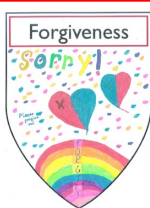


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 22nd October

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Half Term!

Thank you for all your support over what, I think we will agree, has been one of the most challenging half terms so far. We have seen Covid cases accelerate more than ever before and we have had to make difficult decisions to keep our school safe. By the time we return after half term all our current Covid cases will have passed their 10 day isolation and we're hoping for a fresh start. We all have our fingers crossed for this.

I hope you manage to have a lovely half term and get chance to enjoy some family time.

Let's hope for some Autumn sunshine!

Take care,

Ellie Game

Back to school

*Tuesday 2nd
November*

High School Applications

The deadline for applications for secondary school is the 31st October. We have been asked by Dudley admissions to remind you not to leave it until the last day as it is a Sunday and there will not be anyone available to help if you have any problems with your application.

Value of the half term...

Creativity

This week we have used our creative talents to help celebrate 'Thank you Cleaner Day' on Wednesday 20th October.

The children were asked to create something to help say thank you to them. They could choose to write, draw, make, sing, record a message to show our thanks for keeping our school safe.



Black History Month

As part of Black History Month we have celebrated the achievements of:

- **Martin Luther King** - [Who was Dr. Martin Luther King? - BBC Bitesize](#)
[Horrible Histories Songs: Black History Month - Martin Luther King Jr. - They Were the Heroes Song - CBBC - BBC](#)
- **Celeste** - we listened to her music and learnt about her success

'Shining brighter together'

This week I have received these messages over dojo—I thought they were definitely worth celebrating. Please feel free to message me on dojo if you have anything else like this you think we should celebrate.



Harriet and Poppy decided to have a table top sale on their drive on a very rainy day . (Saturday 14th August)

All the proceeds went to

Birmingham Women's Neonatal Intensive care unit

They stayed out there most of the day and wanted to do it again the next day but

they were going on holiday!

They did an amazing job and raised
£75

During the summer, Yuvi, Dom and Tom took part in a 30 hour relay organised by Hagley Cricket Club by competing 1 hour of running to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice. A total of £2495.66 was raised and presented to the Hospice on 20th October 2021.

Well done! That's amazing





OCEPS PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Join in this half term
Monday 25 October - Monday 1 November

Just £2 per entry, email a picture of your carved
pumpkin to oceps.pta@outlook.com and donate
online or bring your donation and picture in to
school after half term

Helping us raise funds for
Forest School



Prize to be announced after half term!

Donations can be made via bank transfer if you don't want send money into school.

Account name: Oldswinford Primary School PTA

Sort code: 20-82-70

Account number: 60082767



4 O'Clock Church

**At St Mary's, Old Swinford
Sunday 7th November 2021**

We will love to welcome you to our new service for families.
Come along from 4 O'clock to enjoy activities, food, friendship and music
in our lovely church building.
This special time is for families to enjoy together, there are no age restrictions
for children.

'Loving God's Creation'

4 O'Clock Church will be on the first Sunday of each month,
(except for January 2nd 2022)

www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

Rectory Rd, Old Swinford, DY8 2HA

Positive Behaviour Support Workshops to **understand** challenging behaviour and learn skills to **prevent & respond** to your child's behaviour - using Positive Behaviour Support strategies

2nd and 23rd November

Workshops are held 10am - 2.30pm

Venue: Online at home via a Zoom link

Workshops are free

Optional follow up drop-in : 10th January 2022

Before and after attending the workshops you'll be asked to complete a short evaluation. This is essential for helping us to understand how well the training is working for you and what we can improve on.



For parents, grandparents or siblings of children or young people up to the age of 25 who have moderate to severe learning disabilities.

Places will be allocated on a *first come, first served* basis (to qualify for a place you must live in the Black Country and have a relative aged 0-25 years with a moderate, severe or profound learning disability).

- * Reduce challenging behaviour ***
- * Gain confidence in supporting your relative ***
- * Improve your family life ***



To apply to attend the workshops email:

info@thecbf.org.uk

Or call: 01634 838739



**The Challenging
Behaviour Foundation**
making a difference to the lives of people with severe learning disabilities



Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Workshops will be led by the Challenging Behaviour Foundation