



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term last week. We are all looking forward to another exciting and busy term ahead where the children will continue their learning journeys as we lead up to Christmas. This term there will be a range of parent workshops looking at strategies used in school to teach your children and ideas which can be used at home to support your child's learning. Letters will follow shortly.

Thank you to all parents who completed the questionnaires during parents' evening. It was lovely to read so many positive comments and also ways that we can improve what we offer as a school.

Over the next two weeks the children will be focussing on talk for writing within their lessons. This is a teaching method to support children with their writing. The children will be hearing and learning stories which they will then use to write their own stories.

Please check the school website regularly for updates at [www.oldbrookschool.co.uk](http://www.oldbrookschool.co.uk).

**Mr Hopkins**  
**Headteacher**

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to all pupils who managed to attend school as regularly as possible last term and to their parents who enabled this to happen. The school's overall attendance percentage for Term 1 was 96.4%. As a school we need to ensure that the attendance figure is inline with the government guideline of 96%+ to enable all pupils to continue to make the most progress that they can. As in previous letters term time holidays will not be authorised in line with Government changes and will result in a fixed penalty fine from Milton Keynes Council.

Our attendance teddy Rex, has been awarded to classes last term. The classes have won various weeks throughout the term.

Certificates will be awarded to all children who have had at least 98% attendance at school during Term 1 in assembly next week. This was an amazing 52% of the school. Well done!

## CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 16th November we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money with the theme

**'Wear something spotty or stripy'** for a donation of £1.

To raise as much money as possible we will be organising the following activity:

**Fill Pudsey Bear:** Please bring in your spare pennies or coins to see if we can fill up our Pudsey Bear Shape. Thank you in advance!

## WRAPPING UP WARM!

As the weather is now changing please ensure that your child has a warm coat as well as a hat, scarf and gloves so that they can enjoy break time and lunchtime play outside. Please label all items so that they can be returned if lost.

## POPPY APPEAL

Poppies will be on sale at the school office for any children who would like to participate in supporting the poppy appeal this week.



## SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget to order your children's hot dinners for the coming term.

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

Please check your child's book bag later this week for curriculum newsletters outlining what your child will be learning this term as well as ways you can support them at home. There is also a number of links to different websites on our school website under the 'home learning' tab which you may like to use with your child.



**We're on the Web**  
[www.oldbrookschoo.co.uk](http://www.oldbrookschoo.co.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th November	Start of Term 2
Monday 12th November	Friendship Week - children will be learning about being good friends and anti-bullying.
Tuesday 13th November	Reception Class Parent Workshop - Supporting Learning
Wednesday 14th November at 8.30am onwards	Diwali Parent Coffee Morning and learning in school
Thursday 15th November	Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
Friday 16th November	Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day - £1 Wear Spots and Stripes!
Monday 19th November	Road Safety Awareness Week in School
Monday 19th November at 2.00pm	Year 1 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 21st November at 9.00am	Reception Class Parent Workshop - Enhancing Relationships and behaviour
Monday 26th November at 2.00pm	Year 2 - Spelling and Grammar Parent Workshop
Tuesday 27th November	Last After School Club Session for Tuesday Clubs
Wednesday 28th November	Last Basketball After School Club
Wednesday 5th December	Christmas Bazaar after school
TBC	Christmas Coffee Morning
Wednesday 12th December at 9.15am and 2:00pm	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Tuesday 18th December	Dolce School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20th December at 9.15am and 2:00pm	KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 21st December	Christmas Jumper Party Day
Friday 21st December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 7th January 2019	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 8th January 2019	Pantomime Trip for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

