



Oulton News

News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 1: Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents,

This is the first school newsletter of the autumn term and I would like to welcome all of the new families that have joined us this year.

The children have all settled incredibly well in their new year groups and have soon become familiar with routines. As you are aware from earlier communication, we are no longer operating in 'bubbles', much to the excitement of pupils who are now able to mix with friends and siblings in other year groups at playtimes. In addition to this we are able to meet together as a whole school for our daily Worship and this week welcomed Reverend Kingman and Peter Cuthbert for our Open the Book Worship on Monday.

We are maintaining our hygiene routines and children continue to have hands washed/sanitised on entry to school and throughout the day. **We encourage parents to continue to wear a face covering on school grounds to minimise the spread of infection. We are aware a number of schools in the area have had to revert back to 'bubbles' already due to an increased rise in Covid cases since the return to school. We want to avoid this situation and therefore request your co-operation.**

PTFA

The PTFA have been invited to host the Little Foodies Zone at this year's Stone Food and Drink Festival and met this week to plan events. Stalls will include the following:

- Deluxe Milkshakes
- Biscuit Decorating
- Colouring Competition
- Guess the name of the cow

The PTFA are looking for more volunteers to support this event which will enable them to create a rota for each of the stalls. **All volunteers at the festival will get free entry into the festival on the day they volunteer.**

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A Zoom meeting has been agreed for Tuesday 14th September at 8pm. If you are able to attend or support the event then please speak to Steph Ough who is co-ordinating or other PTFA members.

Forest School Helpers

This term, Class 3 are completing Forest School and we are fortunate enough to be able to continue to use Kibblestone International Scout Camp. However, we are desperately in need of more volunteers to supervise these sessions in order for them to continue at Kibblestone. Failure to have adequate support will mean the sessions will have to take place on the school grounds. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Potts (Forest School Lead) or Mrs Arnold.

Grant Success

PTFA member, Mrs Peace, has been very busy applying for numerous grants and has successfully secured the following funding:

- £1K for new library books – Persimmon Homes
- £500 for Forest School Seating Area – R J Solicitors

The school is extremely grateful for the time Mrs Peace has and continues to spend on securing additional funds for our children - thank you!

After School Clubs – Autumn term

The following clubs have successfully started at school this week. There are a number of places left in each club, please contact Mrs Arnold if you are interested.

- Monday (3.30-4.30pm): Choir – Y1 to Y4
- Tuesday: Gardening YR-Y4
- Wednesday (3.30-4.30): Street Dance Y1-Y2
- Thursday (3.30-4.30pm): Football provided by Stone Old Alleynians – there will be two groups for each key stage with a coach in each group.

Kind regards,

Mrs Melling
Head of School

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