



Oulton News

News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 1: Friday 13th October 2023

Christian Value: Thankfulness

[Thankfulness - home learning resources](#)

Weekly Attendance

C1: 92.0% C2: 91.0% C3: 95.2%

Whole school: 92.9%

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you that were able to attend our Harvest Festival at St John's Church today and for your generous donations that we have collected for Stone Food Bank. Special thanks to those volunteers who helped us to walk the children there and back. On Tuesday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. Thank you to Mrs Hitchin who presented a special assembly making pupils aware how important it is to look after your mental health.

If you have not already returned your updated data sheet then please do so as soon as possible. I have been made aware that there are a number of parents who are expressing frustration on social media/'WhatsApp' groups that they are not receiving communication via the office or class emails. We try our very best with communication so it is essential that we have updated contact details. If you are experiencing any issues then please speak to Mrs Elliott who would be very happy to address this.

Class 3 are looking forward to their Derby Faith Trail visit on Monday. **Please note the coach is leaving school at 8.15pm so children should arrive no later than 8.05am.**

Letters will be sent home next week regarding Parents' Evenings and the Christmas Pantomime so please check your child's book bag.

Safety

I have received a number of concerns from parents and visitors to our school this week regarding children running down the school drive unsupervised and into the road. In order to prevent any accidents occurring, both school gates will remain closed at the start and end of the day with immediate effect.

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(Inspired by the Bible story The Good Samaritan)

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PTFA News

Thank you to those parents that were able to attend the PTFA AGM this week. Mrs Heath has been elected new PTFA chair and we look forward to working with her in this role. I would like to thank Mrs Haigh who has done an amazing job raising funds for our school during the last 12 months.

Family Worship

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Family Worship next Wednesday at 2.15pm. Reception pupils will be awarded a Bible by Reverend Kingman at this assembly and some children will receive a HT award. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive an email today. Two parents/representatives may attend per child for those receiving a Bible or HT award; otherwise, numbers are restricted to one per child due to hall space.

NSPCC Assembly/Workshop

Class 2 and Class 3 children will be receiving a 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly next Tuesday designed by the NSPCC. The purpose of this is to empower and help children stay safe and prevent abuse. On Thursday, Year 2 children will receive a visit from the NSPCC who will deliver a workshop specifically designed for this age group.

Our new safeguarding Policy is now on the school website: [Safeguarding Policy 2023](#)

ParentPay

The Trust Business Manager has advised us that ParentPay accounts should always be in credit for dinner monies. This is due to our new caterers taking money direct from the ParentPay accounts.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This is the last week for clubs this half term. There is NO Kung Fu on Friday due to the inset day. Please ensure Payment is made via ParentPay.

Mrs Elliott will be sending out communication next week regarding clubs for next half term which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If Payment has not been made in full for this half term we will be unable to allocate a new place.

Monday	Choir	3.30-4.30	School hall
Tuesday	Yoga	3.30-4.30	School hall
Tuesday	Gardening	3.30-4.30	Outdoor area
Thursday	Football	3.30-4.30	Field
	Trekkers	3.30-4.30	Rainbow Room
Friday	Kung Fu	3.30-4.15	School hall No session 20.10.23: Inset

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Reception and Middle School Applications

The online application process for Reception and middle schools will open on 1st November and can be accessed following this link [Staffordshire Online Admissions](#)

Please see diary dates below.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Melling

Head of School

Diary Dates:

These dates are correct at the time of print but may be subject to change in which case we will inform you as soon as possible.

Autumn Term 1 (4.9.23 - 27.10.23)

16.10.23 C3 Derby Faith Trail

18.10.23 Family Worship & Bible Presentation to YR (2.15pm)

20.10.23 Inset Day

21.10.23 Open Morning (10-12noon)

24.10.23 Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

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26.10.23 PTFA Disco (6-7pm)

27.10.23 Break the Rules Day

End of half term

30.10.23 - 03.11.23: School closed for half term

01.11.23 Reception place online applications open until 15.01.24

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