahir	Hera	Abira	Nearuya	Sima
Madison	Isaac	Henry	Pritika	Ryan	Abirman	Alanah
	Arron	Bobby	Anushka	Wiktor	Himanish	Madison
	Alicia-Mae	Aharan	Yaazhisai	Ayan	Zuzanna	Praniti
	Shanvi	Iqra	Logan	Nazim	Aleeza	Naeem
	Jeanie	Charissa	Wiktor	Eman	Lohan	Medeea
	Alessio	Denicia	Gabriella	Haiqa	Cameron	Dishanth
	Geetha	Isabelle	Ethan	Nana	Nikon	Kamil
	Rajishan	Jerome	Tunca	Bradlis	Harishna	Harishan
	Marika	Ben	Cristian	Lakshin	Janusha	Nikodem
	Umair	Yaazhithan	Areeba	Alexandra	Rihana	Haleem
	Zsofia	Bilal	Rushida	Vanessa	Sasikanth	Alexandra
Matthew		Vashishta	Rahil	Ariel	Yasmin	Owen
Joshua		Ilyyas	Aaradhana	Fatima	Remad	Jasmine
Sydney-Louise		Daisy	Poppy	Freddie	Emily	Leighton
			Esi		Sasha	Elliot
						Helena

Dates For Your Diary



Monday 20th February 2017	Start of Term 4
W/C Monday 27th February	Early Bird Week
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day - Dressing up Day as book character
Tuesday 14th March	Restorative Principles Parent Workshop 9 o'clock
Wednesday 15th March	School Nurse - Parent drop in appointments
Friday 17th March	Book Fair starts - info to follow
Monday 20th March	Parent Consultation Evening until 5.30
Tuesday 21st March	Parent Consultation Evening until 6.50
Tuesday 21st March	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9 o'clock
Wednesday 22nd March	Foundation - Learning Celebration 2 o'clock
Thursday 23rd March	Parent Coffee Morning at 8.45am Learning Suite
Thursday 23rd March	Year 2 Learning Celebration at 2 o'clock
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28th March	Year 2 visiting Jubileewood School - Performance
Wednesday 29th March	Cake Sale - Fundraising 3pm
Friday 31st March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 31st March	End of Term 4
Tuesday 18th April	Start of Term 5

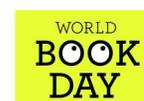
Early Bird Week

Next week is Early Bird Week. Arriving at school on time is important to enable children to start the school day off in a calm and productive way, as well as allowing them the opportunity to socialise with their friends. Children who arrive at school on time each day will be awarded an early bird certificate for coming to school on time every day.

Did you know ...

If your child is late everyday:	In a year, your child would lose the following
5 minutes late	3 1/4 days
10 minutes late	6.5 days
15 minutes late	9 3/4 days
20 minutes late	13 days
30 minutes late	19.5 days

World Book Day



Next Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. The children and staff will be celebrating World Book Day in school. We would like the children to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Miss Jarman is looking forward to judging the best home made costume or mask and awarding a prize in each year group. All children will receive a £1 book token, so please check your child's book bag. Further information can be found at www.worldbookday.com

Free School Meals Pupil Premium

Did you know ... just registering your child for free school meals means that the school gets extra money? The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called Pupil Premium and is given to schools if you are in receipt of one of the welfare benefits:

Income support Income-related Employment and support Allowance Universal credit
Income based Job Seekers Allowance Working Tax Credit Child Tax Credit with No Working Tax Credit where income is less than £16,190

Register now at https://emsonline.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_Live

Contact Information



Later this week your child will receive a letter in their book bag with the current information that we hold on our system. It is important that the school is informed straight away of a change of address or telephone number immediately so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency. Please return your sheet by Friday 3rd March. Thank you in advance.



Mr Kirk Hopkins
Headteacher