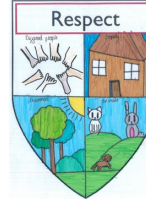


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Summer Newsletter: 21st July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we end this academic year I want to begin by thanking you all for your continued support. We have managed to complete a whole school year for the first time since the end of 2018/19, but have been extremely aware of the challenges that this year has provided. We all very much look forward to next year and everything it will hold.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA who have been able to get back to business and have organised some wonderful events for us. We are very lucky to have such a proactive and enthusiastic group. THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our wonderful staff and of course our children who really do make our school shine.

Today we have said goodbye to:

Mr Davies who moves on to a new school in September

Rhi Turman, our cleaning supervisor and lunchtime assistant who is starting a new job in a few weeks

Mr Hicklin who is retiring and looking forward to spending time with his grandchildren

Mrs Wellings who is retiring and ready to start new adventures

And our wonderful Year 6 children.

We wish them all the very best of luck and hope they stay in touch. They have all been such a huge part of our Oldswinford family and they will always be welcome here.

Have a wonderful summer everyone, take care and see you all soon.

Ellie Game

A few reminders...

- Back to school Wednesday 7th September
- INSET days are booked for 30th September, 21st October, 3rd January
- Half term 24th - 28th October
- Full school uniform will be required everyday and PE kits will still be worn on PE days - these days will be shared with you in September.
- Across the country there will be a focus on attendance, a leave of absence for a holiday of 5 days or over will have to be referred to the Education Support Service and could result in a fine.

Goodbye Year 6
Good luck





Pupil premium and Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception, years one or two, you will automatically be entitled for free meals under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' criteria. However if you do meet the criteria listed below then you can to submit an online claim and your child's school could receive Pupil Premium funding and your child may be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (you must have less than £616.67 a month net earned income (after tax - and not including any benefits))

This is the link to apply: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals>

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, governors, volunteers and the wider school community to share this commitment.

If you have concerns about a child the NSPCC helpline can offer advice.

They can be contacted on: 0808 800 5000

Alternatively, If you feel like you might need extra support then there is a process called 'Early Help' which can provide help where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families. More information can be found out about this by following the link below:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/children-and-family-care/early-help-for-children-and-families/>