



## 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. Please see letters sent out before half term for more information.

The children learnt lots about Diwali on the last day of term and how this festival is celebrated. It was great to have so many parents, family members and ex-parents come into school to support the children's understanding. The dancing was fantastic, well done to all the mums and staff who took part in this. Thank you to Kamalaathmika and her father for singing and to Darren in Year 2 for his accomplished keyboard playing. The kind donations of food for the children and offerings at the coffee morning were very much appreciated. Well done to our amazing, talented community.

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.

This week in school is Everybody Writes Week. You may have noticed the cage that appeared on the school field with a bone inside! This is a teaching method to support children with their writing and imagination skills. Please encourage them to talk to you at home about what they are learning this week. Please also 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 95%. 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 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 40% of the school. Well done!

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



Minimum donation £1

## SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget to order your child's hot dinners for the rest of this term. From tomorrow we will not be telephoning to remind parents if an order has not been placed but will be asking for a packed lunch to be provided from home.

## 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 and home learning. 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.

## ALDI SPORTS STICKERS

Aldi have now finished giving out stickers with shopping. We would be grateful if you can send in any sport stickers that you have at home by Thursday 7th November.



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

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th November	Start of Term 2
Monday 11th November	Friendship Week - children will be learning about being good friends and anti-bullying.
Thursday 14th November at 9am	Year 1 Parent Workshop
Thursday 14th November	Owls Visit to Reception
Monday 18th November	Road Safety Awareness Week in School
Tuesday 19th November at 9am	Reception Parent Workshop Part 1
Thursday 21st November	Flu vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
Thursday 21st November at 2pm	Year 2 Parent Workshop
Thursday 28th November at 9am	Reception Parent Workshop - Part 2 - Enhancing Relationships and behaviour
Thursday 28th November at 10.45am	School Open Morning for tours for children starting school for the first time in September 2020
Friday 29th November at 3.15pm	PTA Family Quiz
Wednesday 4th December	Christmas Bazaar after school
TBC	Christmas Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10th December at 9.15 and 2pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Trip - Sleeping Beauty on Ice
Tuesday 17th December at 9.15 and 2pm	KS1 Christmas Performances
Wednesday 18th December	PTA Christmas Disco After School
Thursday 19th December	Dolce School Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Party Day
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term 2
Monday 6th January 2020	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 7th January 2020	Pantomime Trip for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

