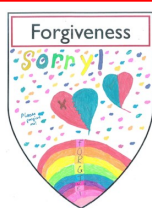


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Summer Newsletter: 30th June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of this news letter we have attached a poster which shares we have places available in our Reception class for September. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please feel free to share it with them. Many thanks for your help with this.

Can I also give a big thank you to our Choir who went to OSH this week to take part in a music festival - they sounded amazing and they set a great example to other schools. Well done!

Have a lovely weekend, Ellie Game

Useful dates...

- 3rd/4th July - Donate teddies for the Summer Fayre (Mufti day was on 30th June)
- 5th July - Mufti day, bring donations for the bottle and chocolate tombola
- 6th July - Year 5: Spirituality workshop
- 7th July - Year 2: India Day
Year 5: Local area field trip
- 10th July - Year 5 and 6: Redhill visit to watch Sister Act
- 11th July - Year 2: Spirituality workshop
- 14th July - Donations for the Summer Fayre cake stall in exchange for an extra playtime.
- 14th July - Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2pm
- 16th July - Summer Fayre
- 18th July - Rec, Year 1,2,3 celebration worship at 9.05 (names to follow)
Mary Stevens Hospice ice cream stall in school - bring £1, more info to follow.
- 19th July - Class swap morning (children come into school as normal and then go to their new classes)
End of year reports sent home
- 20th July - Year 4,5,6 celebration worship at 9.05 (names to follow)
Year 6 play at 2pm and 6pm
- 21st July - Year 4 class museum, more info to follow
Year 6 fish and chip picnic
- 24th July - Year 6 Leavers' service at St Mary's Church
- 25th July - End of term
Picnic at 12pm
- 6th September - Back to school

Value of the half term...

Belonging

This week we looked at how we belong to our local community. We thought about what we are proud of in Oldswinford and how we can show we belong. The children came up with some brilliant answers including: be kind, look after it, support local businesses, the park and the church.

Our Open the Book team also visited us and some of our year 5 children helped them.

Attendance

Reception - 95.8%
Year 1 - 96.9%
Year 2 - 95.4%
Year 3 - 93.5%
Year 4 - 98.1%
Year 5 - 97.8%
Year 6 - 96%

Well done **Year 4** for having the best attendance!

September 2023

As we approach the end of the year we are busy finalising our plans to ensure your children have a smooth transition into their new classes. Please see below for the class your child will be in next year and who their teacher will be.

Classes will not be mixed this year so class groups will be staying the same for all year groups. You will also receive a 'Meet the Teacher' sheet via parentmail next week, which you can share with your child.

They will meet their teachers for a class swap morning on the 19th July.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Current Class	Current teacher	New class	New teacher
FSC	Miss Thomas	1L	Mrs Downing
FSL	Mrs Preece	1C	Miss Southall
1C	Miss Southall	2L	Mrs Dunn
1L	Mrs Downing	2C	Mrs Loynds
2C	Mrs Loynds	3C	Miss Higginbotham
2L	Mrs Dunn	3L	Mrs Smith
3C	Miss Higginbotham	4F	Mrs Davis/Mrs Seker
3L	Mrs Smith	4C	Miss Lillis
4C	Miss Lillis	5F	Mrs Joshua
4F	Mrs Davis/Mrs Seker	5C	Miss Harris
5C	Miss Harris	6F	Mrs Bond
5F	Mrs Joshua	6C	Miss Barrows



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Did you know that we still have places available in our Reception class for September 2023?

Please call our school office on **01384 818790** to find out more information or to arrange a time to come and have a look around. You can also call Dudley Admissions on 0300 555 2345 for more information.

We are very proud of our school and we would be happy to show you why!

98%

*of parents/carers say that
their child is happy at
Oldswinford*

96%

*of parents/carers, think
Oldswinford makes sure its
pupils are well behaved.*

98%

*of parents/carers say their
child feels safe at
Oldswinford*

93%

*of parents/carers say that Oldswinford
supports their child's wider personal
development.*

95%

*of parents/carers say that they would
recommend Oldswinford to another parent.*

'Pupil behaviour is excellent.'

'Pupils and parents are very confident that the school is a well-led, safe place to be.'

'They ensure that children always come first.'

Ofsted Inspection March 2023

"The schools Christian vision is firmly embedded and lived out by all members of the school community. This results in innovative and imaginative practice that enables all pupils to flourish and transforms their lives."

'Staff go above and beyond to give pupils the individual love and care they need to flourish.'

SIAMS inspection October 2022

For more information, please visit our school website:

www.oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about how they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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**Summer Holiday Sessions with Gemma at
The Fitness Factory, Units 1-3 Bradley Road,
Stourbridge, DY8 1UN. www.thefitnessfactory.info
Text Gemma on 07939137810 to book & for more info**

Princess & Pirate Party - Friday 28th July 11.30am-3.30pm

Circus Themed Session - Tuesday 1st Aug 10am-2pm

Fitness Stars - Friday 11th August 11.30am-3.30pm

Festival Fitness Fun - Tuesday 22nd August 10am-2pm

Disney Themed Fitness Stars - Friday 1st Sept 11.30am-3.30pm

All sessions are for boys and girls ages 4 years+. £17.50 per child per session. Send children with a drink and packed lunch.

Family Summer Holiday Sessions

Workout and have fun together. Suitable for all ages
Kids GO FREE / Adults £5.50. No need to book, just turn up.

Family Disney Dance & Fitness Session
Sunday 30th July, 10am-11.30am

Family Dance Through The Decades
Sunday 6th August 10am-11.30am

Family Yoga & Crafts Sunday 3rd September 10am-11.30am