

Newsletter

Monday 19th February
2018



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, a lovely performance"

"My child told me he had been learning about time and Van Gogh and knows the difference between Van Gogh and Monroe"

"How much my child enjoys school she said she loves coming to school"

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

"Lots of creativity in literature and arts"

This terms Year 1 celebration will be a year group assembly which will be on Tuesday 20th March at 9 o'clock. Foundation Learning Celebration will be on Wednesday 21st March at 2 o'clock and Year 2 Learning Celebration will be on Thursday 22nd March at 2.00.

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 94.56% 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 will be awarded for Term 3 in assembly later this week. 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.



School success starts
with attendance

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 ...

Every minute counts ...

| If your child is late everyday: | In a year, your child would lose the following days of education: |
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| 5 minutes late | 3 ¼ days |
| 10 minutes late | 6 ½ days |
| 15 minutes late | 9 ¾ days |
| 20 minutes late | 13 days |
| 30 minutes late | 19 ½ days |

Dates For Your Diary



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| Monday 19th February 2018 | Start of Term 4 |
| Thursday 22nd February | Animals visiting in Year 2 |
| W/C Monday 26th February | Early Bird Week |
| Wednesday 28th February | School Nurse - Reception re-tests |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day - Dressing up Day as book character |
| Monday 5th March | Baby chicks in Reception |
| Tuesday 13th March | Year 1 Visit - Milton Keynes Museum |
| Tuesday 13th March | School Nurse - Drop in appointments |
| Friday 16th March | Book Fair starts - info to follow |
| Monday 19th March | Parent Consultation Evening until 5.30 |
| Tuesday 20th March | Parent Consultation Evening until 6.50 |
| Tuesday 20th March | Year 1 Class Assembly at 9 o'clock |
| Wednesday 21st March | Parent Coffee Morning at 8.45am Learning Suite |
| Wednesday 21st March | Foundation - Learning Celebration 2 o'clock |
| Thursday 22nd March | Year 2 Learning Celebration at 2 o'clock |
| Friday 23rd March | Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Friday 23rd March | End of Term 4 |
| Monday 9th April | Start of Term 5 |

Pirate Ship

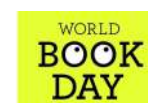


We have some exciting news to share with you! We will be having a new pirate ship installed on 12th March just in front of the Nursery building. Children will be able to use this during playtimes and lunchtimes to support them in active play as well as also developing opportunities for imaginative play. This has been paid for through the use of the school's capital budget and through money raised from the Christmas and Summer fairs so thank you for your continued support as these events.

During the installation period please ensure you keep away from the designated area to ensure everybody's safety.

We are looking forward to the children using the new equipment. You will also see that we are in the process of also adding some more colourful signs to brighten up the outside learning spaces.

World Book Day



Next Thursday 1st 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:

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| 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://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/schoolmeals>

Contact Information



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. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



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