



Welcome back to a new school year at Oldbrook First School and a particular warm welcome to all of the new children and families who are joining us this term in Nursery and Reception. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break and that your child is looking forward to the new term ahead. It was lovely to see happy children as they came into school this morning. I will be in the playground in the mornings this week so please come and say hello. If you would like to speak in more detail about something specific then please make an appointment via the school office.

Over the past week staff have been working hard, creating exciting learning environments ready for the term. Thank you to Miss Kirkbride and her team for ensuring the school is ready for the beginning of term and to our super cleaners.

Over the coming term a range of workshops and learning experiences will be taking place in school so watch out for future dates and times in the newsletters. Please also check the school website as this contains all the relevant information including copies of letters as well as upcoming events through the calendar. www.oldbrookschool.co.uk

Please also check your child's book bags regularly as there will be lots of information for the new school year including curriculum newsletters. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

Mr Hopkins
Headteacher

STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following members of staff who will be joining our team this year.

Mrs Perman who will be teaching in Reception.

Miss Brown who will be teaching in Year 2

Mrs Graves who will be joining our support staff team.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs daily from 8:15 until 8:45 at the cost of £1.50 per day. Children have the option of cereals, toast, juice as well as time to play with a range of toys and games. Places are limited and a waiting list is kept when full. If you would like any further information or to register for a place then please speak to a member of staff in the school office.



School Photographs



The school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs on Tuesday 15th October. There will be an opportunity for siblings in school to have a joint photograph too. Further information will follow later in the term.

Playtime Snacks

In line with our healthy school policy children in Year One and Year Two may bring in a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetable for morning playtime. Please do not send in biscuits, crisps or sweets. Children in Foundation Stage will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable daily. All children are given a piece of fruit or vegetable in the afternoon as part of the Government's fruit and vegetable scheme.

School Uniform

Oldbrook First School has a bright and practical school uniform which we believe will help the children to adopt a community identity. The following are our agreed school colours and uniform expectation. School uniform can be purchased with the school logo from the school office or from Maises shop in Wolverton www.maises-superstore.co.uk

Boys Uniform	Girls Uniform
Black or grey trousers or shorts	Black or grey skirt, pinafore or trousers
Polo Shirt – Either red, white, royal blue, sky blue (with or without school logo)	Polo Shirt – Either red, white, royal blue, sky blue (with or without school logo)
School sweatshirt, cardigan and/or fleece in royal blue with the school's logo; <u>all children must wear either a school jumper or cardigan.</u>	School sweatshirt, cardigan and/or fleeces in royal blue with the school's logo; <u>all children must wear either a school jumper or cardigan.</u>
Black shoes or trainers	Black shoes or trainers
	Summer Dress – Checked navy blue
	Hijab – Black or Blue (single colour not patterned)
	Plain tights (white / grey / blue) only
	Simple hair bands and ties only
No jewellery except stud earrings (children need to be able to remove these by themselves for PE)	

Children are expected to be able to dress and undress themselves, so clothing that is easy to manage is recommended. Short-sleeved polo shirts are much easier for young children to manage than blouses/shirts with small buttons. Please ensure that all uniform is named including shoes.

Children need to wear sensible shoes to school. High-heeled shoes, strappy sandals, clogs and other unsuitable footwear should not be worn for safety reasons.

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Physical Education

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. We recommend that you bring the kit to school each term and leave in school until the end of term in case their PE lesson days change for any reason. PE kit consists of a plain white tee shirt, royal blue shorts and plimsolls or trainers. The children will also need a pair of plain tracksuit bottoms or leggings for outdoor PE as it may be cold or wet. **Children with pierced ears must be able to remove their earrings before all PE lessons.** If you are planning on having your child's ear pierced please wait until the summer holidays so there is enough time for them to heal before they need removing for PE. Earrings can only be studs. No other jewellery should be worn.



School Dinners

All children in school are entitled to a free school meal each day as part of the government's Universal Free School Meal offer. Having a hot meal could save you up to £400 per year.

Our current meal provider is Dolce. Existing families will have received information as to how to order your child's meals online. Unfortunately we are unable to provide a dinner if one has not been ordered. Please logon to

<https://app.live-kitchen.co.uk/login.aspx>

Please order for the term ahead if possible.

Packed lunches provided from home must only contain cold foods and be balanced with only one treat. (No cold fish fingers, chicken nuggets, burgers etc).

As a school we promote healthy eating, packed lunches must not contain fizzy drinks, chocolate and other confectionary. As we have some children with allergies we ask that foods containing nuts are not used in packed lunches e.g. peanut butter, nutella or pots of nuts etc. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Children can bring a water bottle to school each day which is kept in their homebases. **(No juice please).**

Attendance

At Oldbrook First School, we recognise the importance of regular school attendance and believe that children can only learn effectively if they attend school regularly. It is also vitally important that children arrive by 8:45 and leave school on time. All parents are asked to contact school if their child is absent, giving a reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you and we cannot get in contact with you then an unauthorised mark will be recorded on the register.

Due to Government Policy, holidays and leave of absence will NOT be authorised in term time. All holidays taken will result in a fixed penalty fine being issued by Milton Keynes Council.

Supervision

Children must be supervised at all times before and after school whilst on the school premises. Cycles and scooters are not to be used on the playground during this time or left at school during the school day.

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Diary Dates



Wednesday 4th September	Start of Term 1
Thursday 10th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 14th October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15th October	Individual Photographs
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Monday 21st October	Year 1 Learning Celebration
Monday 21st October	Black History Week
Tuesday 22nd October	Foundation Learning Celebration
Thursday 24th October	Year 2 Learning Celebration
Friday 25th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28th October	Half Term Starts
Tuesday 5th November	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 5th November	Every Body Writes Week
11th November	Anti-Bullying Week
18th November	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 10th December	Foundation Christmas Performances
Tuesday 17th December	KS1 Christmas Performances
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term - Christmas Jumper Day



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www.oldbrookschoo.co.uk