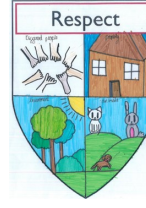


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back!

It has been great to see you all again after what felt like a long and relaxing summer. We hope you are managing to get used to the new routines we have in place. Thank you for sticking to the new timings and for supporting our safety measures. Just a quick reminder that any children showing symptoms of Covid 19, no matter how mild, must book in for a PCR test as soon as possible. If a positive result is then received, they must follow NHS advice and isolate for 10 days - it must also be reported to school. If a negative result is received then they can come straight back to school - even if it is half way through the day. We just ask that you call ahead to confirm the negative result and let us know they will be arriving in school soon. I've got my fingers and toes crossed that we all stay safe and well and that we manage to stay Covid free for as long as possible.

Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Ellie Game

Value of the half term...

Creativity

This week we have discussed what makes Creativity a Christian value. Maybe if you talk about this at home, your children might be able to tell you.

Romans 12:6 says, "We [all] have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

We have discussed creativity as one of these gifts.

Face Masks

Thank you to the parents/carers/grandparents etc... who have continued to wear face masks at school during drop off and pick up times.

However, we have been a little disappointed with the number of parents who are not wearing them. To help us keep our community safer we ask that you **DO** wear a face mask during these times.

Parking before and after school.

Please can the staff car park just be used by staff. We know parking can be difficult but we ask that when parents are dropping off children in before and after school club that they park on the road and walk in.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Goodbye

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you that Mrs Brown will be leaving us in a few weeks. She has decided to retire and start new adventures!

I'm sure you will all agree that she will be greatly missed but we wish her love and best wishes as she moves on.



Support for Afghanistan

I'm sure you will have seen the awful images on the news over the last few weeks regarding the situation in Afghanistan. Thousands of Afghan citizens have had to leave their homes quickly - leaving everything they own behind. I can't even begin to imagine what this must be like for them.

Over the summer a group was set up called 'Dudley Afghan Refugee Support' which is co-ordinating donations of a wide range of things. They can be found on Facebook if you would like to see what they need and donate anything to one of their drop off points. We'd also like to do something in school. Many families are coming to England without the basics to enable them to keep clean so we thought it would be amazing if we could create little toiletry bags for them.

The support group are asking for things to be labelled (to aid sorting) as to whether they are appropriate for male or female then adult, child or baby.

The things that could be included are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, body wash, sanitary products (but not tampons), deodorant, sponge, flannel, face wash.

We would need the toiletries to be put in a clear, sealable zip lock bag or the equivalent and should be sent into school, clearly labelled by Friday 17th September.

Thank you in advance for your support of this very worthy cause.

A little reminder....

The school gates open just before 8.45.

At **8.45** a bell will now go, the doors into school will open and the children can enter school.

At **8.55** a second bell will go, the school doors will then be closed and any children arriving after this time will need to enter school via the school office.

School finishes at **3.25** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

School finishes at **3.30** for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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/>