

# Autumn Term – Newsletter 1



## School Update

Dear Families,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely catching up with you all over the last few days. The children have come back with enthusiasm and drive, not to mention some very sharp hair cuts and VERY shiny shoes 😊. We always use the first few days of term to get the children settled and they certainly have done that -it does feel as if they have never been away.

Our first assembly was all about our 5 Values which underpin everything we aim to achieve at Owlsmoor Primary School. The children confidently talked about **Respect, Kind, Inclusive, Determined and Safe** showing how embedded our values truly are and the examples of where they have demonstrated them (all day everyday 😊). Over the weekend, have a chat with the children and maybe even share some of your examples with them 😊.



We are also in party mood here at Owlsmoor as we are officially turning **50** this September. We have so many exciting activities planned for the children and the community. Please save the date of **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** where we will be opening the doors to the 'Owlsmoor Museum' at 14:00 – 16:30. This will give families the opportunity to browse Owlsmoor through the ages. Please remember that if any of you have any pictures, memorabilia or anything else from the past, please do send it in to the office.

Over the summer we have sadly said Au Revoir to Mrs. Peduru-Hewage who has been supporting our children in both Nursery and Reception. Mrs. Peduru-Hewage is setting out on her new adventure in the catering industry - I hope you will join me in wishing her all the very best.

Two new little ones have joined the Owlsmoor Community over the Summer. Mr Stevens and his wife have had a little baby girl called Lottie and Miss Pattison and her partner have had a little boy called Vincent. Mums and Dads are doing well and Mr. Stevens has even survived doing the dreaded first nappy change! Congratulations to them both.

Our final staffing update is that Miss Tomlinson will be away from school for a short period of time as her youngest daughter is requiring an operation. Miss Tomlinson will be covered by Mrs. Garrod and Mrs. Sneddon for this period of time. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Tomlinson and her family all the very best over the coming weeks. I of course will keep you updated.



The PTA are such an integral part of Owlsmoor Primary School and they have certainly out done themselves. Over the summer holidays, Becky and her team announced the incredible news that they have raised over £100,000 in 3 years. This is an incredible feat and the opportunities and resources they have provided for our children is simply AMAZING! Thank you all 😊.

We have had an incredibly positive start to the new academic year. Thank you to each and every one of you because we can't do what we do without you. Take care and I will see you all on the gate next week.

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.



Mr. Cope



## Changes Gates

We are going to be making a few changes moving forward. Due to the horrific incident that happened in Stockport over the Summer, all schools have been encouraged to enhance the safety of their sites. We will be opening gates as set out below and the gates will have a member of staff on them to welcome you in. The member of staff will be opening the gates at the agreed time and not before.

### Main Pedestrian Gate

Open at 8:25am and will close at 9:00am

Open at 15:00 and will close at 15:30

### Nursery Gate

Open at 8:30am and will close at 9:00am

Open at 15:00 and will close at 15:30

### Back Gate

Open at 8:30am and will close at 9:00am

Open at 15:00 and will close at 15:30

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

All families are to come through the **main pedestrian** gate and walk past reception and round to the Out of School Club. There will be no access through the nursery gate or the back gate. Families will need to call the OOSC for access to the site. If you are collecting from OOSC you will be able to call to enter through the vehicle gate.



I understand this may not be ideal for some of our families but the safety of our children must come first.

Thank you for your understanding 😊



## Thank you to Rural Mural



You may have noticed that we have some incredible new art work in the school hall and on the middle playground. Meagan aka 'Rural Mural' came into school over the summer to complete the work where she has connected Owlsmoor's values with the local area. The Murals are not only eye catching but also a reminder to our community of our values. The children absolute love them as do the staff! A huge thank you to Meagan and if you get a chance please come and have a look – they truly are stunning! 😊

## Newsletters

We are making some minor adjustments to our newsletters. Families will receive newsletters monthly as always but will receive our celebratory newsletter once a half term. The reason being is that it fits in beautifully with our new curriculum where topics run every half term. We will see how it goes and like everything we implement, if it needs tweaking, we can tweak it 😊.

## Attendance

School attendance is vital for the wellbeing, attainment and development of our children here at Owlsmoor Primary School. New guidance has been launched over the Summer and below is the flyer for parents explaining the changes. Attendance will be monitored even more closely this year and please remember NO booking holidays during term time.



## Fixed penalty notices are changing

### Information for parents and carers

[education.welfare-services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:education.welfare-services@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

#### In the news

From 19th August 2024 the process for issuing fines for unauthorised absence will change - this will include not only the criteria but also the cost.

Under the new national framework, schools must consider whether a penalty notice is appropriate in each individual case where one of their pupils reaches the national threshold for considering a penalty notice.

The threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session.



#### What do I need to know?

**First Offence:** The first penalty notice issued to the parent for a child for unauthorised absence will be charged at £160.00 if paid within 28 days reducing to £80.00 if paid within 21 days.

**Second Offence:** A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same child for unauthorised absence is charged at £160.00 if paid within 28 days

**Third Offence:** A third fixed penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child for unauthorised absence within 3 years of the date the first fixed penalty notice was issued. In this instance prosecution,



## Meet the Teacher

We are holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, these will be as follows:

	Day and Date	Time
Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30
Year 2	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30
Year 3	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30
Year 4	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30
Year 5	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30
Year 6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	14:30

All meet the teacher meetings will be held in the main hall. Please do come along if you can - your support is much appreciated.

## PE and Games days and times

Just a reminder about which days each year group have PE and Games this year. Please remember that the children come into school in their PE kit. Can you ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and that all clothes are named. You would be surprised the amount of lost property we still have even though the children don't get changed!

Reception	Thursday	-
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday	Friday
Year 5	Thursday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Wednesday
Kingfishers	Monday	Thursday



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Huge thank you to all of our families! Our non-uniform day arranged by School Council raised an incredible **£336.28!** Every little bit counts. I am very much looking forward to seeing who is going to be running for School Council this year!





## Staff working hours

Just an update on some of our teams working hours:

Staff member	
Mrs Warner (Deputy Headteacher)	Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday and Friday
Mrs. Sneddon (Inclusion Manager)	Monday - Thursday
Mrs. Barton (SENCO)	Tuesday - Thursday (Teaching Year 6 on a Monday)
Mrs Shepherd (Family Support Advisor)	Monday - Thursday
Mrs Jones (Family Support Advisor)	Monday / Tuesday / Thursday / Friday

## KEY DATES

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 2 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 1 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 4 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 3 Stone age Workshop at School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 5 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 3 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 6 Meeting the Teacher 2:30pm School Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Flu Spray for Years Reception – Year 6
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration 'Owlsmoor Museum' School Hall 2pm – 4:30pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	School Photographer (Individuals)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	FSA Coffee Morning 9am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Harvest Festival St Georges Church <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Parent Consultations on Teams <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	School Photographer (Siblings at Owlsmoor)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	PTA Comedy Night (Adults Only)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	EYFS Harvest Festival School Hall <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	School Finishes at 3:15pm for Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children Return to School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Some Year 6 Pupils Swimming <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	PTA Fireworks
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children in Need <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Nuthatches Assembly 9am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Nursery Nativity St George's Church <b>(Time TBC)</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Reception Nativity School Hall <b>(Time TBC)</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 2 Nativity St George's Church <b>(Time TBC)</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	PTA Silent Disco <b>(More details to Follow)</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	PTA Whole School Panto

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3 Christmas Concert
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 5 Owlprentice (More details to Follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Rudolf Rave (More details to Follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	End of Term at 2pm for Christmas
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children Return to School
<b>INSET Days for 2024 - 2025</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	

## SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024 – 2025



### Autumn Term 2024

**(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

Pupils Start on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

October Half Term - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Pupils start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Autumn Term ends on – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.00pm

Christmas holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

### Spring Term 2025

**(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Pupils start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

February Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Pupils start on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Spring Term ends on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2.00pm

Spring holiday: Monday 7 April 2025 to Monday 21 April 2025

Good Friday: 18 April 2025, Easter Monday 21 April 2025

### Summer Term 2025

**(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

Pupils start on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

Public Bank Holiday (School Closed) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

May holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2025



**(Inset/Teachers' Training Day) – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Pupils start on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Summer Term ends on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 2pm